

DAY 1 DEPARTURE OR TAMBO JOHANNESBURG.

Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight...Tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked! Please arrive at least 3 hours before departure time (18:30) at Egypt-Air B Counter for free luggage wrapping and group departure arrangements. (MS 840 JNB/CAI Counter B 2145)

DAY 2 – CAESAREA, MUHRAKA (Mt Carmel), TIBERIAS (*) (D)

Arrive at **Ben Gurion Airport** in *Israel* Meet your Israeli guide, enjoy a time of prayer of thanks for safety and the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of the "Promised Land," we travel along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to *Caesarea*, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre and aqueduct, and then journey on to *Mt. Carmel*, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. We will see Jezreel Valley and *Megiddo*, the Armageddon Battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We will have dinner and overnight lodging for the next two nights in the *Tiberias* area on the *Sea of Galilee*

Day 3–TEL DAN, BANIAS, MT. BEATITUDES, TABGHA , CAPERNAUM, ,TIBERIAS BOAT RIDE (B)(D)

Following breakfast, our morning travels take us to two valuable northern sites. *Dan* is where the children of Israel fell to the depths of pagan worship *Dan*, the northernmost city of the Kingdom of Israel. Inscribed stone discovered in Tel Dan is the first place the name David had been found outside of the Bible. The Dan River, is one of the three water sources of the Jordan River. and *Caesarea Philippi*, the site of Peter's Confession. **CAESAREA PHILIPPI (Banias)**, one of Israel beautiful nature reserves. According to Matthew, it is the place where Peter expressed his belief that Jesus was the Messiah, and Jesus declared Peter as the rock on which the Church was to be built. In *Capernaum* we will visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue and Peter's home. **CAPERNAUM** on the northwest shore where Jesus began his preaching career Then we travel on to the site of the possible multiplication of loaves and fishes in Bethsaida and the *Mount of the Beatitudes* overlooking the Sea. **MT. BEATITUDES** where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, **BOAT RIDE** on the Sea of Galilee, with Time for reflection and prayer. A brief scripture reading and devotional on board brings to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples concluding a wonderful day.

Day 4 – Qsar Al Yahud Baptismal site, JERICHO, CANA, NAZARETH (B)(D)

We drive through the area of *Cana* and *Nazareth*, where we visit the Nazareth Village - **NAZARETH** an Arab city in the Galilee, where Jesus grew to manhood. Visit Church of Ununciation where the angel visited Mary, St Josephs Carpentershop. Continue to the village of **CANA**, the site of the First Miracle for Renewal of Marriage Vows We begin our day with an opportunity to be baptized at the *Jordan River* Baptismal site. Next we travel southward to *Beit-Shean/Scythopolis*, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys. Like Jericho, it has been

almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beit-Shean. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis - a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley southward, your guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey" and Israel's intricate irrigation development. We pass ancient Jericho, view from a distance this city famed as the oldest in the world, before coming to the Jordan River (Qeser El Yehud) the Israeli side of *Bethany Beyond the Jordan*, the place where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, where Elijah and Elisha crossed the Jordan as well as the area where the children of Israel led by Joshua entered the Promised land. Our lodging for the evening is at the *Dead Sea* – the lowest place on earth. dip in the Dead Sea for a relaxing float before Jericho Elijah fountain and ruins of fallen walls. Check in Hotel and overnight

Day 5 –MASSADA, EIN GEDI, WADI QELT, QUMRAN, DEAD SEA (B)(D)

After breakfast Masada by Cablecar, On the shore of Israel's Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth, is an oasis called **EIN GEDI. WADI QELT** overview was the main travel route from Jericho to Jerusalem during biblical times and the site references in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Continue to **QUMRAN**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered - After Lunch Dead Sea Float. : **Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls, Abraham's Tent**

Our day begins with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of *Masada*. Here our guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand. Afterwards we proceed to *Ein Gedi*, "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we visit *Qumran Caves* where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. This afternoon we will take part in the Genesis Land/Dinner in Abraham's Tent, where we enjoy a trip back in time: a reliving of life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, and authentic food. Our lodging for the next three nights will be in *Jerusalem*

Day 6 - ISRAEL MUSEUM, 2ND TEMPLE MODEL, KNESSET MENORAH, YAD VASHEM,

Israel Museum including the 2nd Temple Model and Shrine of the Book, Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. View of the Knesset & Menorah.

STEPHENS LIONS GATE, MT ZION, , POOL OF BETHESDA, ANNAS CHURCH ECCE HOMO (Antonios Fortress), VIA DOLOROSA, WAILING WALL, BETHLEHEM (B)(D)

After breakfast drive up to the the **MT. OF OLIVES**. Visit the Church of Dominus Flevit and the Pater Noster Church. Walk the traditional Palm Sunday Road to the **GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE** and the Church of All Nations. Enter the Old City through the St. Stephens Gate. Visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. You will walk along the **VIA DOLOROSA** also called the Way of the Cross. There are 14 Stations along the route each commemorating an event along Jesus' route to crucifixion. Walk through colourful

bazaars and proceed to the **WESTERN WALL** the Holiest site of the Jewish nation. **On Fridays Experience the atmosphere for Shabbat preparations.** Christ Church Café & Shopping Check in to your hotel in **BETHLEHEM** for dinner & overnight On our way into the city we will visit the Wailing Wall and then the fascinating *Rabbinical Tunnels* leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. We move on to the *Judgment Hall of Pilate*, hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. From here we will also be able to see the *Pool of Bethesda*, *Stephen's Gate* and St. Ann's Church. This afternoon we visit the *Southern Wall Excavations*. This southern side of The Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Jesus entered the *Temple Mount* and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place that Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the *Day of Pentecost*. Those who wish may stay in the city marketplace for shopping, while others may choose to spend the remainder of the day surrounding the birth of Christ with a visit to *Bethlehem*.

Day 8 –“ From the cradle to the cross” BETHLEHEM, SHEPHERDS FIELDS, NATIVITY CHURCH, ST PETER DEGALLICANTU, UPPER ROOM , GARDEN TOMB OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM (B)(D)

After breakfast **BETHLEHEM** Nativity Church (birthplace of Jesus and Shepherds fields) **UPPER ROOM**, Place of the Last Supper. **PETER DE CALLICANTU** Where Jesus denied Christ, and end the day experiencing Holy communion at the **GARDEN TOMB** Today we walk where Jesus walked; beginning the day with a panoramic view of the city, *Mount Moriah* and the Dome of the Rock from atop the *Mount of Olives* and then the *Garden of Gethsemane*. How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice if only for a moment? To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Jesus' prayer and take time for personal reflection is important here. Passing by the Protestant Cemetery, we visit the "*Upper Room*" just outside the Zion Gate where the disciple whom Jesus loved laid his head on His breast and where later Thomas cried, "my Lord & my God." While walking along the Via Dolorosa, we are reminded of His way of suffering along with a visit to the *Church of the Holy Sepulcher*. Our guide will explain the differing opinions on the route that Christ was led and the actual place of crucifixion and burial is a very interesting study. The climax of the day is

the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the [Garden Tomb](#), where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise.

OPTION 1 Airport for departure EL AL

Day 9 (Option2)

After breakfast. Departure Egypt. (4D 055 Y TLV/CAI 1200 1210)

***Transfer to airport** for departure Tel Aviv **Ben Gurion Airport** via **Cairo** to **Johannesburg**.*

Optional Daytrip Cairo or transfer to Airport Hotel. Departure to Johannesburg

Arrive Egypt for Day tour. Departure flight 23:00 (MS 839 CAI/JNB 2300 0705+1)
