

Radio Pulpit and Cape Pulpit presents

ISRAEL with

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Departure date: Thursday, May 23rd, 2019

ITINERARY IN OUTLINE

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

Day 1: Thursday, 23 May 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 from 18:00. After completing the security check, your luggage will be wrapped by the airline for check-in. Departure is now scheduled for 21:00 with flight LY52 for Tel Aviv. Overnight on **BOARD (D*)**

Day 2: Friday, 24 May CAESAREA – CARMEL – NAZARETH – TIBERIAS

Touch-down at the Ben Gurion Airport is at 06:40. 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 our hotel for dinner and overnight in **TIBERIAS (B*)(D)**

Day 3: Saturday, 25 May 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. Visit to nearby Mensa Christi where Jesus appeared to his disciples and they had a meal together. Continue to Capernaum where we see the ruins of a second-century Synagogue, as well as the excavations of St. Peter's house. The traditional baptismal site of Yardenit is our last stop. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in **TIBERIAS (B)(D)**

Day 4: Sunday, 26 May JERICO – BETABARA – QUMRAN – DEAD SEA

Early morning departure as we head for 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. Continue to Betabara, the site where Jesus was baptised in the river Jordan. Drive to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. 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". Balance of the day at our disposal to enjoy the facilities of our hotel and to float on the water of the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight at the **DEAD SEA (B)(L)(D)**

Day 5: Monday, 27 May MASADA – EIN GEDI – BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM

Travel to Masada. Ascend the mountain by means of a cable-way 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. We will then visit Ein Gedi, where David sought refuge from Saul. Continue our journey to Bethlehem, birth place of Jesus and of King David. Visit the shepherds' fields before continuing to Jerusalem, the "city of peace" as referred to in early scripture. Dinner and overnight in **JERUSALEM (B)(D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, 28 May JERUSALEM

Start our day in Jerusalem with a visit to the Mount of Olives from where Christ sent his disciples to fetch the donkey on which He rode into Jerusalem to 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. From the summit one has a wonderful view of the old city of Jerusalem and the temple area. Next is a visit to 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 into the Old City of



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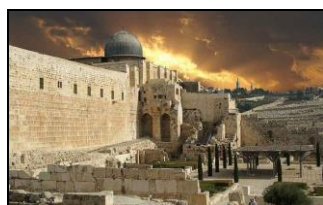
Jerusalem to view the Southern steps at the southern end of the Temple Mount and the former southern side of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Proceed to the Wailing Wall for a tour of the Western Wall tunnels known as the Kotel. Dinner and overnight in **JERUSALEM (B)(D)**

Day 7: Wednesday, 29 May JERUSALEM

We start our morning in Jerusalem at 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. Continue for 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 our disposal to explore the city at our own pace and to shop for those important souvenirs! Our bus is at our disposal for those wishing to visit the Yad Vashem holocaust museum. Transfer to the airport for the 22:00 flight for Johannesburg. Overnight on **BOARD (B)(D*)**

Day 8: Thursday, 30 May BEN GURION AIRPORT – JOHANNESBURG

Touchdown at Johannesburg's O.R.Tambo International Airport is at 05:45 **(B*)**



Jerusalem



Caesarea



Capernaum



Garden Tomb entrance

TOUR PRICE: R29,980 per person sharing a room

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

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

Tour price calculated as follows: Airfare: **R9,680** / Land arrangements: **R20,300**

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

Rates are based on a minimum of 32 passengers travelling together

Rand value of our tour can vary according to currency fluctuation as follows:

R13,50 = US\$1 (R29,480) / R14,00 = US\$1 (29,980) / R14,50 = US\$1 (R30,480)

Please Note - All fares are subject to availability, change/increase, withdrawal without prior notice & currency fluctuations.

INCLUDED

- Economy return flights ex Johannesburg on board the services of El Al airlines including airport tax and fuel surcharge
- Breakfast and dinner daily per as per itinerary (B)-Breakfast (D)-Dinner
- Tourist class 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
- 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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