

TRAVEL WITH SANDALS CHURCH

ISRAEL JUNE 13 - JUNE 24, 2022

LED BY

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QUESTIONS AND CONTACT

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COST

Land only \$3225 per person

Land & Air \$4740* per person

Single Supplement Fee \$1195

*Cost estimated based on flight fees. Subject to change.

(Based on double occupancy)

We partner with Faith Based Expeditions (FBE) to manage all of land tour and ground logistics for our trips. All costs are paid directly to FBE. See sandalschurch.com/travel for details.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$400 nonrefundable deposit due at registration. The remaining balance is due to FBE by March 1, 2022, payable by CHECK. (Also payable by credit card, but with a 4% processing fee.)

Registration link can be found at sandalschurch.com/travel

ITINERARY

DAY 1 MONDAY JUNE 13, 2022 - DEPART FOR TEL AVIV, ISRAEL.

DAY 2 TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2022 - ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV

Arrive in Tel Aviv. Tour group will be met at the airport and assisted with arrival procedures. Dinner and overnight beside the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY JUNE 15, 2022 - CAESAREA MARITIMA / TEL AVIV

Today we travel north along the Mediterranean Sea to explore the extensive ruins of Caesarea Maritima. This ancient port city was built by King Herod and later became the seat of government of the Roman governors such as Pontius Pilate and Antonius Felix. This is also where Peter proclaimed the Good News to the Roman centurion (Acts 9 & 25) and where Paul was imprisoned for two years. (Acts 23-25). We return to the hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight on the Mediterranean Sea.

DAY 4 THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2022 - MT. CARMEL / NAZARETH VILLAGE / TIBERIAS (SEA OF GALILEE)

Today, we depart for the Galilee with a stop at Mt. Carmel where Elijah defeated 450 prophets of Baal with fire from heaven (1 Kings 18). Along our way, we visit Nazareth Village, a re-created village offering detailed explanation of what life was like during the time of Jesus. Dinner and overnight on the Sea of Galilee (Tiberias).

DAY 5 FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2022 - BOAT RIDE ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / MT. OF BEATITUDES / ST. PETER'S FISH LUNCH / CAPERNAUM / *OPTIONAL VISIT TO MT. TABOR

We begin our special time in the Galilee, rich in memories of the life of Jesus, by boarding a replica Jesus Boat, a fishing boat of the kind used by the disciples of Jesus, for our ride on the Sea of Galilee. After disembarking the boat, we travel into the hills to the beautiful Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached His Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1-15). For lunch, we'll enjoy a special St. Peter's Fish lunch on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Following lunch, we continue along the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (Mark 1: 31-38), the base of Jesus' early ministry, the home of Peter, and the site of many healings. Group members will have the option of heading to Mt. Tabor, the traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus or return to the hotel for a free afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 6 SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2022 - TEL DAN / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / YARDENIT (BAPTISMAL SITE)

Today we travel up into the Golan Heights to visit Caesarea Philippi where Jesus asked His disciples "who do men say that I am?" (Mark 8: 27-30, Matt. 16:13) Continuing north, we stop at Tel Dan National Park where the remnants of the Bronze-Canaanite era can be found. This area later became the northernmost city of the Kingdom of Israel belonging to the Tribe of Dan (1st Kings 12:28-29). We will see a Canaanite-era gate as well as an impressive ritual site, most likely built by King Jeroboam as well as the Israelite Gate from the time of the Judges. We will enjoy a gentle hike through the beauty of the Dan Nature Reserve crossing the Dan River, one of the three sources of the Jordan River. Returning to the Sea of Galilee area, we visit the Yardenit baptismal site on the Jordan River for those desiring baptism. (A white robe must be worn over clothes or swimwear for baptism. Robe and towel are rented on site for approx. \$10). Following the baptisms, we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2022 - PETER'S PRIMACY / EIN GEDI / THE DEAD SEA

Today we depart early from the hotel to travel to the Dead Sea. Before departing Tiberias, we'll visit Peter's Primacy, located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples here and told Peter to "feed my sheep." (John 21) Traveling along the Jordan River and through the Judean desert, we reach the Dead Sea. Our stop today will be at the desert oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid from King Saul (1 Sam 24: 1-7) and most likely penned some of his psalms. Following our time enjoying the hike and waterfalls of Ein Gedi, we continue along the Dead Sea to our hotel for dinner and overnight. After arriving at our hotel, we will have the opportunity to float in the healing waters of the Dead Sea.

