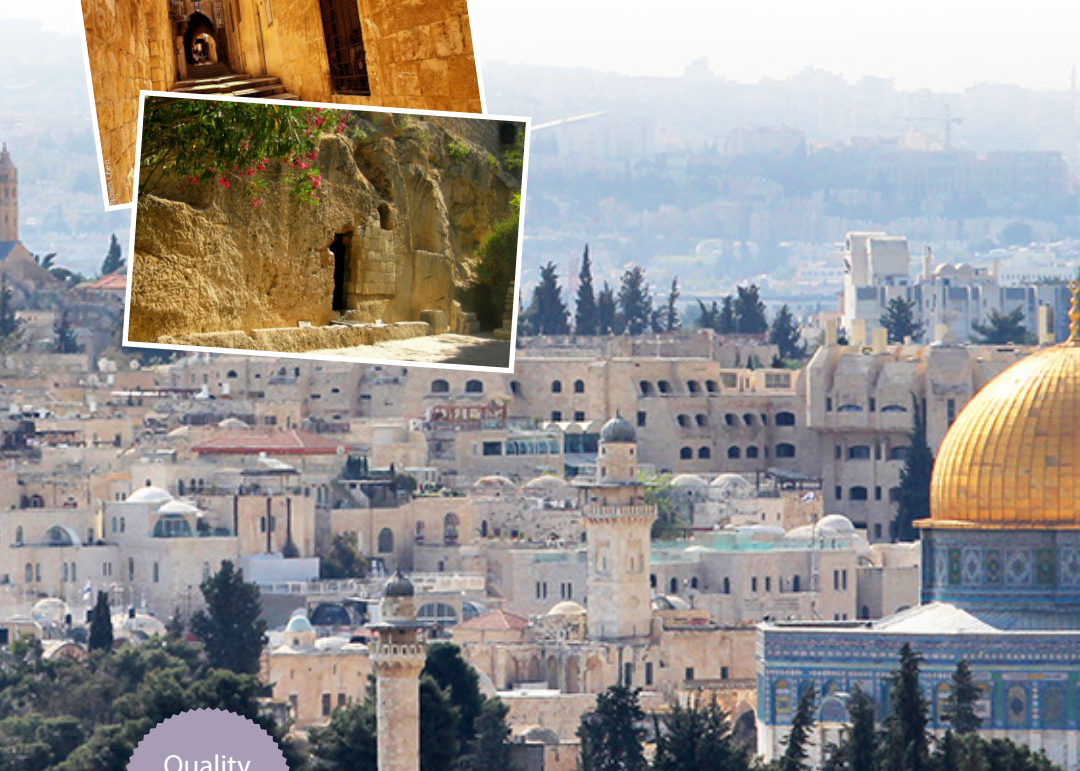


Introducing Israel Land of the Bible

Thursday 22nd - Thursday 29th November 2018

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Eight Days - Selected Highlights



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Thursday 22nd November
Outward Journey

DAY 1

Dinner & Overnight
in Jerusalem

Assemble at Manchester airport and check-in for the direct flight to Ben Gurion airport in Israel.

On arrival, travel by private coach to Jerusalem and the hotel for room allocation.

Friday 23rd November
**Bethlehem
& Regions**

DAY 2

Dinner & Overnight
in Jerusalem

To the **Shepherds' Fields** to reflect on the birth of Christ, **Bethlehem's Manger Square** and the **Church of the Nativity**.

Into the desert and view **Herodium** to consider the contrast between Herod's lavish palace parties which filled the still desert night air, to the "heavenly hosts" that the shepherds experienced on Christmas eve.

Saturday 24th November
Olivet & Regions

DAY 3

Dinner & Overnight
in Jerusalem

Call at **Bethphage** where the "Palm Sunday Journey" commenced.

On to the **Mount of Olives summit** with its breathtaking panorama. Amble down the **Palm Sunday Path** to the tear-shaped Chapel of the Tear-Drop.

Enter the **Garden of Gethsemane** for reflection.

Visit Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. Finish at the **Garden Tomb** to see a 1st Century rolling stone tomb and share communion.



The Flight

Flying time
approximately 4hrs 50mins.

Flight distance
approximately 2,200
nautical miles.

Cruise height
approximately 34,000 feet.



Herodium

One of Herod's mountain top 'Winter Palaces' which dwarfed Bethlehem in Gospel days. At his request, Herod was buried in this mountain in a gold coffin in a secret chamber, the location of which was only recently discovered. However the coffin was not found.



