

15 Days Oberammergau including Dachau and Israel + Jordan – Proposed Itinerary June 4 to 18, 2020

Day 1 Depart USA to Germany – June 4, 2020

Depart the USA. Board your international flight to Israel and enjoy dinner and entertainment aboard the airplane.

Day 2: Arrival - Dachau concentration camp - Munich - Upper Bavaria

Upon arrival at **Munich** International airport from Athens, we are met by our tour guide who will accompany us throughout. Our journey starts with a visit to the **Dachau Concentration Camp**. We tour the ground with a museum, its reconstructed barracks and crematorium where the holocaust is documented. Then on to a briefing sightseeing tour which leads us to the major and most beautiful sights of Munich, such as King's Square with its three temple buildings in the classical Greek style, the Pinakotheken Art Museums, the Hall of Generals, the Angel of Peace monument, Maximilianeum (Bavarian state parliament), the Royal Palace, the traditional Viktualienmarkt, an open air food market with colorful outdoor stalls, Karl Square (called "Stachus") and the medieval city gates, Palace of Nymphenburg - former summer residence of the Bavarian kings, the Rathaus and its famous Glockenspiel. We continue on to Upper Bavaria for dinner and overnight. (D)

Day 3: Passion Play Oberammergau

After a late breakfast, we drive to **Oberammergau**. World-renowned, this quaint Bavarian town is the site of the extravagant Oberammergau Passion Play – performed only once every ten years. Take part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Beginning in the afternoon and involving almost all residents of the village, the play has a running time of approx. five hours with a three-hour intermission. Dinner and overnight in the Oberammergau area. (B, D)



Day 4: Depart Germany - Arrive in Tel Aviv

Early morning depart Germany on a flight to Israel. Upon arrival at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv, meet and assist through customs by our representative. Transfer to your hotel on the Mediterranean Sea shores. If flight arrives early, we visit the Old Town of **Jaffa** and the house of Simon the Tanner. Dinner & overnight. (D)

Day 5: Caesarea - Haifa – Tiberias

We will wake up to the first day of the Holy Land. After a rich, Israeli breakfast, we will leave the hotel and drive north along the famous highway, biblically known as the 'way of the sea'. We will arrive at **Caesarea**, where we will explore the ruins of the Roman and the **Crusader City**. We will see the reconstructed Roman city, the walls from the times of the Crusaders and the prison where St. Paul was held in captivity before being sent to Rome. This was also the place where the first gentile was converted to Christianity. As we leave the beautiful walls and moat, we will pass the remains of the Roman horse racing theater the Hippodrome. We will stop at the amazing remains of the **Roman Aqueduct**, which has been beautifully preserved under the sand dunes for 2000 years. We will continue to **Mount Carmel** and visit the **Mukhraka** the site where the Prophet Elijah debated the 450 prophets of Baal. From here there is a breathtaking view over the whole **Valley of Jezreel**, better known as the **Valley of Armageddon**. After a complimentary Falafel lunch at a Druze village. We will drive east through the upper Galilee to the **Sea of Galilee**. Arrival at our hotel on the shores of the beautiful Lake of Galilee. Dinner and overnight. Evening we stroll the streets of **Tiberias** with our guide. (B, L, D)



Day 6: Tiberias - Golan Heights – Mt. Beatitudes – Capernaum - Baptism

Wake up to a beautiful morning in the area where Jesus spent 3 years of his ministry. Today we will dedicate our time to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. After breakfast, we will drive north through the **Golan Heights** to **Caesarea Philippi** and the **Banias**, one of the water resources of the Jordan River. On to the nature preserve of **Tel Dan** and a visit to the ancient ruins. Continue back to the **Sea of Galilee** to visit **Capernaum**, 'the Town of Jesus', walk along the ruins of this Biblical Village, and see the Synagogue where Jesus preached and the house of Peter's mother-in-law. Drive up to the **Mount of the Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. On to a visit of ancient **Khorazim** and continue for a visit of the beautiful mosaic floor at **Tabgha** - the site of the miracle of the multiplication. Also visit **Peter's Church of Primacy** nearby. Then we have the famous **St. Peter's fish** for lunch in a restaurant on the lake shore. We will visit the "**Jesus Boat**" at Kibbutz Ginosar, which is a 2000 years old wooden fishing boat and sail in a replica boat across the **Sea of Galilee**. We finish the day with a **Baptismal service at Yardenit** for whoever chooses to do it. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)



Day 7: Galilee – Nazareth - Armageddon

Today, after breakfast, we will start by driving to **Magdala** for a visit to the new excavated Synagogue. On to **Zippori** and visit the excavation and the beautiful mosaic floors of the city where Jesus grandmother lived. We continue across the Valley and view **Mount Tabor** the traditional site of the 'Transfiguration'. On to **Nazareth** to the **Biblical Village** (Nazareth Village) where we will learn about the daily life in a reconstructed village from Jesus time. We also visit the Synagogue where Jesus learned to read the Bible. On the way, we will stop at **Cana of Galilee**, the village where Jesus performed his first miracle - the miracle at the wedding. We will have an opportunity to renew our wedding vows at the church in Cana. We will drive via Afula to the famous "**Tel Megiddo**", the archaeological mound, which inspired James Michener's book, "The Source". Here we can see remains of King Solomon's Stables, an altar from the time of Abraham (4000 years old), and a magnificent water tunnel. On to a visit to **Beit Shearim**, which is a burial place from the Sanhedrin (High priests ruling at Jesus time) time with catacombs and stone caskets. Drive back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 8: Jordan Valley - Beit Sheaan – Dead Sea

