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**Experience Israel Tour**

**May 14 - 26, 2023**

**Sunday | May 14 | TRAVEL DAY**

10:30 AM EST Load Bus Pine Hills Church

11:00 AM EST Departure Pine Hills Church via Motorcoach | **Lunch** | **ON YOUR OWN**

2:00 PM CST Arrival Chicago O’Hare | ORD

4:20 PM CST Departure Chicago | ORD to Vienna | VIE Austrian Air | OS#066

**Monday | May 15 | Day 1**

8:20 AM Arrival Vienna | VIE

10:00 AM Departure Vienna | VIE to Tel Aviv-Yafo | TLV Austrian Air | OS#857

2:25 PM Arrival Tel Aviv | TLV

* Group Welcome
* Dinner on the Bus
* Judean Desert | Opening Ceremony

6:00 PM Dinner **Green Valley**, Seeds of Hope

Evening Check In **Hotel Oasis Jericho**

**Tuesday | May 16 | Day 2**

Morning Breakfast Hotel Oasis Jericho

Presentation **Seeds of Hope**

* Kindergarten, Palestinian children receive an alternative education

Explore **Jericho**

* Old city wall ruins of the world’s oldest city, Jericho; conquered by Joshua

Visit See the spot where **Zacchaeus** climbed up to see Jesus

Afternoon Lunch **Green Valley**, Seeds of Hope

Experience **Jordan River** at Qasr el Yahud, where Jesus was baptized

* You can be baptized in the Jordon River

Visit **Mount of Temptation**

* Enjoy the view from the Mount of Temptation**,** where Jesus was tempted

Rest Hotel Oasis Jericho

Evening Dinner **Green Valley**, Seeds of Hope

**Wednesday | May 17 | Day 3**

Morning Breakfast Hotel Oasis Jericho

Check Out Hotel Oasis Jericho

Explore **Masada**

* Morning climb to the top of Masada, Herod’s magnificent palace

Explore **Ein Gedi Spring**

* Beautiful hike to the Ein Gedi Spring, where David encountered King Saul

Afternoon Lunch **ON YOUR OWN**

Experience **Dead Sea**

* Swim and float in the Dead Sea

Travel Drive through **Jordan Valley** to the Seas of Galilee

Evening Check In **Kibbutz Ein Gev**

Dinner Kibbutz Ein Gev

**Thursday | May 18 | Day 4**

Morning Breakfast Kibbutz Ein Gev

Visit **Mount of Beatitudes**

* The scene of the Sermon on the Mount

Explore **Capernaum**

* The home of Jesus, the apostles Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew

Afternoon Lunch **St. Peter’s Fish House**

Explore **Caesarea Philippi**

* The place of Peter’s confession

Evening Experience Boat Ride on the **Sea of Galilee**

Dinner Kibbutz Ein Gev

**Friday | May 19 | Day 5**

Morning Breakfast Kibbutz Ein Gev

Check Out Kibbutz Ein Gev

Explore **Nazareth Village**

* Nazareth is where Jesus grew up and taught in the synagogue

Afternoon Lunch **ON YOU OWN**

Explore **Megiddo**

* The ancient, fortified city and site of Armageddon

Explore **Mount Carmel** and view of Jerusalem from Hass Promenade

Evening Check In **Prima Kings Jerusalem**

Dinner Prima Kings Jerusalem

**Saturday | May 20 | Day 6**

Morning Breakfast Prima Kings Jerusalem

Drive **Kfar Saba**

Worship **Hamayan Congregation** | Tony & Orna Sperandeo

Afternoon Lunch Box Lunch Provided

Explore Lookout at **Alphei Menashe**

Free Time **Jerusalem**

Evening Dinner Prima Royale Jerusalem

Shop **Ben Yehuda Street**

* Walk the streets when Shabbat is over, and shops reopen

**Sunday | May 21 | Day 7**

Morning Breakfast Prima Kings Jerusalem

Drive Bethlehem

Worship **Emmanuel Evangelical Church** | Nihad& Salwa Salman

Afternoon Lunch Bethlehem Family Homes

Explore Bethlehem

* **Church of Nativity**
* **Shepherd Fields**

Evening Dinner Prima Kings Jerusalem

**Monday | May 22 | Day 8**

Morning Breakfast Prima Kings Jerusalem

Visit **Biblical Jerusalem** at the **City of David**, where the story of Jerusalem begins

Explore **Davidson Center**

* Archaeological site where Jesus first ascended the Temple Mount

Afternoon Lunch **ON YOUR OWN**

Explore **Old City of Jerusalem** | Four quarters (Armenian, Christian, Jewish & Muslim)

Experience **Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem.**

Evening Dinner Prima Kings Jerusalem

**Tuesday | May 23 | Day 9**

Morning Breakfast Prima Kings Jerusalem

Check Out Prima Kings Jerusalem

Visit **Little Hearts Preschool**

Explore **Temple Mount**

* The place where the first and the second temple stood

Drive **Mount of Olives**

* The site where Jesus ascended to heaven after his resurrection

Lookout Breathtaking view of the **Holy City of Jerusalem**

Afternoon Lunch **ON YOUR OWN**

Visit **Garden of Gethsemane**, a time of quiet reflection

Visit **Garden Tomb**

* Communion and prayer

Walk **Via Dolorosa**, enter the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**

Evening Check In **Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv**

Dinner Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv

**Wednesday | May 24 | Day 10**

Morning Breakfast Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv

Drive **Mediterranean Coast**

Explore **Caesarea**

* King Herod’s ancient port city, seat of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate

Explore **Valley of Elah**

* The battle between David and Goliath

Afternoon Lunch **ON YOUR OWN**

Explore Modern Day **Tel Aviv**

Evening Dinner Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv

**Thursday | May 25 | Day 11**

Morning Breakfast Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv

Free Time Shopping, Beach, Walking, Relaxing

Afternoon Lunch **ON YOUR OWN**

Explore Visit **Old Jaffa**

6:00 PM Dinner **Abrage Restaurant Harbor of Old Jaffa**

* Farewell Dinner Celebration

8:00 PM Debrief Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv

**Friday | May 26 | TRAVEL DAY | Departure with a Lifetime of Memories**

3:00 AM Departure Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv

4:00 AM Arrival Tel Aviv | TLV

Morning Breakfast **ON YOUR OWN**

6:15 AM Departure Tel Aviv | TLV to Vienna | VIE Austrian Air | OS#860

9:00 AM Arrival Vienna | VIE

10:30 AM Departure Vienna | VIE to Chicago | ORD Austrian Air | OS#065

1:20 PM CST Arrival Chicago | ORD

3:00 PM CST Departure Chicago | ORD via Motorcoach

Afternoon Dinner **ON YOUR OWN**

9:00 PM EST Arrival Pine Hills Church | PHC

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