

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LANDS

Excursion Program: 7 days / 6 nights

Cities to visit: Bethlehem » Jerusalem » Nablus » Galilee » Baptism Site of Jesus Christ » Tabgha » Nazareth » Tel Aviv » Jaffa

<u>Program</u>

DAY 1 / Bethlehem

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. Meeting with the our representative in the passenger waiting room. Transfer to a hotel in Bethlehem. Dinner. overnight stay.

DAY 2 / Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Breakfast. A tour in Bethlehem: Trip to the Church of the Nativity, the cave of the Nativity of Christ, and the cave of the Bethlehem babies. Then, moving to Jerusalem, walking pilgrimage passing by the Lion Gate of the Old Cit, the gate of Mercy, the Golden Gate, Bethesda - "Sheep's font", one of the narthexes of which the Savior healed the paralytic. Then, a visit to Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Way of the Cross, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Holy Calvary, Anointing Stone, Holy Cuvuklia - the place of the Holy Sepulcher, Angel's chapel, Rotunda of the Holy Sepulcher, Katholikon - the Greek Cathedral Church of the Resurrection of Christ, Chapel of St. John the Baptist, Chapel of the Finding of the Cross of the Lord, Discovery Cave, Chapel of the Laying of the Crown of Thorns, Chapel of the Prison of the Bonds of the Lord, Chapel of the Weeping Mother of God, and Other shrines of the Temple. Return to the hotel in Bethlehem. Dinner. Overnight stay.

DAY 3/ Nablus - Sabastia

After breakfast, we move to visit to the Church of St. Photinia of the Samaritan Woman over Jacob's Well in Nablus, Mountain monastery, Jacob's Well Monastery. Then, we head to Sabastia, whihch is a place described in the Old Testament. It was here that Herod Antipas presented the dancer Salome with the severed head of John the Baptist, the baptist of Christ. Here is the tomb of John and the old temple above it. Return to the hotel in Bethlehem. Dinner. Overnight stay.

DAY 4 / Jerusalem

Breakfast followed by departure to Jerusalem where we will visit Eleon (Mount of Olives), where you will get the chance to enjoy a panoramic view of the Old City. After the tour in Mount of Olives, we visit "Stopochka", the place of the Ascension of the Lord, Spaso-Voznesensky Orthodox convent, and "Dominus Flevit" the place from which Jesus Christ mourned Jerusalem, foreseeing the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and the coming disasters. We continue our tour in Gethsemane (where the olive trees are the same age as Jesus Christ), the Orthodox church, Tomb of the Mother of God, miraculous icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "Jerusalem", Temple of all Nations, Stone of Prayer for the Chalice (here Christ prayed to God the Father for deliverance from suffering; Judas betrayed at this place), Greek Church of St. Stephen at the Lion's Gate of the Old City

Also, we visit The City of David, which is the oldest part of Jerusalem, Mount Zion, Tomb of King David, Room of the Last Supper, Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and we end it in the Panoramic Site of the Siloam font - the place where Jesus Christ healed the blind man. Return to the hotel in Bethlehem. Dinner.

DAY 5 / Galilee - Tabgha - Jordan River - Nazareth

Breakfast Crossing the Jordan Valley. Then a trip to Jordan River where you can bathing in sacred waters, then we visit the Site of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Magdala, and Mount of Bliss. From Jordan River, we move to Tabgha where we will visit Capernaum, Greek Monastery of the Twelve Apostles, Mount Tabor, the Orthodox Greek monastery of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Bay of the Apostle Peter, and the Miraculous icon of the Mother of God "Fadeless Color". It is possible to stop on the shore for swimming. In addition, there is lunch on the menu of St. Peter's fish (\$20) for those who'd like. Next, we move to Nazareth, in which we will visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Church of the Archangel Gabriel. Finally, we end the tour of the day in Cana of Galilee, and Church of the First Wonderworking of the Savior at the wedding feast. Return to the hotel in Bethlehem. Dinner. Overnight stay.

DAY 6/ Tel Aviv - Jaffa

Breakfast Sightseeing tour of Tel Aviv. Walk through the quarters of Old City of Jaffa. Visit to the Diamond Exchange (Or a free holiday on the Mediterranean.) Return to the hotel in Bethlehem. Dinner. Overnight stay.

DAY 7/ Tel Aviv - Jaffa

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Breakfast. Free time in the Mediterranean. Departure from the hotel to Ben Gurion Airport.



Included in cost:

- Meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel Breakfast, dinner according to the program Transport and excursion services in Israel

- Guide accompaniment (Russian, Ukrainian);
- Accommodation in hotels in double rooms in 3*, 4*, and 5* hotels.

The price does $\underline{\text{not}}$ include:

- Air travel
- Additional costs for entrance fees, taxi to Tabor, tips for the guide and driver - \$45 Having medical insurance is a must.