Today, after breakfast, we will drive south to **Beit Sheaan**, the largest Archeological site in Israel. We will explore the ancient **Roman City** with the **Amphitheater** and reconstructed streets. Continue south through the **Jordan Valley** to **Jericho** (Should conditions allow it. Otherwise we will take the way by the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea). We will view ancient Jericho and **Mt. of Temptations** as drive south. On to see the **Qumran Caves** area, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found and continue to **Ein Gedi** for short stop. This is the place where King David hid from King Saul in a cave. We continue to the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. 1300 feet below sea level, the **Dead Sea** is the saltiest body of water in the world. Our hotel is by the Dead Sea shores, where we will swim, or to be more exact, float, on this amazing sea - a non-swimmer's paradise. Dinner and Overnight at our hotel on the Dead Sea shores. Continue south to our Spa-hotel on the shore of the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



Day 9: Masada – Dead Sea - Jerusalem

Today, after breakfast, we will visit **Masada** - the site of the Zealots last stand against the Romans, which was originally built as a magnificent palace for Herod the Great. At this great fortress, we will visit the bathhouse, the storage rooms, the mosaics and the **Byzantine Church**. After descending by walking along the Ramp built by the Romans, we will drive to **Hanokdim Bedouin camp** and enjoy a special visit with Middle Eastern hospitality called "Hafila". Continue to Arad and on to **Beer Sheva**, the "Capital" of the Negev. This is the city where Abraham dug the seven water wells. We will observe **Tel Arad**, the Canaanite city conquered by Joshua. Continue via the **Negev Desert** to the **Ela Valley**, site of the famous battle between David and Goliath. We continue our ascent to Jerusalem, 2400 feet above sea level, via **Beit Shemes** and **Emmaus**. At the entrance to the **Holy City** we will celebrate with a traditional blessing, while overlooking the walls of the City of the Lord. Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**. (B, L, D)



Day 10: Old City of Jerusalem

Today will be one of spiritual uplifting. We will begin the morning after breakfast, with a magnificent view of the **Old City** from the **Mount of Olives**. We will drive down to the **Kidron Valley** and enter the **Garden of Gethsemane**, the **Church of All Nations** where we can view the Basilica of Agony. In this area are the oldest Olive trees in the Holy Land, dating back to ancient times - a living witness to Jesus' arrest by the Romans. We continue along the Kidron Valley, viewing the **Tomb of Zachariah** as well as the **Tomb of Absalom** - King David's son. We will enter the Old City via the Dung Gate, then proceed to the **Walling Wall** - the remnant of Solomon's Temple, the holiest Jewish site - and touch its ancient stones. We will ascend the **Temple Mount**, where we will view the Dome of the Rock. We will continue to the famous **Tunnels from the Hasmonal era** and out to the **Via Dolorosa** to walk all the Stations of the Cross and stop at the **Roman Praetorium** where Pontius Pilatus judged Jesus to death. Continue to the Arab Market - the Shuk, with its hundreds of stores selling many types of artifacts. On to the **Jewish Quarter**, where we will see the renovated **Cardo** and its excavations. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. In the evening, we will walk and shop in the famous pedestrian street - **Ben Yehuda Street** with our guide. (B, D)



Day 11: The New City of Jerusalem – Bethlehem

We will start the morning, after breakfast, by visiting the **Israel Museum** and the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls can be seen. We will also visit the **Model of Jerusalem** showing the city as it was in Jesus time. We will also visit **Calaphas' House**, where Jesus was kept and more. In the afternoon, we will view the birth place of Jesus - **Bethlehem** from a vista point at Ramat Rachel. We will drive to Shephreds Fields in Bethlehem for some teachings. On the way back we will drive to the fortress of **Herodlun** and visit the new excavations and the newly found **Herod's Tomb**. Back to Jerusalem for a visit to **Yad Vashem**, the **Holocaust Memorial**. Spend some time of reflection and understanding of the Jewish suffering during the Nazi era. We will end the day with a special Communion Service at the **Garden Tomb**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)



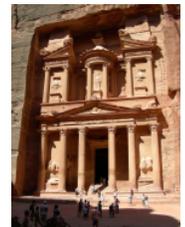
Day 12: Jerusalem to Eilat

Today we will visit **the new 2ed temple excavation at the City of David, Pools of Bethsaida and Davidson center**. In the late after moon fly to Eilat check in to the hotel for Dinner and Overnight in Eilat. (B, D)



Day 13 Excursion to Petra

This morning pick up from **Eilat** hotel; after assistance with border formalities, drive straight to **Petra**, the astonishing rose-red city built by the Nabateans. Petra was renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Walk into the narrow canyon that leads to the red rock. Visit the **treasury**, royal tombs, the court, roman theatre, Roman Street, **Qasser el- Bint** (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter burial). After the visit, stop for lunch in a nice restaurant. Drive through Aqaba for a short panoramic view of Eilat before driving back to Arava border crossing. Dinner and overnight in Eilat. (B, L, D)



Day 14 Eilat to Tel Aviv

Enjoy free morning in Eilat. In early afternoon fly to Tel Aviv. In the evening we will celebrate with a **Farewell dinner** at a nice restaurant and presentation of Pilgrimage Certificates. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. (B, D)

Day 15 June 18

Early morning, depart the hotel to Ben Gurion airport for our flight back to the USA. Arrive home.

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. This tour is not recommended for those who have mobility limitations since it includes walking on uneven