



JOIN BISHOP S Y YOUNGER | October 17 - 26, 2017

Journey to the Holy Land led by Bishop S.Y. Younger

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* Daily sightseeing is subject to change

Day 1 | TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2017

USA DEPARTURE

Our journey begins today as we depart on our way to Israel – the Land of the Bible. Sit back, relax and enjoy your flight.. Get some rest...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

Overnight: On Board

Meals included: Meals on Board

Day 2 | WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2017

ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL / TEL AVIV / WELCOME HOME!

Today we arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. You will be met and assisted by our Israeli tour guide and bus driver. We drive to Tel Aviv - Israel's largest and most modern city (20-30 minutes drive from the airport). Check in at Herods Hotel, conveniently located in the heart of Tel Aviv, on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. You'll have free time to rest and relax in your hotel room or stroll the Tel Aviv famous sidewalk. After our welcome dinner we will explore Old Town Jaffa at night. We will arrive in Jaffa and walk through the narrow passages of Old Jaffa, believed to be the oldest port city in the world. See the amazing St. Peter Church at night and take in a spectacular view of the Tel Aviv shoreline from Jaffa's Hilltop. Return to our hotel

Meal included: Full Buffet Dinner

Lodging: Herods Hotel Tel Aviv

Day 3 | THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2017

FROM TEL AVIV TO THE SEA OF GALILEE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN / CAESAREA / MT. CARMEL / MEGIDDO / NAZARETH / NAZARETH VILLAGE / CANA / SEA OF GALILEE / TIBERIA

After breakfast we start our tour heading north to the Sea of Galilee. We will have a relaxing drive along the beautiful coast of the Mediterranean Sea and stop at Caesarea Maritime (Acts 9:30; Acts 10: 24-48), which was the center of early Christians. Here Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10), and it was also here where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). Next, we will stop at Mount Carmel (Muchraka), where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets. Then on to Megiddo (1 Kings 4:28, 9:15; 2 Kings 23:29 & Rev.16:16), and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16), to see the remains from Solomon's days, and view the site where the Battle of Armageddon will be fought. We continue along the Jezzerel valley to visit the town of Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26, 4:16-29; Matthew 2:23). We will take in an unforgettable view of the city of Nazareth from the top of Mt. Precipice, also known as Mount of Precipitation, or Mount of the Leap of the Lord. It is believed to be the site of the rejection of Jesus, described in Luke 4:29-30. We will end the day visiting the Nazareth Village. ** If time permits we will drive to Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first public miracle - the turning of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11). Drive through the Lower Galilee region to the Sea of Galilee and the town of Tiberia. We'll check in and have dinner at our hotel. Enjoy a free evening to walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and explore the town of Tiberia.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Sea of Galilee, Leonardo Plaza

Day 4 | FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2017

SEA OF GALILEE AND JORDAN RIVER / SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / "JESUS BOAT" / YARDENIT / BETH SHEAN / DEAD SEA / FREE TIME TO FLOAT & ENJOY THE RESORT

Today we will experience the area of Jesus' early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. After breakfast we will drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and visit the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5,6,7,8), where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount.

We will visit the famous chapel, constructed in 1939 by the noted architect Antonio Barluzzi, and enjoy the breathtaking view. We will continue to Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy of Peter (Matt. 13; Mark 33-45; John 21). Here we will visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue on to the 2,000 year old remains of Capernaum (Matt. 4:13, 13:54, 17:24; Luke 7; Mark 1:2; John 4:46-54). Here we can stand in what is left of the synagogue in which Jesus ministered. It was from this city that Jesus did most of his Galilean ministry, where he performed many miracles, and where Peter's mother-in-law lived and was healed. We will drive to the upper Galilee to visit Banias - ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16:13 and Mark 8:27), where Jesus said "on this rock I will build my Church". We will hike through the natural Banias nature reserve to the water falls. We will drive through the natural Hula Valley and the Upper Galilee region back to the Sea of Galilee. We'll return to our hotel for dinner and a restful evening.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Sea of Galilee, Leonardo Plaza

