

*"and all the nations will call you blessed,
for you will be a delightful land," says the Lord of Hosts
Malachi 3:12*

Walk Where YESHUA WALKED

ISRAEL 2020

ENCOUNTER 25 September-7 October

with Herzl Ein Eli

ARRIVAL DAY: Friday, September 25

Arrive and check into our Hotel in Tel Aviv. Settle in. There will be a brief orientation later in the evening where we get to meet each other and our Tour guide Herzl and his wife Dana. In the morning our exciting journey exploring the Holy Land begins!!

Overnight: Tel Aviv – Hotel Gilgal – D & B

DAY ONE: Saturday, September 26

We begin our trip by heading to Galilee. First stop **Caesarea Maritime** – the attractive Herodian Seaport of Caesarea located on the shore in the centre of Israel. Here we find the 2,000- year-old Amphitheatre, ruins and remains of the port, from where Apostle Paul sailed off to Rome on his last missionary journey.

We will continue on to **Mt.Carmel and Muhraka** - where the prophet Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal, called on God, Who answered by fire, and led Israel in national repentance and revival.

We then travel on to **Meggido** – an historic site where 26 layers of ruins of the ancient cities were found.

Next we will be at the **Mt. of Precipice**, which by tradition, is believed to be the site where the people of Nazareth rejected Yeshua (Jesus), not accepting Him as the Messiah, tried to push him from the mountain but, *"He passed through the midst of them and went away"*.

We will finish our day with a visit to **Nazareth Village** - a first-century farm and village presenting the life, times and teachings of Jesus - located on a site that was remarkably untouched and unchanged since Biblical times.

Overnight: Galilee – Hotel Daria – B & D

DAY TWO: Sunday, September 27

This morning we visit **Kibbutz Ein Gev**, situated along a border shared with Syria, this is one of the first kibbutzim.

We continue on to **Ein Keshatot** - home to an ancient Jewish village. A magnificent synagogue stands in the center, featuring the original Ark Complex – the most preserved and magnificent ever to be discovered in Israel.

To finish the day we will visit the **Aliyah Return Centre** – an organisation helping new Jewish immigrants settle in the Land.

Our day will finish early and prepare for **Yom Kippur** – the Day of Atonement

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DAY THREE: Monday, September 28

Rest Day Today,

We have an opportunity to join together with the people of Israel for **Yom Kippur - Atonement day**. It's a time where the nation spends the day with the Lord fasting and praying. This Day is the Holiest Day on the Israeli Calendar *"For on this day, He will forgive you, to purify you, that you be cleansed from all your sins before G-d."* (Leviticus 16:30)

Overnight: Galilee – Hotel Daria – B & D

DAY FOUR: Tuesday, September 29

Today we visit the **Dan Nature Reserve**, the incredible archaeological remains of the OT city of Dan, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel's apostasy. Our next stop will be **Caesarea Philippi/Banyas**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. We will visit the **Valley of Tears** - the site of the battlefield where the major Yom Kippur War was fought in 1973. Real-life scenes and the story of Israel's miraculous victory that changed the history of the State of Israel are shown in the short movie that we will watch at **Oz 77**. Travelling on to **Mt. Bental**, a lookout spot near the border with Syria, and the area of the road to Damascus where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. We visit the city of **Katzrin** – the Council of Golan Region and explore a modern day olive oil press. We then finish the day with a restful visit to a vineyard to learn about Israeli wine making history.

Overnight: Galilee – Hotel Daria – B & D

DAY FIVE: Wednesday, September 30

We will start the day with a visit to the **City of Magdala** a recently discovered first century Jewish town, the home town of Mary Magdalene. Next stop is **Kibbutz Ginosar** to see the "**Jesus Boat**", a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. Set sail for a boat ride on the Galilee! to take in the views and enjoy some worship, prayer and reflection.

We will continue this day by visiting the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. **Tabgha** is an area situated on the north-western shore of the Sea of Galilee. It commemorates the multiplication of the loaves and fish, also where Jesus met the disciples after His resurrection. We will then have time to enjoy the shores of Galilee. We will also visit **St. Peter Primacy Church** said to be where Jesus laid out a breakfast of bread and fish for the Apostles. Finishing our trip today is a visit to **Capernaum** – referred to in the NT as the town of Jesus. This is where He lived while carrying out His mission here on earth. We can catch a glimpse of what it would have been like in Yeshua's time.

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DAY SIX: Thursday, October 1

This morning begins with a visit to the traditional Baptism site at **Yardenit**. You will have the opportunity to be baptised in the **Jordan River** either for the first time or to renew your commitment in following Yeshua! We will continue on to the **Gideon Spring** - where Gideon gathered his men before

fighting the Midianites. – Next stop, **Byzantine era, Bait Alfa Synagogue**. As we continue on we will have the wonderful opportunity for a dip in the beautiful spring fed pools at **Gan Hashlosha Sachne**, situated at the foot of **Mt. Gilboa**, said to be where King Saul led a charge against the Philistines. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful water parks, with water gushing out from a perennial stream, filling a system of enormous pools interconnected by beautiful waterfalls.

