



Crossing back to Israel from Arava border. Drive by Eilat. Visit **Timna Park**– the copper mines that once were the economic gateway to ancient Israel. Climb up Solomon’s Pillars in this magnificent desert scene. See also a reconstruction of the ancient **Tabernacle** that the Israelites built while wondering the desert for 40 years.

LUNCH – TIMNA PARK

Drive to Dead Sea hotel. Late check-in. Dinner and overnight in Dead Sea (O/N Hod Hotel or similar)

**13 OCT / SUN (DEAD SEA FLOAT / EIN GEDI / EIN GEDI OPENING NIGHT / JERUSALEM) – (B/L/D)**

Free time for floating in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea.

Drive to Ein Gedi for visit. See the waterfalls at this Oasis in the desert, which is mentioned several times in the Book of Psalms, and hear the biblical stories of King David hiding from King Saul. The combination of Ein Gedi’s abundance of water and tropical climate provides the ability for wonderful exotic plant and animal life to flourish.

LUNCH – EIN GEDI

***Attend the ICEJ conference in Ein Gedi (from 16:00)***

Drive to Jerusalem and late check-in at hotel (O/N in Ramada Hotel or similar)

**14 OCT / MON (TEMPLE MOUNT / VIA DOLORISA / CARDO / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE / CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS / EVENING CONFERENCE) – (B/L/D)**

Visit the **Temple Mount**, like many sites in Jerusalem the Temple Mount is sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians. Originally, it was the site of the two great Temples of Jerusalem. Now it serves as the location of the famed Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Walk the Via Dolorosa / Stations of the Cross to Church of the **Holy Sepulcher**. Walk through the Christian Quarter and on to the Roman Cardo in the Jewish Quarter and its colorful Bazaars.

LUNCH – NOTRE DAME

Descend via the **Palm Sunday Walk** to visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Enter the Garden of Gethsemane, with its ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Christ. The garden is next to the magnificent **Church of all Nations (Basilica of Agony)** & The **Greek Orthodox Church** of the **Tomb of the Virgin Mary**.

***Attending evening session at Pais Arena for Parade of the Nations.***

Overnight in Jerusalem (O/N in Ramada Hotel or similar)

**15 OCT / TUE (MORNING CONFERENCE / CITY OF DAVID / MT ZION / GARDEN TOMB COMMUNION / EVENING CONFERENCE) – (B/L/D)**

**Attending morning ICEJ conference.** Visit the **City of David** including the Davidson Center and Southern Steps where the believers step up to the Temple on the Jewish Feasts, including 3D movie. Continue to **Mt. Zion**: visit the Last supper room & King David's Tomb

LUNCH - BULGHOURJI

**Garden Tomb** communion. **Attending evening ICEJ session**

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem (O/N in Ramada Hotel or similar)

**16 OCT / WED (TEMPLE INSTITUTE / ISRAEL PARLIAMENT / GENESIS LAND & CAMEL RIDE / WESTERN WALL TUNNEL) – (B/L/D)**

**Temple Institute** (last visit until 9:30) View the **Israel Parliament**. The Menora is the symbol of the Jewish State which was donated by the British people to the Jewish people in 1956, showing 29 icons of Jewish History. Travel to the "**Land of Genesis**". Here, "Abraham" and his family take us on a short **camel ride** and host us for a biblical-style **Hebrew Hospitality** in their tent, This unusual location will appeal to both adults and children alike as they reenact their favorite characters from the Bible (including camel ride and lunch)

LUNCH – GENESIS LAND

After dinner we begin to descend through the many layers of Jerusalem's past at the time of the Temple through the **Western Wall Tunnels**. Inside, a most interesting model shows the different dwelling periods and history of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Stand on the site believed to be the nearest spot to the "Holy of Holies"

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem (O/N in Ramada Hotel or similar)

**17 OCT / THUR (MORNING CONFERENCE / JERUSALEM MARCH / ISRAELI NIGHT) – (B/L/D)**

**Attending whole day in ICEJ conference**

- **Morning session**
- **LUNCH - MANDARIN**
- **2pm Jerusalem March**
- **dinner in hotel**
- **evening session Israeli night**

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem (O/N in Ramada Hotel or similar)

**18 OCT / FRI (BAPTISM AT YARDENIT / BOAT RIDE & ST PETER'S FISH LUNCH / MT BEATITUDES / CAPERNAUM / TABGHA / HAIFA)**

Drive to **Yardenit**: Baptism site on Jordan River. Lunch - St Peter's Fish **Boat Ride** on Sea of Galilee. Drive to **Mount Beatitudes**: North of the Sea of Galilee, atop the Beatitudes Mount, lies a beautiful church with an octagonal dome that represents the 8 "Beatitudes" of the sermon that Jesus Christ blessed his disciples with 2000 years ago (Mathew 5: 1-12). Nearby, in the year 2000, the Pope blessed 100,000 believers who gathered here to commemorate this historical-religious event. Then continue **Capernaum**: In the small fishermen village in the northern part of Lake Kinneret, a 2<sup>nd</sup> century synagogue was discovered which threw light on the life of the community of that era. According to the Christian tradition, Jesus served here as a local rabbi and performed miracles. Two miles of beautiful promenade along the seashore lead from the holy churches of Tabgha to Capernaum (Mathew. 4: 12-13).

#### LUNCH – PAGODA / KTZE HANACHAL

We continue to **Tabgha**: The seven springs that flow on the north-eastern corner of the Lake Kinneret attracted believers from the 3 main religions throughout the generations. The fishermen of the lake used to throw their nets nearby and small villages were settled here for many years. The variety of the flora and fauna of the region can be seen in the stunning mosaic floor that was created by two artists in the 2nd century. Two old churches built on ancient ruins of Jewish villages commemorate the miracles of the Christian savior who fed 5000 starving people with 2 fishes and 5 loaves, cured lepers and opened blind eyes (Mathew 14: 15-20).

Dinner and overnight in Haifa (O/N in Golden Crown Hotel or similar)

### **19 OCT / SAT (MUHRAKA / NAZARETH VILLAGE / CHURCH OF ANNUNCIATION / TEL AVIV) – (B/L)**

After breakfast we will drive to the **Muhraka** where on this summit the dramatic battle between Elijah and the prophets of Baal took place. According to tradition, the fire that rained down from the sky amid a struggle between Prophet Elijah and the Baal prophets had occurred in this exact location.

We'll also stop at **Nazareth Village** to see and understand what life was like during the time of the Second Temple. Learn about the way of life in Israel thousands of years ago during the times of Jesus and his disciples

#### LUNCH – NAZARETH VILLAGE

We'll drive to **Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus, and visit the **Church of the Annunciation** where Mary was first informed about her pregnancy with Jesus.

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for the departure of your flight home – 20:00