

CAPERNEWRY 2019

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY 1: FRI. 15 MARCH: Canada to Egypt

Today we depart Vancouver on our overnight flight(s) to Cairo. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. (D)

DAY 2: SAT. 16 MARCH: Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo Airport we are met by our Tour Manager, who will assist us with immigration and luggage formalities. From the airport we take the short drive to our hotel where we can un-pack and relax. Tonight we will have our 'welcome dinner' in anticipation of a memorable journey. (B,D)

DAY 3: SUN. 17 MARCH: Cairo

This morning we will have our first breakfast before beginning our day of sight-seeing, which will include:

Memphis - The original capital of Egypt! Now a southern suburb of Cairo, we see the remains of this, once great, city.

Saqqara - It is here that we view Djoser's 'step' pyramid. Built in the 3rd dynasty, this pyramid was the precursor to the great pyramids of Giza.

Pyramids of Giza - Truly magnificent! Not only can you stand on these great testaments to ancient engineering but you can walk through the passageways of the Great Pyramid to its inner core, the Great Chamber.

Great Sphinx - To this day, there is much debate over who built this large monument and in whose name was it dedicated to. Regardless, the Great Sphinx has stood the test of time and is a wonder to see.

Once back at our hotel we will enjoy dinner and relaxation. (B,D)

DAY 4: MON. 18 MARCH: Cairo

Today we stay in Cairo and visit the following;

Egypt Museum - Host to over 120,000 artifacts there is much to see, including the famous Tutankhamon collection.

Christian Coptic Cairo - Our visit to Christian Cairo, takes us through the Coptic churches, such as the unique 'Hanging Church.' Appropriately named as the church is suspended between two ancient Roman towers.

Felucca Ride - An enjoyable ride on the river Nile on the small Felucca boats, before returning to our hotel.

Dinner will be back at our hotel. (B,D)

DAY 5: TUE. 19 MARCH: Cairo to Mt. Sinai

This morning we embark on a symbolic voyage as we head towards the Promised Land, traveling across the Sinai desert, arriving at the foot of Mt. Sinai by late afternoon.

Here we find St. Catherine's Monastery, built upon the traditional site of Moses' encounter with the Burning Bush.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. (B,D)

DAY 6: WED. 20 MARCH: Mt. Sinai, Red Sea

For those of you who wish to do so, you can ascend Mt. Sinai for sunrise. A truly unique and spectacular moment!

For those less energetic we tour the monastery and surrounding area.

This afternoon we arrive at the shores of the Red Sea and our hotel in Taba. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. (B,D)

DAY 7: THU. 21 MARCH: Negev Wilderness

This morning we cross into Israel and begin our journey in the land of "milk and honey."

Timna Valley - This unique area of geological formations is rich in copper. Experts believe that this is the area where Solomon mined for copper. Whilst here, we shall visit the Tabernacle Model. This full scale reproduction, is accurate in every way to the dimensions described in the bible. Don't look for any gold, silver or bronze, as those materials are not used in this exhibit!

Our final resting place, today, is our hotel, located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Dinner will be at our hotel. (B,D)

DAY 8: FRI. 22 MARCH: Masada, Ein Gedi, Sea of Galilee

After breakfast we will leave the morning free to enjoy the Dead Sea.

Dead Sea - No visit to the Dead Sea would be complete without experiencing the unique buoyancy of these waters. Cover yourself in therapeutic black mud and float on the water!

This afternoon we head for the Galilee, but not before visiting:

Masada - This UNESCO World Heritage site was once Herod's mountain top palace and fortress. Here we ascend to the site by cable car and learn about the last Jewish stand against the Romans and the mass suicide of the 960 Jewish defenders.

Ein Gedi - This national park and oasis hosts the caves of David's Gorge where David hid from Saul and his army. (I Samuel 24, Song of Solomon 1:14; Ezekiel 47:10)

After another fascinating day we journey north to the Sea of Galilee. Located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee our hotel is located in the heart of Tiberius. **(B,D)**

DAY 09: SAT. 23 MARCH: Nazareth, Beth Sh'ean

Today we stay in the Galilee and visit;

Nazareth - Here is where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. Nazareth is also the site of The Annunciation and where the Nazarenes attempted to throw Jesus over the cliff. Now a suburb of Nazareth, Cana, is the site where Jesus performed his first miracle when he changed water into wine at a wedding. (Luke 1:26-38, John 1:46;; Matthew 2:23)

Harod's Spring- It is here that Gideon gathered his men before fighting the Midianites. (Judges 7:1-8)

Bet She'an - The largest of Israel's archeological digs. Even after its initial discovery many years ago, archeologists are, today, still discovering more ruins from the Roman era when Bet She'an was one of the 10 cities in The Decapolis.

This ancient city, although destroyed by an earthquake in the 8th Century, offers a fabulous insight into Roman life and times. After losing the battle to the Philistines, King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls. (1 Samuel 31:10)

From here we return to our hotel in Tiberius. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **(B,D)**

DAY 10: SUN. 24 MARCH: Sea of Galilee and Boat Ride.

After our Israeli buffet breakfast our full touring day involves visits to the heart of Jesus' ministry.

