



Father's House Tour 2019

02-12/09/2019

Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Monday Sept 2nd 2019

- **Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport**
- Dinner and overnight at **Yehuda, Jerusalem**

Day 2: Tuesday Sept 3rd 2019

- NO GUIDE
- Visit **Sderot** and the communities which are situated on the Gaza border. Meet with local people who have suffered from the bombardment of rockets from Gaza and hear their stories.
- **Enjoy a camel ride at Kfar haNokdim**
- Dinner and overnight in **Yehuda, Jerusalem**

Day 3: Wednesday Sept 4rd 2019

- Free morning
- **Tel Shiloh** was a religious center for the Israelites even before Jerusalem: it was the place where the children of Israel brought the Tabernacle to. Visit the exposition "Until Shilo Comes", visit the ancient excavations of the Biblical city Shilo and explore the place where the Tabernacle stood for 369 years
- Visit the Biblical city of **Beth-El**, the place where king Jeroboam built his Golden Calf and Jacob dreamt his dream. A small Israeli community resettled Beth-El in 1977. Discover Beth-El's story.
- Dinner and overnight in **Yehuda, Jerusalem**

Day 4: Thursday Sept 5th 2019

- Visit to the **Shrine of the Book in the Israel Museum**, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest Biblical manuscripts in the world, as well as rare early medieval biblical manuscripts. Next to it is the **Model of Jerusalem** in Jesus' time, which reconstructs the city as it was prior to its destruction by the Romans in 66 CE
- Did you ever find an archaeological treasure more precious than gold? Join the **Temple Mount Sifting project** in uncovering the glorious past of Ancient Jerusalem. Sift through rubble from archaeological excavations in Ancient Jerusalem and learn about the findings from archaeologists and expert guides at the site.
- **Solomon's quarries**
- Dinner and overnight in **Yehuda, Jerusalem**

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Day 5: Friday Sept 6th 2019

- NO GUIDE
- Free morning until 12 noon
- In the heart of a neighborhood in downtown Jerusalem, the largest open market in Israel was built in 1928, **the Machane Yehuda Market**. Walking through the market's alleyways is a good opportunity to meet Jerusalem and its fascinating human mosaic. Wandering among the stalls you will find the city's old-timers, young students, ultra-Orthodox and secular, Arabs and Jews.
- "So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy" (Genesis 2:3). Shabbat, the 7th day of the week and a resting day, is a day apart. Join in **Shabbat prayers with thousands of others at the Western Wall**.
- Afterward we will experience an **authentic Jewish Shabbat dinner with a local host family** (organized by Shabbat of a Lifetime) in the heart of Jerusalem. This dinner will give you the opportunity to enjoy a five course meal with a Jewish family and experience the Friday night traditions with Hebrew songs and prayers.
- **Overnight at Yehuda, Jerusalem**

Day 6: Saturday Sept 7th 2019

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- Visit a Messianic congregation to be arranged by Mike.
- The Gate of the Essenes with Mike
- **Evening:** The Walls of the David Citadel serve as stage for a nighttime show that tells the history of Jerusalem, through a celebration of lights, images and sounds. An introduction to Jerusalem in the **Sound and Light Show**
- Dinner and overnight at **Yehuda, Jerusalem**

Day 7: Sunday Sept 8th 2019

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- Visit **Yad Vashem**. Yad Vashem is Israel's official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, established in 1953 through the Yad Vashem Law passed by the Knesset, Israel's parliament. The name "Yad Vashem" is taken from a verse in the Book of Isaiah: "Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name (yad vashem) better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off" (Isaiah 56:5). Located on the western slope of Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, adjacent to the Jerusalem Forest, the Yad Vashem complex contains the Holocaust History Museum, memorial sites such as the Children's Memorial and the Hall of Remembrance, The Museum of Holocaust Art, sculptures, outdoor commemorative sites such as the Valley of the Communities and an educational center named "The International School for Holocaust Studies". One of the core goals of Yad Vashem's founders was to recognize gentiles who at personal risk and without a financial or evangelistic motive, chose to save their Jewish brethren from the ongoing genocide. The State of Israel recognizes them as "Righteous Among the Nations".
- Tour through the **Hadassah Hospital**, where Jewish and Arab doctors work side by side to save lives. Visit the labs where some of Israel's most exciting breakthroughs in medical technology are happening.
- Visit the **Friends of Zion Museum**. A museum that tells the story of Christian Zionists who, courageously stood with, nurtured, and, in many cases, sacrificed their lives protecting the Jewish people. Although there is an increasing awareness in Israel of the historic support of Christians, many remain unaware of these Christian heroes such as the Corrie Ten Boom whose father gave his life to save God's Chosen People and those who helped establish the present-day state of Israel.
- Dinner and overnight at **Yehuda, Jerusalem**

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Day 8: Monday Sept 9th 2019

- **Masada**: Heroism or just a Bestseller? Herods desert fortress Masada, a symbol of Jewish resistance against the Romans and explore how this story affects Israeli society to this very day
- Visit to **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. A fascinating look into the Jewish' world in Jesus time offering a framework to understand Jesus' message and the practices of the early church
- **Ein Gedi** is an oasis in the desert and a green Garden of Eden in the wilderness. Visit to the Ein Gedi Springs, situated on the shore of the Dead Sea – the lowest place on Earth - at the feet of majestic mountains and cliffs.
- Dinner and overnight **at Maagan, Tiberias**

Day 9: Tuesday Sept 10th 2019

- The Sea of Galilee is the biggest sweet water reservoir of Israel and is known from many Bible stories. Enjoy a **boatride over the sea**.
- Free afternoon/optional tour in/around Tiberias
- "Then Jesus came from Galilee down to the Jordan to be baptized" (Matthew 3:13). Visit to **Qasr el Yahud**, the traditional site where John the Baptist baptized and where Joshua entered the Promised Land with the Jewish people.
- Overnight in the **at Maagan, Tiberias**

Day 10: Wednesday Sept 11th 2019

- Visit to **Kehilat HaCarmel**, a community on Mount Carmel. Meeting with Peter Tsukahira, Co-Founder and Leader of Kehilat HaCarmel and Director of the Or HaCarmel Ministry Center.
- Meet a **Druze community** on the Golan Heights. Experience traditional Druze hospitality, hear about their minority position in Israel and their relations with Syria.
- "So King Ahab sent all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto Mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto the people" (1 Kings 18:20, 21) Visit and teaching at the **Muchraka on Mount Carmel**, where the Prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. A view over the valley of Jizreel.
- Dinner and overnight **at Maagan, Tiberias**

Day 11: Thursday Sept 12th 2019

- Breakfast
- **A biblical tour in Neot Kedumim**, a Biblical Landscape Reserve. The reserve pictures the land where Jesus lived and died, as the source from which the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospels blossomed. The reserve gives life, color, fragrance, new depth and meaning to the understanding of the Bible.
- **Departure**

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