Onward to our next destination - Prepare to travel up to **Jerusalem! The City of Gold!!**

Overnight: Jerusalem – Christchurch Guest House B & D

DAY SEVEN: Friday, October 2

This morning we will learn about the sobering past of Jewish history during the holocaust at **Yad Vashem**. (Holocaust Museum) Later we will visit **Caiaphas' House** the site where Jesus was brought before the High Priest and where Peter denied Him three times. From here we take the short drive to **Bethlehem**. There we will visit the "**Shepherd's Fields**" where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah. Before returning to our hotel for a special **Shabbath and Sukkot Eve Festive Dinner**, we will stop by the **Mahne Yehuda** open air market to experience the colours, tastes, smells and sounds of a busy market place just hours before one of the most festive feasts in Israel begins! .

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DAY EIGHT: Saturday, October 3

A very special day today as we start our day at the **Mount of Olives**, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. We will walk down the Mount of Olives to **Gethsemane** and on the way stop at **Dominus Flevit**, traditionally marked as a place where Yeshua, while riding toward Jerusalem, became overwhelmed by the beauty of the Second Temple. Predicting its future destruction, and the Diaspora of the Jewish people, He weeps openly. We will visit **Friends of Zion Museum** to discover stories of love and heroism and the everlasting bond between the Jewish and Christian people.

We have the afternoon free to rest or wonder through the streets of the **Old City**.

Overnight: Jerusalem – Christchurch Guest House B & D

DAY NINE: Sunday, October 4

Today we explore the **Dead Sea** area. In the morning we will ascend **Masada** by Cable Car - an ancient Roman fortress in Israel's Judean desert. The Jewish zealot's took their final stand against the might of the Roman Empire here in 72 BC. We will continue on to **Ein Gedi** and take a hike to the hidden waterfall where David took shelter from Saul.

Next stop will be **Qumran** – the site where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found – a total of 972 texts including the oldest known existing copy of the Old Testament.

We will then enjoy a restful time floating on the **Dead Sea** waters and travel back to enjoy the breathtaking **Light and Sound Show at the City of David**. "Hallelujah"

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DAY TEN: Monday, October 5

Today we start the day with a **walk on the Old City walls** from the **Jaffa gate to Zion gate**, also visit the **Upper room** – believed to be the place of the Last Supper where Jesus broke bread with his disciples. We will also visit the place traditionally marked by religious Jews to be the **Tomb of David**. We then move on to the **Jewish Quarter** in the Old City, visiting the ancient **Cardo** – a street which served as a market place during the Roman period in Jerusalem. From there, we will visit the remains of a broad wall built by Hezekiah when preparing the city for a siege from the Assyrian army. We will see the pavement of the street built in Herod's time in Jerusalem and visit the **Burned House** - an excavated house from the Second Temple period - believed to have been set on fire during the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE. Later we will stop by the **Golden Menorah** – one of the accessories built by the Temple Institute, which is focusing on the controversial endeavour of establishing the Third Temple.

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DAY ELEVEN: Tuesday, October 6

This morning we return to the **Old City**, visiting the **City of David!** Later we will continue to **Davidson Centre**- an archaeological park where one of the highlights is a real-time virtual reality reconstruction of the Herodian Temple Mount, as it stood prior to its destruction by Roman troops in the year 70 CE; also the **Southern Steps** – at the Southern end of the Temple Mount, believed to be where Jesus would often teach. These steps led to the **Hulda gate** – a primary entrance to the Temple Mount.

We will spend time at the **Western Wall**, the place where the Holy Temple once stood. Take an exciting walk through the

Western Wall Tunnels (Kotel Tunnels) – allowing visitors to reach the segments of the Wall hidden from view, and to touch the original and special stones that tell the story of the Jewish nation. We will attend the remains of the **Pool of Bethesda** where the story of the healing of the paralytic took place. From here, we walk part of the **Via Dolorosa** – the road which is traditionally believed to be the way Yeshua walked on His way to His crucifixion.

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DAY TWELVE: Wednesday, October 7 - B

The last day of our tour takes us to the **Israel museum** to view the **Dead Sea Scrolls** and a full scale model of Jerusalem from the First Temple period.

We will end our day with a special time of worship and communion at the **Garden Tomb** believed to be the place of the **Hill of Golgotha** and the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection.

From here we will make our way back to the hotel to check out. You are then free to either continue your stay in Israel or make your arrangements to start your journey home.

REVIEW

"Just completed a two week tour of Israel with our church group and we were so very blessed to have Herzl as our Tour Guide/Director. From the fastidious work put in by the incomparable Dana, to the detailed and insightful commentary from the man himself, we were not only superbly informed but, also wonderfully entertained by his unique combination of Scripture and Historical knowledge combined with a sharp sense of humour. If you are planning a Tour to Israel, whether it is with family or with a group, you really could do no better than to have the safe guidance of Herzl as your leader. Danas' planning and Herzls' execution are a wonderful blend to a wonderful experience".

Tony Keen Australia 2017 Trip

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Please note: This itinerary is subject to change should any unforeseen circumstances arise. The order of sites visited may also change at the guides' discretion.