Day 5 | SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2017

SEA OF GALILEE AND JORDAN RIVER / SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / "JESUS BOAT" / YARDENIT / BETH SHEAN / DEAD SEA / FREE TIME TO FLOAT & ENJOY THE RESORT

After breakfast we will board a wooden boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee as the disciples did 2,000 years ago. We will dock at Kibbutz Nof Geonsar and visit the "Ancient Jesus Boat" - the remains of a 2,000 year old boat that was discovered in 1986. This boat was used at the time of Jesus and his disciples. We conclude our Galilee tour with a visit to Yardenit - the wonderful baptismal site on the Jordan River. From here we will drive south along the Beth Shean valley and the ancient city of Beth Shean (Mark 5:20, 7:31) for an overview of this remarkable archeological site. It was here that after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31). We will drive through the Jordanian Valley past the city of Jericho and arrive at the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. We will check in at our hotel, located on the shores of the Dead Sea. After check in and before dinner we will enjoy relaxing free time at our wonderful Dead Sea resort hotel, conveniently located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Walk to the beach and float in the salty water of the Dead Sea. Take a dip in the beautiful swimming pool of our resort hotel. You can also take this opportunity to enjoy the Dead Sea famous mud and mineral treatments at our hotel's spa.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: The Dead Sea, Herods Dead Sea Resort

Day 6 | SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2017

EXPLORING THE DEAD SEA AND THE JUDEAN DESERT / DEAD SEA / MASADA / EIN GEDI HIKE / QUMRAN / JERUSALEM

Today we will explore the Dead Sea and the Judean desert region and its biblical and historical sites. After early breakfast we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit one of the most spectacular sites in Israel - the 1,500 foot mountaintop fortress of Masada. Built by King Herod, Masada is famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. We will ascend to Masada by cable car and discover the 1st century Synagogue, Herod's Bathhouse and many other sites. We will continue along the shores of the Dead Sea and stop at Ein Gedi. We will hike through the oasis of Ein Gedi to the first waterfall, where David hid in a cave when running from Saul (1 Samuel 23). It was here that David composed several of his Psalms. Next, we will visit Qumran and walk through the ruins of this ancient Essene community. In this spot, an amazing cache of ancient biblical texts was discovered in 1947 - commonly called the Dead Sea Scrolls. From here we will ascend to Jerusalem - the holy city of Zion. We will top for a panoramic view before continuing to our centrally located hotel for check in and dinner. Our hotel is conveniently located in walking distance from the old city Jerusalem as well as from the city center. We will have free time to rest and enjoy our first evening in Jerusalem.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza



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Day 7 | MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2017

JERUSALEM OLD & NEW CITY / TEMPLE MOUNT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS / SOUTHERN WALL / SOUTHERN STEPS / DAVIDSON CENTER / WESTERN WALL / CITY OF DAVID / JEWISH QUARTER / MT. ZION / CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU

Today we walk where Jesus walked. Following breakfast we will head to the Old City and enter via the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall ("Wailing Wall") - the holiest site in Judaism and one of the original ancient walls that retained the Temple. We will continue to the Southern Temple Mount archaeological excavations. Here we will visit the "Southern Steps" - the archaeological reconstruction of the Temple Steps where Jesus walked so often. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money changers who were exploiting the people. We will visit the unearthed southern end of the western wall, the paved street and the Robinson's Arch. At the Davidson Center museum we will view a documentary of the excavation and a 10 minute film describing a visit of a pilgrim to the second temple as it was in Jesus' time. Our Next stop will be at the City of David - the oldest and original section of Jerusalem. We will walk through the historic Jewish Quarter all the way to Mt. Zion. We will visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. According to tradition, this was the place of the palace of the high priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought to jail after his arrest. (Mark 14: 72) We will return to our hotel for a festive Shabbat dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza

