



Israel Trip 2020

June 2-14, 2020

ISRAEL ITINERARY June 2* – 14, 2020

6/02 Tues (Day 1)	Travel to Tel Aviv <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight #AC7384 from STL-YYZ departs at 9:25 am and arrives at 12:27 pm. • Flight #AC080 from YYZ-TLV departs at 4:30 pm and arrives at 10:00 am on June 3rd 	
6/03 Wed (Day 2)	Mt. of Olives lookout over Kidron valley to Temple Mount Shephelah / Western approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive Tel Aviv Israel Ben Gurion Airport • Tel Gezer (strategic crossroad on Via Maris) • Tel Beth Shemesh (lunch) – Ark of the Covenant (1 Samuel 5 & 6) • Tel Azekah (Elah) – Battle of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17) 	Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem
6/04 Thu (Day 3)	Highlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Yad Vashem – Holocaust Museum • National Israel Museum – Visit the display of the Dead Sea Scrolls • Herodian Fortress • Bethlehem (Lutheran Christmas Church, Nativity Cave, shopping) • (Jerome Caves if Church of the Nativity is full) - Matthew 2:13-18 	Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem
6/05 Fri (Day 4)	Jerusalem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harem Esh Sharif – Temple Mount (subject to security) • Rabbinic Tunnels – (under wailing wall) • Wohl Museum – (Archaeological displays of 1st century homes) • Church of St Anne (Birthplace of Mary?) / Bethesda (John 5) • Bethesda to the Holy Sepulcher down the Via Dolorosa) • Muristan – Christian Quarter (lunch followed by free time shopping) • Church of the Redeemer (Lutheran; tower optional) 	Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem
6/06 Sat (Day 5)	Jordan Valley / Eastern Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masada • En Gedi (hike to lower falls, option for upper falls) 1 Samuel 24 • Qumran (Dead Sea Scrolls found here) • Dead Sea (swim) 	Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem
6/07 Sun (Day 6)	Coastal Plain / Lower Western Galilee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departure from Jerusalem & travel North • Caesarea Maritima (Acts 23:23-28) • Mt. Carmel (Carmelite Monastery) – 1 Kings 18:16-19:18) • Megiddo (Optional Water Tunnel Hike) • Sepphoris - 3.7 mi north-northwest of Nazareth • Magdala – Home of Mary Magdalene 	Dinner & Overnight: Ein Gev

6/08 Mon (Day 7)	Sea of Galilee & Evangelical Triangle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nazareth Village • Mount Arbel overlook of Sea of Galilee • Bethsaida Julias (Jesus feeds 5000 – Matthew 14) • Capernaum (Boat Ride from Capernaum) • Tabgha (Jesus reinstates Peter – John 21) • Chapel of the Beatitudes (Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5-7) 	Dinner & Overnight: Ein Gev
6/09 Tue (Day 8)	Golan Heights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethsaida Julias (Lunch at Golan Brewery) • Gamla Lookout (Great Revolt against Rome begins here) • Kursi - Miracle of the Swine (Mark 5:1-20) 	Dinner & Overnight: Ein Gev
6/10 Wed (Day 9)	Golan Heights / Hulah Basin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel Hazor - largest fortified city – northern gateway • Tel Dan (Non-Hikers may visit the Welcome Center) • Caesarea Philippi – (Matthew 16:13-28) • Tel Kedesh and Pagan Temple (Levitical City) 	Dinner & Overnight: Ein Gev
6/11 Thu (Day 10)	Jordan Valley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bet Shean/Scythopolis (1 Samuel 31) • Jericho (Lunch at Temptation) • Bet Avara (Bethabara - Jesus Baptismal Site on the Jordan River) Mark 1 • Jericho lookout - • Wadi Qelt lookout (The Road to Jerusalem) Luke 10 	Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem
6/12 Fri (Day 11)	Jerusalem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of David: Palace ruins, Warren’s shaft, Hezekiah’s tunnel • Davidson Museum & Southern Wall Excavation (time permitting) • (Free time in Jerusalem) • Armon HaNatziv (United Nations lookout over the old city of Jerusalem) 	Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem
6/13 Sat (Day 12)	Jerusalem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethpage – Palm Sunday Jesus rides a donkey (and tombs behind it) • Dominus Flavit (Tear Drop Chapel) – Jesus weeping over the City of Jerusalem. • Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46) • Kidron Valley walk (Optional walk - St. Peter Gallicantu – <i>meaning “cock crow”</i>) Mark 14:27-31 • Western Wall at night (optional walk; return to Holy Sepulchre for closing) • Farewell Dinner at hotel 	Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem
6/14 Sun (Day 13)	Travel to Ben Gurion airport for Departure Flight #AC081 from TLV-YYZ departs at 11:45 am and arrives at 4:30 pm. Flight #AC7389 from YYZ-STL departs at 8:35 pm and arrives at 9:45 pm.	

* Our departure date has changed from June 1st to June 2nd because the flights available on June 1st were all night time flights. Our arrival in Tel Aviv would have been late night on June 2nd and we would have gone directly to our hotel in Jerusalem to sleep for the night. Changing our date to June 2nd allows us to begin our Israel adventure as soon as we land on June 3rd