The Mount of Beatitudes - Sit on the hill where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Looking directly south at the Sea of Galilee the flower filled gardens offer peace and tranquility. (Matthew 5:1-8)

Capernaum -The center of Jesus' Galilee!
.Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. The Greek Orthodox Church, Franciscan

monastery and Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter make for an interesting kaleidoscope of varying architecture.(Matthew 9:1; 4:13)

Bethsaida - Also known as 'The House of The Fisherman' this is the home of Peter, Philip and Andrew and also the place where Jesus fed the five thousand and healed the blind man. Here we will see recent excavations of this old city. (Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13; John 1:35-43)

Tabgha - Located at the foot of the Mt. of Beatitudes this is the site of the Miracle of The Loaves and the Fishes. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21, 16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

Sea of Galilee Boat Ride - We end our day with a memorable time in our private boat on the Sea of Galilee.

Dinner is back at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

Day 11: MON. 25 MARCH.: Upper Galilee, Golan Heights

Today we travel in and around the beautiful upper Galilee region, visiting:

Hazor - Once the largest city in all of Canaan. The multi layered Tel of Hazor is a fascinating site that offers intrigue and insight into five thousand years of civilization.. Captured by Joshua and burnt to the ground this city was eventually rebuilt by Solomon in the 10th century BC.(Joshua 11:10-14; Judges 4:2; 1 Kings 9:15)

Tel Dan - This beautiful Biblical site will allow us a short walk around one of the rivers feeding the Jordan.

Caesarea Philippi - Built at one of the sources of the Jordan River the city of Panias (named by the Greeks after the goat footed god, Pan) was later renamed by the Romans as Caesarea Philippi. It was here that Jesus revealed to the Disciples His purpose, His Church and where Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah.(Mark 8:27; Matthew 16:13-23)

Golan Heights - Today we view Israel from The Golan Heights. This parcel of land plays a significant role in the security of those living in the Jordan Valley and Upper Galilee

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

DAY 12: TUE. 26 MARCH: Mt. Carmel, Megiddo

After breakfast we leave the Sea of Galilee and head towards Jerusalem but not before visiting:

Megiddo - Hebrew for **Armageddon**. Megiddo was strategically located on the main trading routes between Babylonia and Egypt. Here King

Solomon built a giant fortress and city.
(Judges 1:27; 5:19; 1 Kings 4:12; 9:15, II
Chronicles 35:22; Revelation 16:16)

Mount Carmel - Overlooking the city of Haifa with the Mediterranean Sea and Jezreel Valley on either side we stand where the Prophet Elijah performed his miracle and called upon the fire of God to conquer the Prophets of Baal. (1 Kings 18:18-45, Isaiah 33:9)

Caesarea - The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel, where Pontius Pilate made his base. Here we will tour the Roman aqueduct, restored theater and crusader city.

Our day ends by travelling "up to Jerusalem", where we check-in to our hotel, for the remainder of the journey. Dinner will be at our hotel. **(B,D)**

Day 13: WED. 27 MARCH: Jerusalem

Our first full day in Jerusalem includes the following:

Mount of Olives- We begin our day by viewing Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. Photo opportunities abound at this time with the Golden Dome of the Rock prominent. From here we shall walk down to The Garden of Gethsemane along the same path as that Jesus took when entering the city on Palm Sunday

Garden of Gethsemane- The site where Jesus prayed at the Rock of Agony in the Garden. -"*My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.*"(Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-14)

House of Caiaphas- Located under the current St. Peter of Gallicantu church is the traditional site where Jesus was imprisoned.

Upper Room- The traditional site where Jesus instituted a new Passover celebration and the new Covenant in His blood. (Mark 14:15)

City of David - We will be guided through the site and new excavations of the city of David. You will have the opportunity to walk through Hezekiah's tunnel and re-surface at the pool of Siloam.

Davidson Centre - This new facility uses state-of-the-art technology to bring the Temple Mount to life. This will give us a better understanding of the magnitude of Herod's construction versus what we see today.

Dinner is at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

Day 14: THU. 28 MARCH: Jerusalem

After breakfast we will visit the following:

Yad Vashem - Israel's national monument, memorial and museum, to the Holocaust.

Mahane Yehuda – Walk through the local shops and market stalls of this neighborhood and enjoy the sights, sounds and aromas.

The remainder of the afternoon has been left open for you to enjoy the old city and shops at your leisure.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

After dinner we visit the **Western Wall and Tunnels**- Also called The Wailing Wall. The holiest place of pilgrimage for the Jews. Here we can observe the Orthodox Jews pray relentlessly along with many Christians.

Day 15: FRI. 29 MARCH: Jerusalem

This morning we drive through the new city of Jerusalem en-route to Bethlehem.

Upon arrival at **Bethlehem** we shall visit the **Church of the Nativity** and **Shepherd's Field**.

Once back in Jerusalem we shall visit;

Garden Tomb - Preserved by The Garden Tomb Association these beautiful gardens surround the traditional site of The Garden Tomb. Many believe that this was the actual garden of Joseph of Arimathea. (John 19:41)

Tonight is our 'Farewell dinner'. A wonderful time to share and reflect on a, truly, inspirational journey. **(B,D)**

Day 16: SAT. 30 MARCH. Journey Home

This morning we depart for Tel Aviv airport and morning departure to Vancouver. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided throughout the return journey. **(B,L)**

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