



## REVOLVE CHURCH

### 10-DAY "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS" TOUR IN ISRAEL

#### **DAY 1: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 - DEPART THE USA FOR TEL AVIV, ISRAEL**

#### **DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020 – ARRIVE INTO TEL AVIV**

Arrive in Tel Aviv. Tour group will be met at airport and assisted with arrival procedures. Dinner and overnight beside the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

#### **Dinner**

#### **DAY 3: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020 - CAESAREA MARITIMA / MT. CARMEL / VALLEY OF ARMAGEDDON / MEGIDDO / NAZARETH / ARRIVE ON THE SEA OF GALILEE**

Today we depart for the Galilee enjoying stops at the extensive ruins of Caesarea Maritima, an ancient port city, built by King Herod and later becoming the seat of government of the Roman governors, and where Peter proclaimed the Good News to the Roman centurion (Acts 9 & 25). We continue to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah prayed, and God defeated 450 prophets of Baal with fire from heaven (1 Kings 18). We drive by Nazareth on our way to Tiberias. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

#### **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

#### **DAY 4: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 - MT. OF BEATITUDES / CAPERNAUM / BOAT RIDE ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / YARDENIT (FOR BAPTISMS)**

We begin our special time in the Galilee, rich in memories of the life of Jesus, with a short drive to the Mt. of Beatitudes where we enjoy time for spiritual reflection and meditation on Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5: 1-15) while enjoying the beautiful view of the Sea of Galilee. We continue along the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (Mark 1: 31-38), the base of Jesus' early ministry, the home of Peter, and the site of many healings. In the afternoon, we board a replica "Jesus Boat", a fishing boat of the kind used by the disciples of Jesus, for our ride on the Sea of Galilee. We end the day with a visit to the baptism site called – Yardenit, for baptisms. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

#### **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

#### **DAY 5: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020 - CAESAREA PHILIPPI / TEL DAN / GAMLA**

After breakfast, we head to the Golan Heights to visit Caesarea Philippi where Jesus asked His disciples "who do men say that I am?" (Mark 8: 27-30, Matt. 16:13). We will enjoy a short hike through the beautiful nature reserve of Tel Dan (named for the tribe of Dan) where we will see the gate of Jeroboam and the ancient Abraham Gate. Next, we drive to Gamla. Known sometimes as the "Masada of the North," Gamla is most famous for its strong defense against the Romans in the Jewish Revolt in AD 66. The site is bordered on all sides by deep wadis of the Golan Heights and is approachable by only one footpath from the northeast. The earliest settlement was in the Early Bronze Age and the site was inhabited by returning exiles from

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Babylon. Herod the Great settled Jews here to populate his border cities. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

**DAY 6: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 -MT. ARBEL / MOUNT OF OLIVES**

Today, we depart early from the hotel heading for Jerusalem with a short ride up to Mt. Arbel for an incredible panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. We leave the Sea of Galilee area for Jerusalem stopping for lunch before ascending to the majestic city of Jerusalem. Once we enter Jerusalem, we make a stop at the Mt. of Olives for an incredible view of Jerusalem and the Old City. Check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

**DAY 7: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 - ISRAEL MUSEUM / PALM SUNDAY ROAD / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE / ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU // BETHLEHEM / US EMBASSY**

We begin our day with a visit to the Israel Museum to visit the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. Additionally, the 1:50 scale model of Jerusalem, as the city would have appeared in Jesus' time, will fascinate you! Next, we head to the beautiful Mt. of Olives to walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove, and the Church of All Nations, where tradition holds that Jesus prayed on the night of His betrayal (Matt. 26:36, John 18:1). We will have a time of teaching and personal reflection at a special location in the Garden of Gethsemane. Next, we travel to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, the site of the house of Caiaphas and where three times Peter denied Christ. We will see the original steps used by Jesus as he was held at Caiaphas's house before being tried by Pontius Pilate and ultimately, crucified. Next, we head to Bethlehem to see the Church of the Nativity - the birthplace of our Lord. On our way to Bethlehem we drive by the new US Embassy location. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

**DAY 8: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 - TEMPLE MOUNT / POOLS OF BETHESDA / ST. ANNE'S CHURCH / PLACE OF THE PAVEMENT / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / WAILING WALL / DAVIDSON CENTER / SOUTHERN STEPS / CITY OF DAVID**

Following breakfast, we will make an early visit to the Temple Mount. Exiting the Temple Mount, we walk to the Pools of Bethesda, the site where Jesus healed the cripple. Before leaving the Pools of Bethesda, we will visit St. Anne's Crusader Church with its magnificent acoustics. We take a short walk for a visit to the Pavement (where Jesus stood while being tried by Pilate). We continue on Via Dolorosa for a visit at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After lunch, we walk to the Western (Wailing) Wall, the most holy site where Jews are permitted to pray. Next, we visit the Davidson Center before walking to the Southern Steps. We leave the Old City for a visit to the City of David to explore the excellent archeological remains from David's period and that of the Kings of Judah (2 Samuel 5: 8-10). We will enjoy a fun and enlightening walk (potentially wet!) through Hezekiah's Tunnel, the 2,700-year-old water tunnel dug during the reign of King Hezekiah (2 Chron. 32:30) and remaining as one of the wonders of early engineering. The tunnel ends at the Pool of Siloam where Jesus healed the blind man by spitting on the ground. Bring a flashlight and good water shoes with you, as you will get wet walking through the tunnel should you choose to do so. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

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**DAY 9: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020 - ANCIENT SHILOH / GARDEN TOMB / YAD VASHEM / FAREWELL DINNER.**

This morning we head to Shiloh, the ancient city in Samaria spoken about in the book of 1 Samuel. We return to Jerusalem for a visit at Golgotha and the Garden Tomb for a time of quiet reflection, worship, and communion. The afternoon there will be an optional visit to Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Return to the hotel for our farewell dinner and overnight.

**Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

**DAY 10: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020 – RETURN FLIGHT BACK TO THE USA**

Check out of the hotel and transfer to the Tel Aviv airport to catch our return flight back to the USA.

**Breakfast**

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