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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR TRIP:

APRIL 28 – MAY 7 , 2019

Our rate includes:

- Meeting & assistance upon arrival and departure at Ben-Gurion Airport
- Economy class airfare on British Air from Denver
- Airport taxes & fuel surcharges subject to change
- Gratuities to hotel staff, guide & driver
- Porterage of one suitcase at airport and hotels
- 8 overnights at the above mentioned hotels or similar
- Guide Escort transfer from/to Ben Gurion Airport upon arrival and departure
- 6 Full days sightseeing of Biblical sites
- English speaking tour guide throughout the entire tour
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WIFI
- Meal arrangement: full buffet breakfast and dinners at hotels daily.
- Entrance fees including as per program
- Pilgrimage Certificate in Israel
- Friendship Tours kit in Israel

YOUR DAILY ITINERARY

SUN , APRIL 28 DENVER

Depart from Denver on British air at 7:35PM to **Tel Aviv, Israel** Meals and overnight on board. After dinner relax and enjoy the on-board entertainment.

MON , APRIL 29 LONDON • TEL AVIV • TIBERIAS

Arrival London at 11:50AM. Relax, shop and stretch your legs before you board your flight at 4:30PM. Arrive at Tel Aviv's **Ben-Gurion Airport** at 10:35 PM and meet our guide who will welcome us to the Land of the Bible and escort us throughout our stay in Israel. Israeli guides are legendary for their knowledge and dedication. Ours will instruct us on the many sites we will visit and their relationship to the religion, history, archaeology, culture, and modern life in Israel. Time permitting, visit **Old Jaffa**, the traditional home of **Simon the Tanner** and the port from which **Jonah** sailed. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Tiberias.

TUE , APRIL 30 TIBERIAS

Refreshed from a good night's sleep you may wish to stroll the beach before a full Israeli Buffet Breakfast. Today we pass through the fast growing towns and farms of the **Plain of Sharon** enroute to **Caesarea**, site of major events in the lives of **Peter** and **Paul**. It's on to **Megiddo**, inspiration for James Michener's "The Source". Archaeological digs reveal 20 layers of civilization, including fortifications of **King Solomon** and the water tunnel of **King Ahab**. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the fertile **Jezeel Valley**, **prophesied site of Armageddon**, at the crossroads of the ancient **Via Maris**. Continue through the rolling hills of the **Galilee** to **Nazareth**, site of Mary's Well, and **Cana**, site of His first miracle, before arriving in **Tiberias**. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in **Tiberias**.

WED , MAY 1 TIBERIAS

This day alone is worth the trip! We are now literally walking in the footsteps of Jesus. We will take a most memorable **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, in a replica of the ancient wooden boat used in Jesus' day. We will visit an ancient boat believed to be from Jesus' time found in the Sea of Galilee in 1986. We

walk into old **Capernaum** with the **ancient synagogue**; on to the site of the **Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes** (Tabgha), the **Sermon on the Mount** and the **Mount of Beatitudes**. You will have an opportunity for a lunch of **St. Peter's fish** (optional.) In the afternoon we will journey north to **Caesarea Philippi** (Banias Spring) where **Peter** confessed, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God*" (*Matthew 16:16.*) Dinner and overnight at our hotel in **Tiberias**.

THU, MAY 2 TIBERIAS • JERUSALEM

This morning we will visit the **Jordan River** and **have the opportunity for a baptismal service**. Drive along the **Jordan Valley** to **Beit She'an** to see the expansive excavations taking place at this ancient Roman Decapolis city. Stop at **Gideon's Spring** where **Gideon** selected his soldiers to do battle against the Midianites. **It's now time to "go up" to Jerusalem**. We will enter the city as pilgrims did since ancient times to fulfill the words of the prophet "*I was glad when they said unto me: 'Our feet shall stand within thy Gates, O Jerusalem' "* (*Psalms 122:1-2.*) Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**.

FRI, MAY 3 JERUSALEM

Start the day with a magnificent view of the **Old City** from the top of the **Mt. of Olives**. Take the "**Palm Sunday Walk**" to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, the **Church of All Nations** and drive across the **Kidron Valley**. Enter the **Old City** through **St. Stephen's Gate** (Lions' Gate) to the **Muslim Quarter**, visit the beautiful **Church of St. Anne** and the **Pool of Bethesda**, **Pilate's Judgment Hall**, and the **Ecce Homo Arch**. Walk along the **Via Dolorosa**, into the **Christian Quarter**, and see the **Stations of the Cross**. Drive to **Mt. Zion** to see the **House of Caiaphas** and the **Upper Room of the Last Supper**. We will visit **Bethlehem** and see **Manger Square**, the **Church of the Nativity**, and view **Shepherds' Fields** and the **Fields of Boaz and Ruth**. Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**.

SAT, MAY 4 MASADA • DEAD SEA • QUMRAN

Depart to **Masada**, overlooking the **Dead Sea**, the lowest spot on Earth, where we ascend by cable car to visit the remnants of **Herod's Palace** and where in 73 A.D. the **Zealots** made their last stand against the might of Rome. Visit **Ein Gedi**, fabled **Spring of David**, and proceed to **Qumran** where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found in 1947. Time permitting, we will go for a swim, rather a "float", in the salted waters of the **Dead Sea**. Return to **Jerusalem** for dinner and overnight.

SUN, MAY 5 JERUSALEM

We will begin the day with a visit to the reconstructed **Jewish Quarter**, walk through the **Cardo**, the original Roman street and see the amazing remains of the massive wall built by **King Hezekiah**. See the important excavations taking place at the **Western Wall** and the **Southern Temple Staircase**. On to the **Temple Mount**, where Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac. See the **Dome of the Rock** and **al-Aqsa Mosque** that now stands there. End the afternoon at **Golgotha** (Gordon's Calvary) and the **empty Garden Tomb**. Special time is planned for worship, communion, meditation and inspiration

MON, MAY 6 JERUSALEM

Today is a day at leisure for you to relax and enjoy the Old city on your own. . ***This evening we will share in a Farewell Dinner and the presentation of a Certificate of Pilgrimage to each tour participant.*** Late this evening and after dinner we transfer to the airport. Our guide will assist us with check-in procedures.

TUE, MAY 7 ISRAEL • DENVER

Depart on our British Air flight at 7:45AM. Arrive London at 11:10AM, change planes and depart London at 2:45PM. We arrive home today at 5:35PM with wonderful memories of a visit to the Land of the Bible!