

Full Day tours Tuesday January 26, 2020

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Jerusalem: Temple Mount and the City of David.

The History of Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Israel, begins on Mount Moriah and the narrow hill of the City of David below the Mountain and continues with a deeper understanding of The Temple and a panoramic view of the Jerusalem's ancient city.

The Tour will take a Journey back in time from the Muslim structures on the Temple Mount through Roman times to the times of the Kings of Judah and the Bronze Age fortifications from time Abraham and Melchizedek. The tour leads us on a fascinating journey above and below ground level to the ancient roots of monotheistic faith.

7:30: Early departure from hotel

8:00: Ascend the Temple Mount "The place that God had chosen" and the holiest place in Judaism to learn of the fascinating Biblical history and the Muslim presence on the mountain in modern times.

9:30: See where Jerusalem began in the times of Abraham and how it developed since King David's establishment of the city as the capital of the People of Israel 3000 years ago At the City of David .

13:00: Lunch at the City of David.

14:30: Visit the Temple Institute to see the restored sacred vessels of the Temple in Jerusalem.

16:00: At the Haas Promenade, overlook the magnificent panoramic view of Jerusalem and study the story of the Binding of Isaac through the geography described in Genesis 22.

17:30: Return to hotel

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Track between Bethel and Shiloh

The Tour will begin with a panoramic outlook on Samaria from Bethel, one of the most important places in the stories of Jacob and the Northern Kingdom of Israel. From Bethel we will continue to Tel Shiloh, the site of the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle accompanied the tribes of Israel in the desert and was the one and only house of worship which was described in details in Divine revelation. During our tour of Tel Shiloh we will tell about the division of the tribal lands, about the Prophet Samuel who was raised and educated in Shiloh, and about the destruction of the city by the Philistines. From Tel Shiloh we will continue to meet special residents of the area who implement Biblical insights to their daily life.

8:00 Departure

9:00: Panoramic outlook from Bethel, Where the name Israel was given to Jacob in Divine revelation.

10:00: Tour ancient Shiloh where the Tabernacle resided for 369 years and hear the biblical stories of Eli the High Priest and Hannah took place here. Shiloh was the place of pilgrimage. Three times a year the Children of Israel traveled to Shiloh to bring their festival offerings.

Visit the modern synagogue of Shiloh, designed as a replica of the ancient Biblical Tabernacle. It contains replicas and tributes to many of the utensils in the original Tabernacle of Shiloh.

13:00: Home hospitality lunch at the home of Eliana Passentin in Eli.

15:00: Try to imagine the Music of the Tabernacle and the Temple with a music workshop at Khan Inbalim

16:30: Above Michmas tell the heroic story of Jonathan's battle against the philistines while enjoying wine tasting at the award-winning winery of Psagot.

17:30 Return to Jerusalem

"your name shall be Abraham, for I make you the father of a multitude of nations" (Genesis 17:5 in Hebron)

Patriarchs Route - Tour of Hebron and Gush Etzion.

Most of humanity today belongs to one of the Abrahamic religions with the messages spread by Abraham on the Patriarchs Route between Nablus and Beer Sheva. This tour in the footsteps of Abraham will start with an outlook from Tel Hebron (Tel Rumeida), the Canaanite and Jewish fortified city. From the ancient city we will walk through the valley to the Cave of Machpelah and visit the two-thousand-year-old structure over the graves of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs who made the city holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims. We will end with a walk on the ancient "Patriarchs road" in the footsteps of Abrahams Journey to the binding of Isaac on Mount Moriah.

8:00: Departure

9:00: Outlook and historical context of Hebron at Tel Rumeida

9:45: Coffee break and introduction to the Jewish community of Hebron at Beit Hadassah including a meeting and discussion with a local resident.

11:00: Visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs at the Cave of Machpelah which carries on the tradition from the times of Abraham to our times.

13:00: Lunch at the Gush Etzion winery

14:30: Walk in the footsteps of Abraham in the Patriarchs route in Gush Etzion

16:00: Visit Rachel's tomb and reflect on Jeremiah's prophecy (31:14) coming to life in our times.

17:00: Return to the hotel

I will restore the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion upon his dwellings. The city shall be rebuilt on its Tel"
(Jeremiah 30:18)

Biblical Archeology in Judea

We will start the tour at the world Heritage site of Tel Beer Sheva with the story of Abraham and the archeological evidence of innovative water technology and religious reforms in Biblical times. From Tel Beer Sheva we will continue to Tel Lachish – the second most important city in Judah which brings together Historical texts, archeological findings and the biblical story into one consistent picture. We will conclude with a panoramic outlook over Ella Valley and the battlefield of David and Goliath from Tel Azeka.

7:30: Early departure for the Negev

9:00: Tour the World Heritage Site of Tel Beer Sheva and tell the stories of the Patriarchs and the kings of Judah.

11:00: Touch Biblical history at Tel Lachish, including a visit to the new visitor's center.

13:30: Lunch at Kibbutz Netiv Halamed-Heh.

15:00: Ascend Tel Azeka for a view of the site of David and Goliath's famous battle.

17:00: Estimated arrival at Jerusalem hotel.

Half Day tours, Thursday January 28, 2020

"Be strong and resolute: for you shall bring the Israelites into the land that I promised them " (Deuteronomy 31:23)

Leaders in the Judean Hills.

The Tour will follow 3 stories of Biblical leadership: The story of Joshua facing a coalition of six Canaanite kings, the story of David as Shepherd willing to face Goliath and the story of King David ruling over all of Israel.

8:00: Departure

8:45: Outlook over the Ayalon Valley and discussion about Joshua's battle and the associated miracle.

10:00: Tour the fortification built by King David on the Philistine border at Khirbet Qeiyafa the Ella Valley.

13:00: Estimated return to Jerusalem

"Now cross the Jordan, together with all this nation, into the Land that I am giving to the sons of Israel" (Joshua 1)

Biblical Life Nnear the Dead Sea

We will begin our tour where the Israelites entered the Land of Israel at the Jordan River to tell the many stories of the site. From the Jordan River we will continue to Qumran to tell the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the historical context of early Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. From Qumran we will continue to the fascinating attempt to rediscover once-extinct Biblical plants and incense at Kibbutz Almog.

8:00: Departure

8:45: At the Jordan River we will explore reoccurring transformational experiences at the same site from the times of Jacob through the end Biblical times.

10:00: At Qumran learn how the oldest manuscripts of the Bible came to light just as the nations of world recognized the renewed Jewish homeland.

11:30: Tour of the Persimmon Farm with Guy Erlich who tries to discover the blends of perfume and incense that were used by priests and kings in Biblical times.

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