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A Christian Journey to the Holy Land

prepared for St. George's by the River

Date windows: Feb 17 – 26 (returning the morning of Ash Weds, 2.26.20)

Monday, February 17

- Two recommended flights from Newark Airport
- Other connections possible, if planning to arrive a day earlier

Day 1 Tuesday, February 18

- Early morning arrival
- Head north to the Galilee, with a stop at Caesarea en route for an introduction and overlook of the sea
- Lunch on own at the picturesque town of Zichron Yaakov
- Overlook of Bahai Gardens in Haifa or visit to Ramat HaNadiv in Zichron, depending on traffic
- Welcome dinner at the hotel
- **Overnight:** Galilee – Leonardo Club Hotel, Tiberias

Day 2 Wednesday, February 19

- Full day visit to Tabgha and other Christian sites on the Sea of Galilee, including Jordan River baptismal site
- Possible visit to Golan Heights
- Lunch on own
- Dinner at Decks overlooking Sea of Galilee
- **Overnight:** Galilee – Leonardo Club Hotel, Tiberias

Day 3 Thursday, February 20

- Visit to Church of Annunciation in Nazareth
- Lunch on own in Nazareth
- Visit to Tzippori National Park (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sepphoris>)
- Special welcome to Jerusalem ceremony at an overlook onto the Old City upon arrival
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem
- Exploration of downtown and Machane Yehuda market by night
- **Overnight:** Jerusalem – Dan Jerusalem Hotel

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Day 4 Friday, February 21

- Visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Museum
- Lunch on own in Machane Yehuda market
- Visit to Gethsemane and Mt. of Olives
- Dinner at the hotel
- **Overnight:** Jerusalem – Dan Jerusalem Hotel

Day 5 Saturday, February 22

- Tour of Old City of Jerusalem – 4 Quarters, including Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Stations of the Cross
- Lunch on own in Christian Quarter
- Visit to other churches in the Old City and other sites in Jerusalem
- Sound and light show at the Tower of David Museum
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem
- Optional Western Wall Tunnel tour by night
- **Overnight:** Jerusalem – Dan Jerusalem Hotel

Day 6 Sunday, February 23

- Sunday morning services at St. Georges Cathedral, followed by discussion with local clergy
- Visit Bethlehem, including the Church of the Nativity, Manger Square and the Roots Project
- Lunch on own in Manger Square
- Dinner in the hotel and follow up group conversation
- **Overnight:** Jerusalem – Dan Jerusalem Hotel

Day 7 Monday, February 24

- A morning Bedouin experience at Genesis Land
- Ascent to Masada, an ancient Roman fortress and central story to modern-day Israel
- A lunch and spa experience at a private hotel beach on the Dead Sea
- A nice drive across the desert to Tel Aviv
- Dinner on own at Saron Market complex in Tel Aviv
- **Overnight:** Tel Aviv – Metropolitan Hotel

Day 8 Tuesday, February 25

- Tour of Old Tel Aviv
- Visit the Stock Exchange and Taglit Innovation Center
- Visit the artists fair at Nachalat Binyamin market, with lunch on own
- Visit to Rabin Square and possibly Rabin Museum
- Closing conversation and farewell dinner in Jaffa
- Departure – overnight flights...or extend your trip to enjoy more of Israel!

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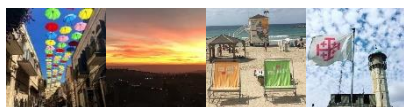
What makes Boutique Israel unique?

Boutique Israel doesn't just offer a collection of cool sites, put together in any order or fashion. There's a story to tell through the many varied experiences available in Israel/these site visits, many stories in fact. Our goal is to help you find your own story and connection to Israel...whether it is as the Jewish State or as the Holy Land.

There are a few elements that set us apart:

- Each of our journeys tells a story, with multiple and overlapping narratives.
- We don't do cookie-cutter tours; our journeys are boutique experiences, both in terms of logistical arrangements and approach.
- Each of our journeys explores the ancient and modern stories of Israel:
 - We examine Israel as a start-up nation – from many different perspectives.
 - We took a look behind headlines and slogans, offering real engagement with multiple points of view in terms of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
 - We explore the today's Jewish story through the lens of modern-day Israel.
 - We look through the lens of early Christian history along with the region's current challenges to understand what fellowship can mean today.
- We look forward to working with you to ensure your trip is all you want it to be.

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