



## Day 1/2: Friday/Saturday, March 8 and 9, 2024

*U.S.A. - Transatlantic Flight - Tel Aviv, Israel*

We take a morning flight from our various U.S.A. homes and arrive the next afternoon at the Ben Gurion International Airport. After our planned arrival in Israel, if time allows, we stop at Jaffa before driving up the Mediterranean Coast to **Netanya** to stay the night. **Meals: Dinner, In-flight**

## Day 3: Sunday, March 10, 2024

*Caesarea - Haifa - Mount Tabor - Sea of Galilee*

Our day begins with a stop at King Herod's Roman port city, Caesarea (the pride of the Mediterranean world), where Paul the Apostle was tried before being sent to Rome. We visit the amazing aqueducts that Herod built to bring water into his city. We continue on to Haifa for a breathtaking view of the city from Mount Carmel at Kaiser's Watch to recount the important LDS Church historical events which took place in this area and view the beautiful Baha'i temple and gardens. We travel east along the top of Mount Carmel to Muhraka to discuss the interesting life of the prophet Elijah. Next, we visit the village of Devaria, where we take taxis to the top of Mount Tabor, the traditional site of Christ's transfiguration. We continue on to the Sea of Galilee where we spend two nights.

## Day 4: Monday, March 11, 2024

*Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes • Dan • Banias*

This morning begins with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to the Nof Ginosar to see a boat from the time of Jesus. We then drive to the site of ancient Capernaum, Peter's home, and the headquarters for Jesus' Galilean ministry. We continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, for a discussion and personal contemplation of the teachings of Jesus. We pass the ruins of Hazor, an ancient Canaanite citadel conquered by Joshua, then continue north to Tel Dan, the ancient northern limits of Israel ("from Dan to Beersheba"). We next visit Banias, ancient Caesarea Philippi, at the foot of Mount Hermon to recall the Savior's discussion on priesthood keys (Matthew 16). Our last stop is at Mount Bental for a view of the area before returning to our guesthouses to enjoy an evening of swimming and relaxation at the hotel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

## Day 5: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

*Magdala • Nazareth • Beit Shean • Jericho area*

The day begins with a stop at Magdala, where we learn of the women in the Savior's life at their beautiful shrine. We continue on to Nazareth, where we visit Nazareth Village to step back in time in a wonderful re-creation of first-century life in a small Galilean village. In the afternoon, we drive down to the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean, the most complete Roman ruins in all of Israel. This city of the Decapolis brings the opulence of the Greco-Roman world to life. Just east of the Roman and Byzantine ruins lies the Old Testament tel of Beit Shean. Here the bodies of Saul and Jonathan were hung on the wall for all of Israel to see. We continue south following the Jordan River to Qasr el Yahud to recall the important events that oc-



curred here at the Jordan River. In Jericho, we visit the Old Testament tel before checking in to our hotel for the night.

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 6: Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

*Dead Sea • Masada • Qumran • Jerusalem*

Our morning starts at the Mount of Temptations in Jericho. Our travels will take us south along the Dead Sea which is 1,400 feet below sea level. Our first stop is at the ancient mountaintop fortress built by King Herod—the Masada. We will ride the tram up to explore the ruins and, on the return, meet the bus that takes us to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. After a float in the Dead Sea at Kalia Beach we'll drive to Jerusalem (the city of gold), where we check in to our hotel for the rest of our nights in Israel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



### **Day 7: Thursday, March 14, 2024**

*Jerusalem • Old City • City of David*

We visit the Ophel area before we walk up to the Holy Mount, which is located atop Mount Moriah—the place where Abraham took Isaac to offer him as a sacrifice. It was also the site of the temples of Solomon and later Herod; today it is occupied by the magnificent Dome of the Rock and the El Aksa Mosque, making this city the third most sacred site in all the world of Islam. We will then go to Lion's Gate and walk to the Pool of Bethesda area to discuss the events in John 5, before going on to the general area of the Antonia Fortress, where Jesus was sentenced to be crucified. We will continue on the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried the cross to Golgotha. After a visit to the Western Wall, we visit the Jewish Quarter to see Hezekiah's Broad Wall, and stroll down the Roman Cardo, which was originally built by the Roman emperor Hadrian. Next, we walk through the excavated City of David, including Warren's Shaft, and into Hezekiah's Tunnel—the ancient water system carved through the hill in the time of Isaiah. We continue to the Pool of Siloam, the site of one of Jesus' miracles. After we return to the hotel to change into dry clothes and eat dinner, we enjoy a free evening to experience Jerusalem's nightlife and prepare for the crescendo of our travels—the final week of the life of our Lord. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