Day 8 | TUESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2017

JERUSALEM OLD CITY / MOUNT OF OLIVES / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE / LION'S GATE / VIA DELAROSA / ST. ANNE CHURCH / POOL OF BETHESDA / JUDGMENT HALL OF PILATE / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / CHRISTIAN QUARTER / GARDEN TOMB

Following breakfast we will head to the top of the Mount of Olives to stand where the Lord ascended into heaven (Acts 1). From the Mount of Olives we take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the city across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate where the Prince of Peace will enter (Ezekiel 44). We will pass by Pater Noster Church & visit Dominus Fleuit where "the Lord wept" as he beheld the Holy City. We will take the Palm Sunday Road down to the Garden of Gethsemane where we will see 2,000 year old olive trees that date back to the time of Christ. we will enter the Old City via the Lion's Gate. The Lion's Gate, located in the eastern wall of the Old City, is the entrance marking the beginning of the last walk of Jesus from prison to the crucifixion - the Via Delarosa. We will start our walk along the Stations of the Cross to visit St. Anne Church (we'll sing with an 11 second echo!), the Pool of Bethesda, then continuing to the Judgment Hall of Pilate and all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt. 27:33-57, 28:10). We will enjoy some free time to rest and shop at the colorful Old City bazaars. We will end our touring day visiting the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. Return to our hotel for dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza

PRICING:

Land Package (Per Person in Double Occupancy) - **\$2675**

All taxes included based on min. 22 travelers

Single Room Supplement - **\$795**

Day 9 | WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2017

BETHLEHEM / "YAD VASHEM" HOLOCAUST MUSEUM / SHIRE OF THE BOOK / HOLY LAND MODEL / FARWELL DINNER / TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT & DEPARTURE

After breakfast we will check out from our hotel. Continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7). We venture out to the Shepherd's Field, referenced in Luke 2:8-20, where an angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. We will head to the new city of Jerusalem and pass by the Knesset, Israel's parliament. We will head to Mt. Herzl area for a visit to the newly renovated Holocaust Museum - "Yad Vashem". From here we will continue the Israel Museum and visit the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. We will also visit the Holy Land model to view Jerusalem as it looked like during the second temple period. If time permits, we will return to the city center and enjoy some free time at the Ben Yehuda Street to experience the authentic Jerusalem restaurants and shops. We will depart from Jerusalem and drive to the village of Abu Gosh to enjoy our great Farwell dinner. After dinner we will drive back to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport for our return flight. Our US Airways flight departs @ approx. 11:30pm.

Day 10 | THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 2017

ARRIVAL BACK IN THE USA

Today we will arrive back in the U.S.

**Remember to bring your Bible and notepad as we study the Scriptures at each site identified in the Bible.*

INCLUDING:

- 7 nights accommodation as per above hotels
- October 18-19/2017 1 night in Tel Aviv @ the Herods Tel Aviv
- October 19-21/2017 2 nights in the Sea of Galilee@ the Leonardo Plaza Tiberia
- October 21-22/2017 1 night in the Dead Sea @ the Herods Dead Sea
- October 22-25 /2017 3 nights in Jerusalem @ the Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem
- Full Breakfasts & Dinners buffet daily at the hotels
- Farwell dinner in a restaurant before departure
- Meet & assist at airport by AIT airport representative
- Group Arrival transfer with your tour guide
- Group departure transfer with your tour guide
- All entrance fees
- All private touring as per tour program with your bible expert, government licensed ,
- English speaking tour guide
- All private transportation in modern deluxe A/C coach and driver.
- Porters fees at airport & all hotels
- Boat ride Sea of Galilee, Cable Car to/from Masada and much more
- Cell phone for tour leader
- All land taxes and service taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights
- Lunches daily
- Travel insurance (optional but highly recommended)
- \$75 total per person Tips for tour guide, bus driver and hotel staff

