

Radio Pulpit and Cape Pulpit presents

ISRAEL

with

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Departure date: Thursday, April 26th 2018



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ITINERARY IN OUTLINE

(B)-Breakfast (L)-Lunch (D)-Dinner (*)-Meal on board of the aircraft

Day 1: Thursday, 26 April JOHANNESBURG – TEL AVIV

Meet at the El Al Israeli Airlines check-in counter in the International Departures Hall of Johannesburg's O.R Tambo International Airport at 16:30. After completing the security check, your luggage will be wrapped by the airline for check-in. Departure is at 20:15 with flight LY52 for Tel Aviv. Overnight on **BOARD (D*)**

Day 2: Friday, 27 April CAESAREA – CARMEL – NAZARETH – TIBERIAS

Touch-down at the Ben Gurion Airport is at 06:15. Our coach is ready for departure as we head for Caesarea where we visit the impressive Roman amphitheatre and the ancient Crusader fortifications built in 1251AD. This was the home town of Cornelius and Philip. Paul was brought to Caesarea after his capture. Our next stop is Mount Carmel where Elijah had the confrontation with the Baal-priests. There is a convent and statue of Elijah on the premises. Enjoy the view across Megiddo and the Armageddon valley with its history of wars and bloodshed. Continue our journey to Nazareth where we'll visit the "Nazareth Village" taking us back to ancient times. Continue to the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight in **TIBERIAS (B)(D)**

Day 3: Saturday, 28 April GALILEE

Start our day with a cruise on the Sea of Galilee. Visit the so called "Jesus boat" museum. This boat was recently discovered in some shallow water on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Continue to the excavated ruins of Magdala, the birthplace of Mary Magdalene, once a prosperous fishing village at the time Jesus. Archaeologists uncovered the remains of the village dating from the time of Jesus, a Byzantine monastery and a mosaic floor featuring a fisherman's boat, which today is known as a town called Migdal. Travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount was preached. Visit the Church of Beatitudes and Tabgha, where the multiplication of the bread and fish took place. Continue to Capernaum where we see the ruins of a second-century Synagogue, as well as the excavations of St. Peter's house. Visit to nearby Mensa Christi where Jesus appeared to his disciples and they had a meal together. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in **TIBERIAS (B)(D)**

Day 4: Sunday, 29 April YARDENIT – JERICHO – BETABARA – BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM

The traditional baptismal site of Yardenit is our first visit this morning before heading to ancient Jericho, the oldest known city in the world, once destroyed by Joshua. The cable-way takes us to the Mount of Temptation with a magnificent view of Jericho, Mount Nebo and the Jordan River. Stop at Betabara, the site where Jesus was baptised in the river Jordan and continue our journey to Bethlehem, birth place of Jesus and of King David. Stop at Ramat Rachel to enjoy a birds-eye view across Bethlehem. Enjoy a typical Bedouin lunch in Bethlehem before visiting the shepherds' fields. Continue to Jerusalem, the "city of peace" as referred to in early scripture. Dinner and overnight in **JERUSALEM (B)(L)(D)**

Day 5: Monday, 30 April JERUSALEM

Start our day in Jerusalem with a visit to the Mount of Olives from where Christ sent his disciples to get the donkey on which He rode into Jerusalem. From the summit one has a wonderful view of the old city of Jerusalem and the temple area. Spend some time in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed and Judas betrayed Him. The Church of All Nations is in this garden and Olive trees still grow here. Visit the house of Caiaphas, also known as St. Peter in Gallicantu. It is here that Peter denied Christ three times. Gallicantu means "the crowing of the cock". The city of David is next on our programme. The pool of Siloam can be seen here to this day. Continue to the Old City of Jerusalem to view the Southern steps at the southern end of the Temple Mount and the former southern side of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Next a visit to the Wailing Wall and a tour of the Western Wall tunnels known as the Kotell. Dinner and overnight in **JERUSALEM (B)(D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, 01 May JERUSALEM

