



## Fall 2023 Itinerary

### Day 1 Saturday **October 21**

#### **Welcome to Israel!**

Arrive in Israel in the afternoon, landing at Ben Gurion Airport. Ascend to Jerusalem, check into your hotel, and enjoy dinner and a relaxed evening.

*Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in Jerusalem.*

### Day 2 Sunday **October 22**

#### **Jerusalem through the Ages**

We will begin the day with an overview of the City of Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade. We will explore Jerusalem throughout the ages: King David's Jerusalem at the City of David, Second Temple Jerusalem at the Davidson Southern Temple Mount Archeological Park, and the Jewish Quarter from ancient to modern. Private prayer and reflection at the Kotel (Western Wall).

*Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in Jerusalem*

### Day 4 Monday **October 23**

#### **Abraham's Promise**

We will begin our day at CFOIC Heartland's Israeli headquarters in Karnei Shomron, where we will meet our Israeli host Sondra Oster Baras and gain an overview of the settlement movement and learn of the amazing miracle that has taken place in Biblical Israel. We will plant trees in Karnei Shomron

to participate in the fulfillment of prophecy. Lunch with CFOIC Heartland staff in Karnei Shomron. We will enjoy an amazing view towards the Biblical Mountains of Samaria -- Oak of Moreh, Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal. You can see where God first promised the Land to Abraham and where the Children of Israel entered the land in fulfillment of that promise hundreds of years later under Joshua. Visit Jewish communities and meet with local residents while enjoying a locally produced glass of wine. *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in Jerusalem*

### Day 5 Tuesday **October 24**

#### **The Tabernacle at Shiloh**

Explore the archeological site of Biblical Shiloh where the Tabernacle stood for 369 years. Visit communities in Samaria and meet the pioneers who are settling the Land of Israel. After dinner, we will head to the Israel Museum where we will see the Model of Second Temple Period Jerusalem and the exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls. *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in Jerusalem*

### Day 6 Wednesday **October 25**

#### **King David's First Capital**

Time to explore Judea! Begin the day at Kfar Etzion to learn about the brave pioneers who first settled this area before Israel's

independence. Then on to the ancient city of Hebron, including the Cave of Machpela, where the Jewish patriarchs and matriarchs are buried and where King David established his first capital. Experience the archaeological discoveries in the area dating back to King David's time at the Kiryat Arba museum. Meet the people and hear the brave stories of Jews who lived in this holy city for centuries and who continue to live in the Hebron Hills to this very day.

*Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in Jerusalem*

### Day 7 Thursday **October 26**

#### **Jerusalem the Holy**

We will begin the day viewing the City of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. We will then meet the Jerusalem of Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations, The Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Mt. Zion, the site of the Last Supper. End our day at the Friends of Zion Museum and learn about the Christians who stood with the Jewish people in their struggle to return to the Land of Israel. *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in Jerusalem*

### Day 8 Friday **October 27**

#### **From Out of the Crucible**

Visit and stand in solemn memory at Israel's Yad Vashem memorial to the Holocaust. Free time in



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Jerusalem and then depart to Efrat, a large Jewish community in Judea, for Shabbat Prayer Services and Shabbat Dinner, hosted by our Tour Guide, Danny Ehrlich and his friends. *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in Jerusalem*

### Day 9 Saturday **October 28**

#### Jerusalem and Bethlehem

Begin the day with communion at the Garden Tomb where we remember the Crucifixion and Resurrection in a beautiful garden setting which calls to mind “the place of the skull” (Golgotha). Then on to Bethlehem including the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square and visit with local Christians living under the Palestinian Authority. Time to enjoy evening shopping in central Jerusalem. *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in Jerusalem.*

### Day 10 Sunday **October 29**

#### Heroism in the Negev

We will begin the day with a moving visit to the Gush Katif Heritage Center to gain a better understanding of the tragedy that was Disengagement. Then on to embattled Sderot to view the Gaza Strip from a close vantage point and understand the threat this Hamas-controlled area presents to Israel. On to Beersheva where we will visit the ANZAC museum, and learn of the heroic soldiers who liberated

Beersheva during WWI. End the day at our Dead Sea Hotel. *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning at the Dead Sea.*

### Day 11 Monday **October 30**

#### Living Waters

Visit Ein Gedi where David hid from Saul, as you enjoy the natural waterfalls. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon floating in the Dead Sea, swim in the pool and enjoy the hotel’s spa facilities *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning at the Dead Sea*

### Day 12 Tuesday **October 31**

#### The Jordan River Valley

We will head north along the shores of the Dead Sea and on to the Jordan Valley where we will visit the spot where the Children of Israel crossed the Jordan River when they first entered the Promised Land, the very same spot where John the Baptist baptized Jesus (Qasr el Yahud). Our day will include fellowship with the people of the Jordan Valley, as we learn about the unique agriculture that makes this arid region so famous. *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in the Galilee*

### Day 13 Wednesday **November 1**

#### The Golan Heights

Explore the Golan Heights from ancient to modern including Tel Dan, the ancient Biblical city of Dan. View

Israel’s border with Syria with views of Mt. Hermon. We will visit Katzrin to discover the ancient history of this town and then on to Kibbutz Ginosar and the “Jesus Boat”. The day will conclude with a relaxing sail on the Sea of Galilee. *Dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning in the Galilee*

### Day 14 Thursday **November 2**

#### The Early Zionist Pioneers

We will start our day with a visit to Capernaum, the home base of Jesus’ ministry. We will then travel to Zichron Yaakov where we will learn about the early Zionists who settled this area. Then on to Caesarea, the Roman fortress on the Mediterranean. We will enjoy a final dinner and summary session, after which we will say our goodbyes and head to Ben Gurion Airport after an amazing time in the Land.

- Itinerary is subject to changes in sequence of days and other minor adjustments.
- We reserve the right to omit any site and/or change the itinerary based on local conditions.
- Prices are subject to a minimum registration of 20 participants.
- For those paying in AU\$, price is subject to currency fluctuation - conditions apply.