Walking with Jesus Through the Land of the Book

October 22-30, 2019
Our Scripture Walks
Daily Itinerary & Plans

Day-1 Tuesday October 22:
City of David/Tower David Day

After meeting in the lobby of Mamilla at 8AM, we board our bus and head to the Herod Family Tombs. This is an authentic NT era tomb with a rolling stone. We move on to the overlook of the Hinnom Valley, and get our first orientation to Jerusalem, Mt Zion, and the Mt. of Olives. Next we go to the Jaffa Gate where we walk outside the Kishle Walls to the Herod’s Palace Gate remains. This is the spot where the Wisemen of Matthew 2 would come to see Herod. The Citadel of David Museum gives us a panoramic overview of Biblical History. At the Tower deck we trace the key spots before us in the Old City before heading to the Kishle and the steps hewn in bedrock by Herod himself. This is where Herod walked and where Pilate walked on his way to try Jesus in John 19. We have a wonderful time for lunch at the Mamilla Mall. Next we go to Jeremiah’s Dungeon in the courtyard at the entrance of the City of David for special Lamentations service; and then go down the stairs to the Palace of David. We walk down through the City of David water system, and go to the outside to walk around the olive trees on our way to John 9’s actual Pool of Siloam. A quick ride to the Sherover Promenade where we remember
Abraham’s Genesis 22 stop as well as his Genesis 14 meeting with Melchisadek. Our day wonderfully ends at the Church of Peter in Gallicantu remembering Luke 22’s somber night. We descend into one of the grottos, much like the one Jesus spent the night in before His crucifixion in John 19. Back to the Mamilla Hotel for dinner with overflowing hearts.

**Day-2 Wednesday October 23: Olives/Old City Day**

After breakfast we board the bus at 8 and head to the Mt. of Olives where we remember Christ’s Luke 24 and Acts 1 Ascension. After pictures we walk down the Palm Sunday Road of Mt. 21:1; Mk. 11:1; Jn. 12:12. We pull over at the Tomb of Prophets for an overview before heading into the Church of Dominus Flevit (Luke 19:41-44; Matthew 24:1-2). Continuing our descent, we enter Gethsemane (Mt. 26:36; Mk. 14:32-42; Lk. 22:39-53; Jn. 18:2-12). Back on the bus we have lunch in Ein Kerem where Mary came to stay with her cousin Elisabeth. After lunch we go to the Church of the Visitation. The rest of the day is invested among the treasures of the Israel Museum. Among the countless Biblical artifacts we focus on the Herod & NT Room. Lastly we overview and study the Second Temple Model. Back to the place we’ve grown to love, the Mamilla Hotel, for dinner and a walk around the Mall or even into the Old City if you’d like.
Day-3 Thursday October 24: Passion Day:
After breakfast, we leave at 8 for the Garden Tomb and experience John 20 like never before. We walk down to the Damascus Gate and see the city gate from the times of the NT twenty feet below us. Winding through the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, we see through all the smoke of incense and the crowded icons: the place where most likely Jesus was crucified and buried. Onward to the Muristan for lunch and some shops that are full of anything you’d like to buy. We meander down the Via Dolorossa to the Austrian Hospice Rooftop for another overview focusing on the key sites of Christ’s Last Night. We ponder those events sitting in the lovely gardens of the Austrian Hospice coffee shop and veranda. Next, the Russian Orthodox Prison Church on Via Dolarossa. Then the Flagellation Chapel Courtyard where we find ourselves sitting on first century paver stones. Further down the Via Dolorossa, at St. Anne’s, we enter John 5’s Pools of Bethesda. Conditions permitting we walk out the Lion’s Gate and down to the Eastern Gate and on to the the Kidron Valley Overview. The bus whisks us to the Mamilla Hotel for our third night’s dinner.

Day-4 Friday October 25: Jewish Quarter Day:
After breakfast, we head for the Mt. Zion Gate where we enter the Old City
Jewish Quarter and experience a fresh, warm, genuine bakery treat right out of the oven on our way to Hezekiah’s Broad Wall. Next is the Upper Room and then to a nearby rooftop for an amazing devotional service. Walking onward we visit the Herodian Mansions/Burnt House area where Caiaphas must have lived. Then as you pick your lunch spot, remember you’re eating area right where Caiaphas’ House probably stood. Next we walk to the Davidson Center where we have a moving time at the Southern Steps. We look over the newly excavated ruins of the time of Daniel before going for our Western Wall Tunnel tour. Back again to the Mamilla Hotel, night four.

**Day-5 Saturday October 26: Drive North Day**

We load the bus after breakfast and start out way out of Jerusalem towards spectacular Galilee. Our first stop is in the desert area of Qumran, looking out at the wilderness of Christ’s Matthew 4 temptation and the spot where the Dead Sea Scroll caves are still found. Onward we drive up the Jordan River Valley to Beth Shan for a falaffel lunch and then our amazing time at Bethshan. The day ends at Gideon’s Spring at Harod where we re-live Judges 6-8 sitting with our feet in the cool waters of that very same springs. Tonight we enjoy our
first time at the lovely new U Boutique Hotel by the beautiful Sea of Galilee.

