



## Orthodox Holy Land Pilgrimage - 9 days

**\* Sample Group tour itinerary**

### **Day 1: Tel Aviv - Lod - Jaffa - Tel Aviv**

On arrival at Ben Gurion Airport our representative will be there to meet you. You will then be transported to Lod for a visit to the beautiful St George's Church. After that travel to Jaffa's ancient port, the site of the embarkation of Jonah the Prophet. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv.

### **Day 2: Caesarea - Haifa - Akko - Nazareth**

Breakfast at the Hotel to be followed by a drive to Caesarea along the impressive Mediterranean coast, where you will see the excavations of Herod the Great's capital city. After that, drive to Mount Carmel (1 Kings: 18) and Haifa to see the sites and other places of interest connected to the Prophet Elijah. This will be followed by a visit to view the historical sites from different periods at the ancient and unique port of Akko. Continue to Nazareth for dinner and overnight at hotel.

### **Day 3: Nazareth - Cana - Mount Tabor - Tiberias**

The day begins with visits in Nazareth to St. Gabriel's Church (Luke 1:26-38), the Basilica and ancient Grotto of the Annunciation, the Church of the Holy Family and the Church of Mary's Well. Travel to Kfar Cana and visit the site of the Marriage Feast and the First Miracle (John 2:1-11). After that drive to scenic Mt. Tabor to visit the Church of the Transfiguration. Dinner and overnight will be at a hotel in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

### **Day 4: Mt of Beatitudes - Tabgha - Capernaum - Banias**

In the morning visit the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:20-49). Visit Tabgha the site of the Miracle of the Multiplication. From there continue to the Orthodox Church in Capernaum. Jesus' base in Galilee. Enjoy an exhilarating boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. The day will end with a visit to Banias which is the source of the Jordan River after which you will return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.



#### **Day 5: Jordan Valley - Qasr-el-Yahud - Jericho - Dead Sea - Jerusalem**

We will follow the Jordan Valley, with its diverse and beautiful landscapes, to the land of the Monasteries known as Qasr-el-Yahud, the original baptismal site where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. Time for baptism. Continue to the ancient city of Jericho where you will ascend by cable car to the Qarantal Monastery on the Mount of Temptation. Continue to the Dead Sea for an opportunity to float and swim in the unique waters. Drive to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

#### **Day 6: Jerusalem**

In the morning after breakfast you will be driven to see the incredible views of Jerusalem's old city from the Mount of Olives. Visit the Chapel of Ascension. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-56) which includes the tomb of the Virgin Mary and Convent of Mary Magdalene. In the afternoon walk the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa. Visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

#### **Day 7: Jerusalem - Bethlehem**

Your day will begin with a drive to Bethlehem via the Mar Elias Monastery. Visit the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and then return to Jerusalem and visit Mount Zion to see King David's Tomb, the Dormition Abbey as well as a visit to the Hall of the Last Supper. Drive to view the Knesset (Israel's Parliament), continuing on to the Greek Orthodox Monastery of the Cross. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem

#### **Day 8: Jerusalem - Bethany - Wadi Kelt - Jerusalem**

Begin the day by visiting The Temple Mount where the temple once stood, over which today the Muslim Holy Shrines have been built. Visit the Wailing Wall. Drive to the biblical village of Bethany, home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. After that you will be driven to St. George's Monastery via Wadi Kelt, along the Old Jericho Road, the place where the Prophet Elijah was fed by the Ravens (1 Kings 17:6). Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

#### **Day 9: Departure**

After Breakfast in your Jerusalem hotel, you will be transported to Ben Gurion Airport in time for your departure flight.

**\* The above sample itinerary is intended for a group traveling together**