

ISRAEL

11 - 18 JANUARY 2024

FAMILIARIZATION TOUR



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

WITH DR FRANCOIS CARR



Day 1: Thursday, 11 January

We depart on our overnight flight to Israel.

Overnight - On Board (Dinner/Breakfast)

Day 2: Friday, 12 January

We start the day at Caesarea built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. While here, we will visit the Roman Theater, palace and Paul's prison. We will drive by Mount Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. In Nazareth, we will visit and walk through Nazareth Village.

Overnight - Tiberias (Dinner/Breakfast)



Day 3: Saturday, 13 January

We will start our day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and stop to see the 2000-year-old Jesus boat. We will enter the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Lk. 4:31-37) and stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We will also see Peter's house. We will visit Tabgha, commemorating the feeding of the 5,000 (Lk. 9); Mensa Christi, where the Lord appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (Jn. 21); and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We will stop at the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount.

Overnight - Tiberias (Dinner/Breakfast)



Day 4: Sunday, 14 January

We visit the following places: Bet Shan, Jericho the oldest city in the world. We see the Mount of Temptation - where Jesus was tempted and we see an example of the fig tree of Zacchaeus. Enjoy floating on the Dead Sea.

Overnight - Dead Sea (Dinner/Breakfast)**Day 5: Monday, 15 January**

After breakfast we will visit Masada, the famous stronghold where the Jewish people held out while under attack from the Roman Army. We will rise to the top by cable car and see remnants of the city on the top. Then we will continue to En Gedi and relive one of David's historic encounters with King Saul and relate the topography and David's life to the Psalms. We continue towards Jerusalem and stop on the way at St Georges Monastery to reflect on the Valley of the Shadow of Death before we end the day in the Israel Museum, and see the Temple Model and the Shrine of the Book.

Overnight - Jerusalem (Dinner/Breakfast)

Day 6: Tuesday, 16 January

We start our day at the top of the Mount of Olives. We continue to Paternoster, Palm Sunday way to the Garden of Gethsemane, Dominus Flevit, the Tear Drop Church, Gethsemane, Church of St. Peter Gallicantu and Caiaphas, the High Priest's house before we visit the Shepherd's fields and church of Nativity in Bethlehem.

Overnight - Jerusalem (Dinner/Breakfast)

Day 7: Wednesday, 17 January

We begin the day on Temple mount. Following visits to St Stephens, Saint Anne's Church, the Pool of Bethesda, we will continue our walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We will walk along parts of the Via Dolorosa past Zion Monastery. We will continue to Ecce Homo (site of Jesus' scourging) and see an authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. We end our day and tour with communion at the Garden Tomb, before we prepare for traveling back home. We will board our plane for our flight home.

Overnight - On board (Dinner/Breakfast)

Day 8: Thursday, 18 January

We arrive in SA.

