

# Itinerary

**NOTE:** This itinerary, though carefully organized, is subject to change. Every effort will be made, however, to include all activities listed here. In addition, not all activities appear on this itinerary. For example, various guest speakers will address the group on such topics as Judaism, Islam, Christianity in the Holy Land and the current Israeli/Palestinian Conflict.

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**Day 1, Monday, February 8** **Leave Home**  
We leave home and make our way across the Atlantic to Israel.

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**Day 2, Tuesday, February 9** **Jerusalem**  
We land in Tel Aviv in the morning, board our bus, and proceed to the Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem (Tantur). After settling in, we'll walk out on the roof-top and enjoy a panoramic view of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the surrounding villages.

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**Day 3, Wednesday, February 10** **Jerusalem**  
Following breakfast, we board our bus and drive to various lookout points surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Later in the day, we will discuss the geography of Israel in preparation for our 3-day trip south to the Negev.

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**Day 4, Thursday, February 11** **Negev**  
After an early breakfast, we head south to the desert to visit the site of ancient Beersheva, an important city in the Old Testament. We will also visit the magnificent crater known as Maktesh Ramon.

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**Day 5, Friday, February 12** **Negev**  
We spend our day today learning about the Bedouin and life in the desert. We'll ride camels and enjoy desert hospitality.

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**Day 6, Saturday, February 13** **Negev**  
We head back to Jerusalem by way of the Dead Sea. While in route, we will stop at the massive fortress of Masada, feel the salty water at Ein Gedi and visit Qumran, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We'll arrive back at Tantur in time for the evening meal and a relaxing evening.

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**Day 7, Sunday, February 14** **Jerusalem**  
After breakfast, we head for the village of Abu Ghosh, where we will worship together in a local church. Following the noon meal, we'll have the afternoon free for relaxing and exploring. In the evening, we'll worship together at Tantur and enjoy the community meal.

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**Day 8, Monday, February 15** **Jerusalem**  
We'll spend the day together visiting various religious sites in Jerusalem, including the Garden Tomb, Western Wall, Dormition Abbey and Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu.

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**Day 9, Tuesday, February 16** **Ein Kerem**  
Following breakfast, we'll board our bus and drive to Yad VaShem, the inspiring holocaust museum in Jerusalem. In the afternoon, we will visit the village of Ein Kerem, the traditional site for the birth of John the Baptist.

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**Day 10, Wednesday, February 17** **Jerusalem**  
Today is a free day to use as you wish. Various options will be presented. We'll gather again at Tantur for the evening meal and an evening discussion.

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**Day 11, Thursday, February 18** **Judean Wilderness**  
We will spend our time today learning about Desert Spirituality and the Monastic movement, including a visit to a local monastery.

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**Day 12, Friday, February 19** **Bethlehem**  
After breakfast, we will make our way to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. In the evening, we will visit a local synagogue and welcome in the Sabbath with the people there.

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**Day 13, Saturday, February 20** **Bethlehem**  
We return to Bethlehem today and visit the Bethlehem Bible College, a wonderful evangelical school training local Palestinians to serve in the church and their communities. We will also go to a nearby refugee camp and meet local Palestinian families.

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**Day 14, Sunday, February 21** **Jerusalem**  
We will travel into Jerusalem and worship together at the East Jerusalem Baptist Church. In the afternoon, we are free to wander around the city and visit places of our own choosing. We will return to Tantur for worship and the community meal.

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**Day 15, Monday, February 22** **Jerusalem**  
We will spend a full day in Jerusalem today reflecting on the life and ministry of Jesus. We will begin our spiritual journey on the top of the Mount of Olives, visit the Garden of Gethsemane and St. Anne's Church, then travel along the Via Dolorosa ("Way of the Cross"). Our journey ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of Jesus' death and resurrection.



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**Day 16, Tuesday, February 23** **Jerusalem**  
After breakfast, we board our bus and drive to the Holy Land Hotel, where we will look at the large-scale model of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. Afterward, we will visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed.

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**Day 17, Wednesday, February 24** **Jerusalem**  
Today is our final free day. We will spend it shopping in the Old City, visiting new sites, and saying "Good Bye" to people we have met.

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**Day 18, Thursday, February 25** **Galilee**  
After an early breakfast, we leave Tantur and make our way north to Galilee. Along the way, we will visit the ancient and modern cities of Jericho.

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**Day 19, Friday, February 26** **Galilee**  
We spend the day around the Sea of Galilee. We will visit Capernaum, the hometown of Jesus during his adult years. We'll also stop for reflective times at the Mt. of Beatitudes and Tabgha, the traditional site for the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes.

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**Day 20, Saturday, February 27** **Nazareth**  
Today we travel to Nazareth and visit the Church of the Annunciation and Nazareth Village, a life-size model of a 1st century town.

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**Day 21, Sunday, February 28** **Caesarea**  
After breakfast, we head south to Tel Aviv. Along the way, we will visit the ancient city of Megiddo; Mt. Carmel, where the Prophet Elijah confronted the Prophets of Baal; and Caesarea, the great port of King Herod. We will then spend the night in Tel Aviv before making the long journey home.

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**Day 22, Monday, March 1** **Return Home**  
At the close of our inspiring visit to the Holy Land, we board our plane and return home.