**Day 1: Sunday, October 11: Depart to Israel**

Depart the US on your overnight flight to Tel Aviv

**Day 2: Monday, October 12: Welcome to Israel**

* Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. Our representative will meet you after passport control, escort you through luggage identification & lead you to your Tour Guide
* (if time permits) Proceed to Old Jaffa Tour **Old Jaffa** Visit sites linked with Biblical miracles and stories such as **Simon The Tanner's House** where St. Peter had his vision on the rooftop (Acts 10:32) ,Raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36); **King Solomon** built his Mediterranean port (2 Chron. 2:16) & **Jonah the Prophet** set sail to Tarshish. (Jonah ,1:3)

**Dinner & Overnight**: Ramada Hedera Hotel on the Mediterranean Sea

**Day 3: Tuesday, October 13: Drive to Northern Israel**

Breakfast at the hotel, Check out.

* Drive via the coastline road to **Caesarea by the Sea (Caesarea Marittima),** Herod’s showcase port city. Walk through the Roman ruins and hear the story **of St. Peter** and his **conversion of Cornelius’ household** (*Acts 10:24*). Caesarea is also the scene of **St. Paul’s imprisonment** (*Acts 23:35*), his **appearance before King Agrippa** and his **departure for Rome** (*Acts 25:13-26:32*).
* Visit **Megiddo,** the regional capital of King Solomon (*1 Kings 9:15*), the New Testament’s **Armageddon** (*Rev. 16:16*).
* Drive along the Mediterranean coastline to **Mt. Carmel**, the biblical site of **Elijah’s contest** with the **prophets of Baal** (*I Kings 18*).
* Continue across the Galilee passing **Mt. Tabor** (*Psalm 89:12*), the site of the **Transfiguration of Jesus** (*Matthew 17:1–9*) and where, at the mountain foothill, **Deborah rose against Sisera** (*Judges 4 -5*).
* Drive through the hills of Galilee to the outskirts of **Nazareth,** the hometown of Jesus, to stand on the **Mount of Precipice where** tradition has it an angry mob attempted to throw Jesus off the precipice (*Luke 4:16-30*).
* Enter Nazareth and the **Church of the Annunciation** situated over the cave that **Archangel Gabriel** told **Mary** she would become the **mother of the Son of God.** (Luke 1:5-42).
* Stop in **Cana**, a village near Nazareth, where Jesus performed His very first miracle by turning **water into wine** at the wedding feast (John 2:1-11). Optional Renewing Wedding Vows in Cana
* Check-in to your hotel in the Sea of Galilee

**Dinner & Overnight**: Leonardo Club Hotel Sea of Galilee Hotel

**Day 4: Wednesday, October 14: Around the Sea of Galilee**

Breakfast at the hotel

* Our Day Starts with a **Boat Ride** across the Sea of Galilee the place where Jesus walked on the water (Matthew 14:22-33), calmed a storm (Matt. 8:23-26),
* Visit the **Ancient Galilee Boat**, a boat existed at a time when Jesus was living in the Galilee. Enjoy **Shopping** at the special store at the museum.
* Proceed to the **Mt. of Beatitudes** where Jesus preached the "**Sermon on the Mount**" (*Matthew 5* *-7*)
* Enter **Capernaum** " the Town of Jesus "(*John 6:24*) to walk among the ancient ruins of the **first century synagogue where Jesus preached** (*Matthew 4:13-17*).
* **Stop for Lunch** (on your own expense) at one of the region’s fine restaurants to taste the local **St. Peter’s fish.**
* Continue to **Tabgha** - the chapel dedicated to the **multiplication of the loaves and fishes** - (*Mark 6:34-44*) and the site of **St. Peter’s Primacy** where Jesus **bestowed church leadership** upon Peter (John 21:9). You will have an opportunity to Dip your toes in the water of Sea of Galilee,
* Drive to **Magdala,** a recent archeological dig, with a synagogue from the time of Christ. (Luke 4:14-15)
* Last stop will be at **"Yardenit “for** an opportunity to baptize at a baptismal site on the banks of the river Jordan (Mark 1:9-13)

**Dinner & Overnight:** Leonardo Club Hotel Sea of Galilee Hotel

**Day 5: Thursday, October 15: from the Jordan Valley to the City of Jerusalem**

Breakfast at the hotel, Check out.

* Drive through the **Jordan Valley** to the ancient city of **Beit She’an** where the Philistines hung King Saul and his sons after their defeat at the battle on Mount Gilboa. (*1 Samuel 31*). During the time of Jesus, this area became known as Scythopolis, one of the ten cities of the Roman Decapolis (*Mark 5:20, 7:31*)
* Pass **Jericho**, called "the oldest town in the world", Tel Jericho, is the site of ancient and biblical Jericho and today a UNESCO-nominated archaeological site (Joshua 6:1-21), View the **Mount of Temptation** were the Christ was tempted by Satan during his 40 days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)
* Ascend to Jerusalem – Enjoy a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem from the crest of **Mt. of Olives** (*Matthew 24:3*).
* Walk along **Hosanna Road,** 'Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (*Luke 19:41-44***).**
* Stop atDominus **Flevit** marking the spot where **Jesus wept over the impending destruction of Jerusalem.** (*Luke 19:37-42*)
* Arrive at **Gethsemane** to visit the **Church of All Nations** that stands on the Rock of Agony where **Jesus was betrayed by Judas** (*Matthew 26:36-57*).