Gethsemane

Located at the foot of the Mount of Olives, below the City walls which in Gospel days was probably a private garden with olive oil production facilities. According to the Gospels, Jesus 'often visited there'.



Sunday 25th November

The Old City

DAY 4

Dinner & Overnight
in Jerusalem

Visit the **Pools of Bethesda** where the cripple was healed. Follow the “**way of the cross**” from the Judgment Hall through the markets and bazaars to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.

Walk along the **Cardo** (Roman main street) through the Jewish quarter towards the **Western (Wailing) Wall** to witness Jewish prayers and traditions.

Visit the **Southern Steps of the Temple**. On to the **City of David** which includes **Hezekiah's Tunnel** (with opportunity to walk through) and the **Pool of Siloam**.

Monday 26th November

The Dead Sea

DAY 5

Dinner & Overnight
in Galilee

To **Jericho**, which Jesus often passed through, to see the excavated ‘fallen walls’ of the Old City.

Then to **Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan**, by the banks of the **Jordan River** where John baptised.

Visit **Qumran**, the ancient site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Then to the **Dead Sea** to bathe and float in its mineral rich waters.

Continue North, by the hills of Judea and Samaria, to the shores of Galilee.

Tuesday 27th November

Galilee Regions

DAY 6

Dinner & Overnight
in Galilee

Nazareth - a visit to the **Church of the Annunciation** built over the original village from Gospel days.

Discover **The Nazareth Village** and be transported back to 1st century Nazareth.

Then to **Mount Precipice** for an impressive panorama of the great Jezreel valley, its four Biblical battle sites and the one yet to come.

Continue eastwards to **Beit Shean** associated with the final days of Saul. Present excavations reveal the Roman provincial city from Jesus' day, reflecting the grandeur of Imperial Rome.



Western Wall

Also known as the 'Wailing Wall' it is one of the sole remnants of the Temple from Gospel days. 'The wall' is the most important place of Jewish prayer which takes place 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



The Jordan River

The actual distance from its sources on Mount Hermon to the Dead Sea is around 120 miles but as it meanders and winds, its actual length is almost double that.



Mt. Precipitation

Just west of Nazareth a mountain top location where tradition has it that the synagogue elders attempted to throw Jesus off the cliff.

Its commanding height affords grand views of Carmel, Samaria and Gilboa.

Wednesday 28th November

Gospel Galilee

DAY 7

Dinner & Overnight
in Galilee

A **morning sail** across the sea from Tiberias to the northern shores to dock and visit:

Magdala, fishing village home of Mary Magdalene.

Mt. of Beatitudes overlooking the sea where Jesus taught.

Tabgha, seaside setting of Jesus' resurrection appearance.

Capernaum, Galilean centre of Jesus' Ministry.

Then round the eastern shores to **circumvent the Sea** and back to the hotel.

Thursday 29th November

The Via Maris

DAY 8

Depart Galilee after breakfast.

Meggido: call at Solomon's ancient chariot city and the 'Armageddon' of Revelation. Explore the site, including Ahab's secret underground water tunnel.

Caesarea Maritima: follow the Mediterranean coast to visit Herod's massive seaport and capital associated with Peter, Philip and Paul.

On to Ben Gurion airport for the evening return flight to Manchester airport.

Flights (Projected)

easyJet



Manchester Airport - easyJet

	Depart	Arrive
Outbound	12.30	19.40
Inbound	20.35	23.50



Sea of Galilee

A "harp shaped" fresh water lake known in Hebrew as "kinor" - harp.

It is approximately 33 miles in circumference, around 140 feet deep and 680 feet below sea level. Little of the shoreline has changed since Gospel days.



Caesarea Maritima

Initially a Phoenician site in the Persian period (6th to 3rd BC) using the natural bays and nearby rivers to establish a port. King Herod created it into one of the largest cities in the Roman World, and called it after his patron, Augustus Caesar.

Hotels



New Ritz Hotel - Jerusalem

A short walking distance to the Old City, with a roof-top terrace offering impressive views.



The Restal Hotel - Tiberius

Just off Tiberias city centre with landscaped grounds and a short walk to the waterfront.

Subject to final numbers hotels may change but, if so, they will be of the same standard.



Psalm 122

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates,
O Jerusalem....

...Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
and prosperity within thy palaces.



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