



ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM - JERICHO – SEBASTIA - NAZARETH

Our travel proposal is modulated over four days but can be customized according to your needs.

Guide: Association pro Terra Sancta friends and staff

Accommodation: Dar al-Majus Guesthouse in Bethlehem; Dar Mamilla in Jerusalem; Mosaic Guesthouse in Sebastia

DAY 1

Arrival in Tel Aviv and transfer to **Bethlehem**.

Typical Palestinian dinner prepared by local ladies. Overnight stay in Bethlehem.

DAY 2

Morning: Visit to the **Basilica of the Nativity** and the Holy Grotto, the Church of Santa Caterina and the caves of St. Joseph, the Holy Innocents and St. Jerome, the Milk Grotto.

Free lunch.

Walk in the square and visit of the *suq* in the ancient city, with the possibility of understanding the life of the local community and getting to know some of the many social and educational works.

Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.

DAY 3

Morning: we move to Jerusalem.

We enter the old city through the Jaffa gate. Walk in the *suq* and through the Jewish quarter and visit to the **Western Wall** and **Temple Mount**. We walk through the Islamic *suq* and we head towards the **Convent of the Flagellation** where the Christian tradition places two moments of the passion of Jesus: the flagellation and the death sentence. The two sanctuaries are annexed to the Franciscan monastery, seat of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum. Remains of the Antonia Fortress are visible. Visit to the **Terra Sancta Museum**.

We visit the **Basilica of St. Anne** with the **pool of Bethesda**, a healing place for the paralytic.

Free lunch.

We continue by starting to walk the **Via Dolorosa**, passing through the Arch of the Ecce Homo and the stations of the Via Crucis that lead us to the **Basilica of the Resurrection (Calvary and Holy Sepulchre)**.

Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

DAY 4

Visit to the **Mount of Olives**: Ascension shrine, cloister and cave of the Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Basilica of Gethsemane, Grotto of arrest and tomb of the Virgin.

Free lunch.

Visit of **Mount Zion** (Last Supper, Basilica of the Dormition of Mary and St. Peter in Gallicantu).

Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

DAY 5

In the morning: departure for Jericho.

Descent along the Judean desert, **Wadi Qelt**. Stop at the monastery of St. George in Koziba with its beautiful views.

We visit **Jericho**: Jericho of the old testament (**tell as-Sultan**) with artifacts dated 8,000 BC .; Jericho of Herod and the memory of Jesus path (healing of the blind Bartimaeus and meeting with **Zacchaeus**),

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Jericho Umayyad, **Hisham palace**, where a restoration and training project was carried out directed by the archaeologist friar Michele Piccirillo.

Typical Palestinian lunch at the Mosaic Center.

Visit to the Mosaic Centre - workshops and shop - and meeting with the young mosaic artists.

Return and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

DAY 6

In the morning: departure for Samaria.

We visit **Nablus** and Jacob's well, with the memory of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, guarded by Greek Orthodox monks.

We move to the village of Nisf Jubeil, visit the artistic pottery shop and meet the local girls involved in the development project and visit the ancient Palestinian houses restored and used as guesthouses and workshops.

Typical Palestinian lunch in Nisf Jubeil.

We move to **Sebastia**. Visit to the ruins of ancient Samaria subsequently called Sebaste or Sabastiya. Visit of the Byzantine Basilica, now a mosque, where the tradition identifies the tomb of John the Baptist, of the suggestive historical centre and in the upper part of the village the splendid archaeological site, with what remains of previous eras, from the Kingdom of Omri to the Roman era where Sebastia was an important city for the whole region. Important Israelite, Hellenic, Roman, Byzantine and important Crusader structures are visible.

Dinner and overnight stay in Sebastia.

DAY 7

In the morning departure to visit **Galilee**.

Visit to **Lake Tiberias**: Tabgha, place of the primacy of St. Peter, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes.

Free lunch on Lake Tiberias.

We move to **Nazareth** to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation with the Holy Grotto and the church of St. Joseph.

Dinner and overnight stay in Nazareth.

DAY 8

After breakfast, free time in Jerusalem to stop in prayer and / or shop. We move to Tel Aviv to Ben Gurion international airport in time for boarding procedures on the return flight.

Quotation

Min 6-8 participants: starting from € 1.190

Min 2-4 participants: starting from € 1.530

The price includes: reception at the airport on arrival and departure; accommodation in double / triple room with private bathroom and breakfast included; n. 2 dinners at Dar Al Majus Guesthouse; n. 2 typical Palestinian lunch in Jericho and Nisf Jubeil; n. 1 dinner in Sebastia; n. 1 dinner in Nazareth; visits and excursions as per program with entrance fees included; transfers by private taxi; Europe Assistance insurance.

The price does not include: the flight; meals (except those included), tips, personal extras, and anything not specified in "the price includes".