**Dinner & Overnight:** Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem

**Day 6: Friday, October 16: The Old City of Jerusalem**

Breakfast at the hotel,

* Start at the **Southern Steps**, which served as the main entrance to the entire Temple Mount complex. And we know from Scripture that Jesus went to the Temple several times throughout His life.
* Walk in the Old City to the **Western Wall** “Wailing Wall”, the most religious site in the world for the Jewish people. Located in the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City, it is the western support wall of the Temple Mount. Prayers are either spoken or written down and placed in the cracks of the wall.
* Drive to **Mt. Zion** to visit the **Church of** **St. Peter in Gallicantu** meaning “cock's-crow” commemorating Peter's triple rejection of Jesus "... before the cock crows twice." (*Mark 14:30*)
* Also, on Mt. Zion, is the **Room of the Last Supper** (*Luke 22:14-2*0) and the traditional site of **Tomb of King David.**
* Drive to **Bethlehem** the birthplace of Jesus. Visit **Manger Square** where the **Church of the Nativity** stands. It’s one of the oldest churches in the world and was built above the cave where, according to the Bible, Jesus was born. (*Luke 2: 1‐7*) Continue to **Shepherds' Fields**. Imagine watching over flocks of sheep by night in the traditional location of an angelic announcement of Jesus's birth. (*Luke 2:8‐20)***,**

**Dinner & Overnight**: Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem

**Day 7: Saturday, October 17: The City of Jerusalem**

Breakfast at the hotel,

* Drive to the Dead Sea region.
* Visit **Qumran**, administrative center of an ascetic Jewish community that flourished between the 2nd century BC and the 1st century AD. Many scholars associate **John the Baptist** with this community and Jesus may have even spent time here. The community members were mostly scribes responsible for the copying and preservation of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**,
* Enjoy a visit to the **AHAVA factory** that produces healing and rejuvenating products made from the Dead Sea mineral
* Stop for overview at **Ein Gedi**, where **David** hid in a cave when running from Saul (*1 Samuel 23*) and may have composed several of his Psalms.
* View the ruins of Herod’s palace at **Masada**, where the Zealots fled in 70 AD after the fall of Jerusalem in the Jewish Great Revolt against Rome. Ascend by cable car up to the summit to explore the palace remains as well as cisterns, vast food stores, Mikvot [ritual baths] and the synagogue built by the Zealots as well as the remains of a sixth century Byzantine church.
* One of the most unique experiences the Dead Sea has to offer is **floating in the Dead Sea**! It’s a must do on your list! Just lay back, relax and enjoy.
* Return to Jerusalem

**Day 8: Sunday, October 18: The City of Jerusalem**

Breakfast at the hotel

* Start the day at the **Israel Museum** and visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Visit the **model of Second Temple** Jerusalem to view Jerusalem as it looked during the time of Jesus.
* Visit **Yad Vashem**, Israel’s national memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, spend time at the Museum with its Hall of Names, the Children’s Memorial and Walk along the Street of the Righteous where Oscar Schindler and many others are memorialized.
* Visit the **Friends of Zion Heritage Center** which brings the stories of Christian love for Israel to life in a unique multimedia and interactive way
* Continue to the Ella valley, historically known as the **battlefield site between David and Goliath** (1 Samuel 17 1-4, 50), the valley is a beautiful countryside region also named as 'The Tuscany of Israel’,

**Dinner & Overnight**: Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem

**Day 9: Monday, October 19: The City of Jerusalem**

Breakfast at the hotel, Check out.

* Today we will enter the Old City through **St. Stephen’s Gate**, also known as **Lions Gate.**
* Visit the **Pool of Bethesda** - site of the miraculous **healing of a paralyzed man** by Jesus (*John 5:2-9*), and the Crusader **Church of St. Anne**, where groups love to sing hymns
* From here begins the **Via Dolorosa -** **the Way of the Cross**, here **Jesus was tried before Pilate** (*Mark 15:6*). Continue through the Alleysto the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher,** containing the last 5 stations, traditionally believed to be the site of **Golgotha** “the place of the skull” where **Jesus was crucified**, (*Matt. 27:33–35; Mark 15:22–25; John 19:17–24*).
* Enjoy Free time in the **Old City Market**

Continue to **Garden Tomb & Golgotha**, the garden and tomb where **Jesus was buried and then** and **rose from the dead**. We will have time for our **Communion.**

* The **Saxum Visitor Center** guided tour helps visitors to immerse themselves in the history of the Holy Land through timelines, maps, interactive screens, models, recreations, and video mappings, allowing them to experience the spatial and temporal dimensions of the land Jesus walked through.
* Stop for a **Farewell Dinner** at the Village of Abu- Gush

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your Night flight back home.