

Our Holy Land Storytelling Itinerary

Day 1 - 2: DEPART

We depart for our overnight flight to Tel Aviv. We enjoy dinner, breakfast and the movie of the evening on the plane. Upon arrival in the afternoon we transfer to our hotel for dinner. The brief evening orientation affords us time to rest up for the inspirational sites and stories of the days ahead.

Day 3: BEIT SHEAN/NAZARETH/MEGIDDO

We visit Beit Shean, the only Decapolis city in Israel and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Then we cross the Valley of Armageddon to visit Tel Megiddo and, time permitting, Cana.



Day 4: GALILEE

We Begin the day at the Mt. of Beatitudes listening to The Sermon on the Mount, then visit Tabgha and hear the words of Jesus to Peter, "feed My sheep," at the Primacy of Peter Church. In the afternoon we see the 1st century boat before boarding a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. At the biblical city of Capernaum we visit the old synagogue and the house of Peter's mother-in-law. At the Jordan River we take time to renew our baptismal vows.

Day 5: MT CARMEL/CAESAREA/MT ZION

We hear afresh the story of the prophet Elijah atop Mt. Carmel. We visit the Crusader City at Caesarea and the ancient Roman Aqueduct. In the afternoon we travel to Mt. Zion, visiting the Upper Room for stories of the Last Supper and Pentecost, then visit King David's Tomb.

You will see all of the above sites during your pilgrimage. Flexibility in the itinerary may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances, such as airline, hotel schedules or local conditions.

Day 6: OLD CITY - JERUSALEM

We begin our day at the Western Wall and tread on the sacred ground of the Temple Mount as we see the Dome of the Rock. Then we hear stories from the gospels as we walk the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross), visit the Pool of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church. From there we proceed to the Antonia Fortress, where the crown of thorns was placed on Jesus' head and hear the story of Jesus' passion. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and then visit the house of Caiaphas, where Peter denied Jesus.

Day 7: MOUNT OF OLIVES/BETHLEHEM

The day begins standing on the Mt. of Olives overlooking the Kidron Valley and the walled city of Jerusalem. We walk the Palm Sunday path to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations, hearing the stories of the Passion. In the



afternoon we travel to Bethlehem and visit Shepherd's Field to hear the Christmas stories and sing "Glory to God in the Highest." We visit the Church of the Nativity and kneel at the star which marks the birth of our Savior.

Day 8: FREE DAY in JERUSALEM or OPTIONAL DEAD SEA DAY / MASADA / QUMRAN

We enjoy a free day in Jerusalem or take the optional trip to Herod's ancient fortress of Masada, built high atop a mountain on the edge of the Dead Sea. This afternoon we visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We end the day with time for relaxation along the shore of the Dead Sea, and hear a vision from Ezekiel (Optional, \$49).

Day 9: BETHANY/DEPART

We enjoy a free morning in Jerusalem or opt to visit the Israel Museum (Optional, \$25). This afternoon we visit Bethany and hear the story of the raising of Lazarus at the tomb. We finish our pilgrimage with

worship at the Garden Tomb and after our Farewell Dinner travel to TelAviv to board our overnight flight to the USA.

Day 10: RETURN

We arrive home with a treasure of memories of our Sacred Story Journey.