### **Day 8: Friday, March 15, 2024**

*Footsteps of Jesus • Gethsemane • Garden Tomb • Western or Wailing Wall*

This special day begins with a visit to the Upper Room, where a Passover feast was held with Jesus and the Twelve Apostles, and the sacrament was introduced. We will visit the Grotto of Gethsemane where olive presses were and where Jesus and His disciples would have met and rested. We continue to a private garden across from the traditional Garden of Gethsemane, where centuries-old olive trees remind us of the sacred account of our Savior's suffering and arrest. We next visit the possible site of the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the Savior was illegally tried after His arrest. We will then go to Golgotha, the place of the Crucifixion, and conclude at the Garden Tomb, where the body of Christ was interred and from which He rose on that Easter Sunday. We will end the day at the Western Wall to watch religious Jews welcome on the Sabbath.

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 9: Saturday, March 16, 2024**

*Mount of Olives • BYU Jerusalem Center • Bethlehem*

We begin the day with a visit to the Mount of Olives for an orientation to the Old City of Jerusalem before going to the beautiful BYU Jerusalem Center, where we attend sacrament meetings with the Jerusalem Branch. Lunch will be at the Palm Restaurant in Bethlehem. We then visit Shepherds' Field and discuss the wonderful events of the Savior's birth. We will continue to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity (the traditional site of the birth of Jesus). We may have time to visit an olive wood carving shop and do some shopping in Bethlehem and Jerusalem before returning to the hotel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 10: Sunday, March 17, 2024**

*Lazarus' Tomb • Yad Vashem • Model City*

Our day begins with a visit to the ancient village of Bethany, the traditional site of the home where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived. We will visit Lazarus' Tomb. We will then drive through Mea Shearim (an ultraorthodox community) on our way to Yad Vashem (appt. 9 am), the sobering Holocaust memorial. We pass the Knesset Building, where the Israeli parliament meets, on our way to the Israel National Museum, which includes the Shrine of the Book (the museum of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the wonderfully re-created Model City of Jerusalem, which portrays the city as it looked near the time of Jesus. The rest of the day is free to shop or visit other sites. We will return to the hotel to complete our packing and to have our last dinner at the hotel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 11: Monday, March 18, 2024**

*Tel Aviv • U.S.A.*

We bid a very early morning farewell to the Holy Land as we depart for the Ben Gurion International Airport to fly home—taking with us never-to-be-forgotten memories. We arrive home in the afternoon. **Meals: Breakfast, In-flight**

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## Your Tour Hosts: Roger and Julie R. Manning



Roger Manning currently works as a Representative for the Mexico and South America South Areas of the Church in the Missionary Department. He received a bachelor's degree from Utah State University, a master's degree from Idaho State University, and a doctoral degree (PhD) from Utah State University. Roger worked many years in the Church Educational System as a seminary and institute instructor in Idaho, Utah, and Florida. He's supervised seminaries and institutes in Utah, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. He served as the pre-service teacher training director for the Salt Lake City area and as the Area Director for Northern Utah, Southeast Idaho, and Western Wyoming. He loves spending time with his family and serving in the Church. His hobbies include all sports, camping, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, farming, gardening and raising animals.

### Price Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Group transfers
- Local guides
- 8 Hotel Nights in moderate-class hotels
- Sightseeing tours as outlined on the itinerary
- Audio system headsets throughout tour
- Entrance fees
- Gratuities for Israeli guide and coach driver, along with provided meals and hotel stays
- Breakfasts and dinners during the land portion

### Price does not include:

- Round-trip airfare from Salt Lake City–Tel Aviv–Salt Lake City  
\$1,699.87 United Airlines
- Additional transfers when not arriving or departing with the group
- Sightseeing not included on the itinerary
- Additional hotel accommodations)
- Travel insurance and cancellation waiver

### Other Pricing:

- Double Occupancy - \$3,199.00
- Single Occupancy - \$4,639.00
- \$100 off per person for final payments made by check

### Deadlines:

- \$500 per person deposit is due at the time of booking
- Final payment is due April 8, 2024

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