**Day-6 Sunday October 27: Nazareth Day:**
After breakfast our first stop is the Precipice of Nazareth Overview Plaza. On to immerse ourselves in a carefully recreated Nazareth of the time of Jesus’ boyhood. After our Nazareth Village tour, we eat a First Century meal together. Next is Megiddo where, at the top, we overview Armageddon. Out through the 2800 year old water tunenel to our waiting bus. Onward to the Jezreel Ruins where we remember Elijah, Jezebel & Ahab before ending the day at the Jordan River, Yardenit for a memorable baptismal service. Back for night two at the U Boutique Hotel.

**Day-7 Monday October 28: Arbel Day**

Our day begins with what for most pilgrims is their favorite experience. Mount Arbel is the spot we remember Jesus praying in Matthew 14, and also “the mountain” where He gave Matthew 28’s Great Commission. It is unchanged from the time of Christ, and before us speaks the entire
panorama of the Sea of Galilee and 60% of all the miracles recorded in His ministry. Down to the Valley of the Doves to walk the road Jesus must have walked many times. Then Magdala to see the synagogue where Mary of Magdala came often to hear Jesus teach. We enjoy a St. Peter’s Fish lunch and then a Jesus Boat ride. We end our day at the Church of the Primacy. Where we can walk the shore of the Sea of Galilee and take a stone to remember this place where Jesus re-commissioned Peter in John 21. Back for our last night at the incredible U Boutique Hotel.

Day-8  
Tuesday  
October 29:  
Capernaum & North Day

After breakfast, we journey back to Matthew 5, 6, and 7’s Hill of Beatitudes. Then at Capernaum for a service in the synagogue from the time of Jesus before we go down to the port of Peter’s fishing boat. On to Bethsaida for a visit in the Fisherman’s House ruins. An added bonus is the OT ruins of Geshur, and the high places at the entrance gates. We motor on to Chorazim where we remember Matthew 11:28-30. Then, our last stop is at Mark 5’s city of Kursi & the Monastery Cave. Our last night is at the Netanya Island Suites.
Hotel where we stop for dinner and preparation for the fullest day of our journey tomorrow.

**Day-9 Wednesday October 30: Caesarea Day**

After breakfast we travel to what may be the most important stop of our journey. Jerusalem explains what Christ did; Galilee explains who He was; but it is here in Caesarea that we learn Why He Came. Caesarea is where the first one of us Gentile believers was baptized. This is the spot where Paul came and went from missionary journeys. This is the place where the Gospel went GLOBAL. There is so much to see and understand. We spend the whole day here with lunch as a group included in the tour price in one of the nice restaurants. We marvel at the Caesarea Theater. At the Caesarea Harbor we sit on the edge of where the docks were for Paul’s Missionary Journeys. We see Herod’s Palace view from the Praetorium where Paul was imprisoned for two years. Paul may have written the Epistles to the Philippians and Colossians from here. We see the Hippodrome before walking down to the Roman Boat docks. Our last stop is the Caesarea Aqueduct. We walk the beach looking for pieces of Herod’s Palace, wade in the Med and then head off to the airport for our journey back home with full hearts, overflowing journals, and endless opportunities to process and live out what we just gleaned from the past 9 days journeying through the Land of the Book!
The Details

The tour begins in the Lobby of the Mamilla Hotel in Jerusalem on Tuesday morning 8AM on October 22, 2019. The tour ends at the Ben Gurion Airport on October 30 at 7PM. All pilgrims must provide their own air transportation to and from Tel Aviv.

We suggest that you arrive in Jerusalem at least the day before (Monday 10/21/19) in order to be rested and ready to go the next morning. It is easiest to go online and reserve a room at the Mamilla that night before. It is not cheap, but it is very nice and very convenient to be

Study Tour Pricing:
- $3599 per person double occupancy; add $650 for a single occupancy room; plus $189 for group tips to all porters, waiters, maids, bus drivers, and guides throughout our journey. No other tipping is necessary on the tour.

The Study Tour Includes:
- All entrance fees.
- Daily Deluxe Motorcoach transportation
- 4 Nights at the Mamilla Hotel in Jerusalem; 3 nights at the U Boutique Hotel in Tiberius; and 1 night in Netanya at the Island Suites.
- Breakfast & Dinner daily
- Three of the day’s lunches: one at Nazareth, one at Magdala, and one at Caesarea.
at the Hotel the night before. There are other less expensive hotels for that night before but you must be sure you and your bags are in the lobby before 8AM.

We will cover the details of getting to the hotel on your own (c. $70 taxi, or a c. $25 per person shared van); as well as other less expensive hotels in our study classes. We have had many frazzled pilgrims who stayed at other hotels and found the early morning transfer to the Mamilla was a challenge. The choice is yours, but we recommend getting a room at the Mamilla.

**Flights Home:** Please NOTE that security takes more than two hours at TLV airport. We will get there by 7PM, DO NOT try to get a flight before 930PM on October 30. After 10PM is wisest. Extend your stay: It is very safe, and very easy to stay longer. Just ask me for details.