This morning we'll visit the pool of Bethesda and see the church of St Anne. Follow the stations of the "Via Dolorosa" a street within the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. We end our morning in Jerusalem with a visit to the Garden Tomb. A Christian Embassy guide will assist in a tour of the grounds which has a beautiful view of Golgotha, also known as Gordon's Calvary. Holy Communion will be served in the grounds



of the Garden Tomb. We have the afternoon at leisure to explore the city at our own pace and to shop for those important souvenirs! Dinner and overnight in **JERUSALEM (B)(D)**

Day 7: Wednesday, 02 May QUMRAN – DEAD SEA NATIONAL PARK – EIN GEDI – DEAD SEA

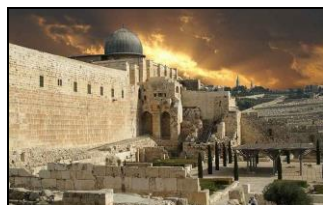
Drive to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Our next stop is the saline wetlands of Einot Tzukim, also known as Ein Feshkha, the only known place in the world where populations of Blue and Dead Sea killifish (Nevit Hula and Nevit Yam Hamelakh) live side by side. This is a nature reserve and archaeological site on the shore of the Dead Sea. It is named for a spring of brackish water in the area. A picnic lunch will be one of the highlights of the day. We will then visit Ein Gedi, where David sought refuge from Saul. Continue to the Dead Sea where we have time to float on its salty waters. This sea is formed by the waters of the River Jordan with several smaller streams entering it with no exit. The waters contain billions of tons of valuable chemicals. The water is five times saltier than the ocean. Unique healing qualities are found in the mud along the shore. In the Bible it was known as the "Salt Sea". Dinner and overnight at the **DEAD SEA (B)(L)(D)**

Day 8: Thursday, 03 May MASADA – DEAD SEA

Travel to Masada. Ascend the mountain by means of a cable car to view the remains of the once luxury palace of Herod the Great. It is in this place that Eleazer Ben Yair and his 959 Jewish followers committed mass-suicide, rather than surrender to the Roman legion which they kept at bay for three years. Your view of the desert of Judea is out of this world. Return to our hotel where we have the balance of the day at leisure to enjoy the facilities of our hotel and float on the water of the Dead Sea. Dinner will be served at our hotel and we have time to prepare for the return journey starting just after midnight. Spend the evening at the **DEAD SEA (B)(D)**

Day 9: Friday, 04 May BEN GURION AIRPORT – JOHANNESBURG

Transfer in the early hours of the morning at around 01:00 a.m. from our hotel to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport for El Al Israeli airlines flight LY53 departing at 05:50 for Johannesburg. Touchdown at Johannesburg's O.R.Tambo International Airport is at 14:40 **(B*)**



Jerusalem



Caesarea



Capernaum



Garden Tomb entrance

TOUR PRICE: R32,980 per person sharing a room

Limited seats are available and early reservation is essential to secure your space.

Rates are calculated on a minimum number of 32 passengers travelling together.

Exchange rate will be covered by the service providers up to R14.00 to the US Dollar.

Tour price calculated as follows: Airfare: **R9,500** / Land arrangements: **R23,480**

Early reservation is required to secure the special airfare. Confirmation is subject to availability at the time of booking.

INCLUDED

- Economy return flights ex Johannesburg including airport tax and fuel surcharge
- Meals per day as per itinerary (B)-Breakfast (L)-Lunch (D)-Dinner
- 4 Star accommodation on a twin share basis
- English speaking tour guides and luxury air-conditioned coaches
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Tipping of tour guides, bus drivers, porters and hotel personnel

NOT INCLUDED

- Optional Single room US\$93 per night
- Optional travel insurance

Note: Itinerary subject to change according to operational viability at the discretion of the tour leader and tour guide



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