DAY 8 MONDAY JUNE 20, 2022 - BETHLEHEM / ISRAEL MUSEUM / JERUSALEM

This morning, we check out of the hotel for our journey to Jerusalem. Ascending in Jerusalem, we make our first stop in Bethlehem. We will pass by Shepherd's Field where the angel of the Lord proclaimed the Good News of the birth of the Savior on our way to visit the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of our Lord. From Bethlehem, we drive to the Israel Museum to visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. We will take time to see the 1:50 scale model of Jerusalem, as the city would have appeared in Jesus' time. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 9 TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2022 - WESTERN WALL / WESTERN WALL TUNNEL / SOUTHERN STEPS

****OPTIONAL VISIT TO THE CITY OF DAVID INCLUDING HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL***

Following breakfast, we head to the Old City to visit the Western (Wailing) Wall of Herod's Temple and the holiest site to the Jewish people. After a time of prayer at the Western Wall, the group will tour the Western Wall Tunnel. This recently excavated tunnel exposes the entire length of the Western Wall. As we leave the Western Wall area, a short walk takes us to stand on the Southern Steps, the original steps that Jesus walked as he entered the Temple area.

After lunch, group members can either go to the City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel or return to the hotel for the afternoon. The City of David offers excellent archeological remains from David's period and that of the Kings of Judah (2 Samuel 5: 8-10). The (wet!) tour through Hezekiah's Tunnel, the 2,700-year-old water tunnel dug during the reign of King Hezekiah (2 Chron. 32:30) remains a wonder of early engineering. If claustrophobic or you prefer not to walk the wet tunnel, one can walk in the dry and shorter Canaanite Tunnel. Both tunnels end at the Pool of Siloam where Jesus healed the blind man by spitting on the ground. (Flashlight and good water shoes are recommended for the wet tunnel walk.) Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY JUNE 22, 2022 - MT. OF OLIVES / PALM SUNDAY ROAD / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE / THE POOLS OF BETHESDA / ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

This morning, we head to the beautiful Mt. of Olives to behold the breathtaking panorama of the Holy City. Walking down the Palm Sunday Road, we will enter the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove and the Church of All Nations, where tradition holds that Jesus prayed on the night of His betrayal (Matt. 26:36, John 18:1). We enter a special gathering area of the Garden of Gethsemane for a time of teaching and reflection among the ancient olive trees. Walking up to the Old City of Jerusalem, we enter through the Zion Gate. Our first stop in the Old City will be the Pools of Bethesda, the site where Jesus healed the paralyzed man (John 5). Before leaving the Pools of Bethesda, we will visit St. Anne's Crusader Church, built around 1140, on the site of the grotto where Mary, mother of Jesus was born. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 11 THURSDAY JUNE 23, 2022 - VIA DOLOROSA / THE PAVEMENT / THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU / *OPTIONAL VISIT TO THE GARDEN TOMB

We begin our day with a walk along the Via Dolorosa stopping to visit "the Pavement" where Jesus stood while being tried by Pilate. From there, we'll walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the traditional site of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus and then to the Church of St. Peter of Gallicantu, the site of the house of Caiaphas and where three times Peter denied Christ. We will see the original steps used by Jesus as he was held at Caiaphas's house before being tried by Pontius Pilate and was ultimately crucified. Farewell dinner and overnight.

*Group members will have the option to visit the Garden Tomb for a time of reflection and communion or return to the hotel for the afternoon.

DAY 12 FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2022 - FLIGHT TO THE USA

Check out of the hotel and transfer to the Tel Aviv Airport for return flight to the USA.