



# CHRISTMAS FAMILY TOUR IN THE HOLYLAND

*Christmas Eve IN* **BETHLEHEM**

**9 DAYS ISRAEL 19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

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# Itinerary

| DAY | DATE       | OVERNIGHT            | SHORT PROGRAM  |
|-----|------------|----------------------|--|
| 1   | 19.12.2018 |                      | After noon Flight from mombasa/ Nairobi to TEL AVIV ISRAEL   |
| 2   | 20.12.2018 | Dead sea             | We will land early in the morning, leave the airport and drive south towards the Dead Sea.   |
| 3   | 21.12.2018 | Tiberius /Nazareth   | <b>Welcome to ISRAEL</b> drive to Caesarea. Haifa and Mt.Carmel .Stella Mares. visit Cana, Nazareth, visiting Marys well, the church of Annunciation, then continue to Mount Precipice.        |
| 4   | 22.12.2018 | Tiberius /Nazareth   | Sea of Galilee, Capernaum , enjoy the view from Mt. of the Beatitudes, church in Tabgha,we onboard and sail on Sea of Galilee. We visit the Baptismal Site at the Holy River Jordan.           |
| 5   | 23.12.2018 | Jerusalem /Bethlehem | kibbutz Sha'ar HaGolan , <b>JORDAN VALLEY . jericho</b>  |
| 6   | 24.12.2018 | Jerusalem /Bethlehem | "our feet are standing in your gates, of Jerusalem..." church of ascension, mount of olives, the holy city. Gethsemane, western wall, mount of Zion, church of nativity ,grotto, mount moriah. |
| 7   | 25.12.2018 | Jerusalem /Bethlehem | Old city,beit hesda, the place of birth of mary.via dolorosa, church of the holy sepulcher, st johns church, garden tomb. Time for shopping in the oriental bazaar.                            |
| 8   | 26.12.2018 |                      | Free time in jerusalem and Ael aviv city for touring and shopping. Pick up to Ben Gurion international airport   |
| 9   | 27.12.2018 |                      | welcome back to Kenya flight tel aviv to Mombasa/Nairobi   |

**DAY1: 19.12.2018** - EVENING FLIGHT FROM MOMBASA/NAIROBI TO TEL AVIV ISRAEL ARRIVE TO ISRAEL EARLY MORNING

**Day 2 ; 20.12.2018** - ISRAEL – DEAD SEA - SOUTH ISRAEL

ARRIVE TO ISRAEL -**BEN BEN GURION** AIRPORT EARLY MORNING ,

**Shalom and welcome home. Welcome to the land of Canaan, to the promised land, to the land of milk and honey, to the land of the prophets, to the holy land, to the land of our Lord Jesus Christ and welcome to the state of Israel which was established in the 14 of may 1948.**

**"Free Holiday Limited"** tour representatives will welcome you at BEN GURION International Airport and take you through the immigration and customs process.

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We will land early in the Morning; we will leave the airport and drive south towards the Dead Sea. ( On the way to the Dead Sea we will visit a number of places)

We thought it would be right to start your visit to Israel.

The Dead Sea "Sea of Salt", "The Sea of Death", is a salt lake bordered by Jordan to the east, and Palestine and Israel to the west. It is Earth's lowest elevation on land. The Dead Sea is the deepest hyper-saline lake in the world. It is also one of the world's saltiest bodies of water, it lies in the Jordan Rift Valley and its main tributary is the Jordan River.

The Dead Sea has attracted visitors from around the Mediterranean basin for thousands of years. In the Bible, it is a place of refuge for King David. It was one of the world's first health resorts (for Herod the Great), and it has been the supplier of a wide variety of products, from asphalt for Egyptian mummification to potash for fertilizers. People also use the salt and the minerals from the Dead Sea to create cosmetics and herbal sachets.

The Dead Sea, at 400 meters below sea level, offers one of the most unique bathing and relaxation experiences on earth. The Dead Sea water is so rich in minerals, that right upon entrance you find your body floating in the water, allowing you to effortlessly float on your back, and enjoy the Mediterranean sun and the beauty of the desert around you.

In the resort you can also enjoy covering your body from head-to-toe in the all-natural nurturing Dead-Sea mud, leaving your skin soft and fresh, and your soul with an experience of a lifetime.

If you desire, you could also enjoy a soothing massage with one of the hotel professional masseurs. ( **overnight in dead sea** )

### **DAY 3: 21.12.2018 ISRAEL – DEAD SEA – JERICHO**

Good morning. Today, we will spend the whole morning at the Dead Sea.

We will then check out and drive to **Jericho**

Jericho is described in the Hebrew Bible as the "City of Palm Trees". Copious springs in and around the city attracted human habitation for thousands of years.

**The story of Jericho:** Joshua sent spies to Jericho, the first city of Canaan to be taken, and discovered that the land was in fear of Israel and their God. The Israelites marched around the walls once every day for six days with the priests and the Ark of the Covenant. On the seventh day they marched seven times around the walls, then the priests blew their ram's horns, the Israelites raised a great shout, and the walls of the city fell.

Then we will drive to Nazareth ( **overnight in Nazareth** )

### **DAY 4: 22.12.2018 ISRAEL - SEA OF GALILEE AND MT OF BEATITUDES**

After early breakfast we drive to visit the places where Jesus performed most of His miracles; around the Sea of Galilee: Capernaum, "*leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake ...*" Peter's House and the famous Synagogue, enjoy the view from Mt. of the Beatitudes where the "Sermon on the Mount" was given (Matthew 5-7), and the reconstructed church in Tabgha, where Jesus performed the miracle of the multiplying of The Bread and The Fish. We will have a short lunch break at a local restaurant. After lunch we jump onboard a replica boat to the one Jesus and His disciples used and sail on Sea of Galilee. We then visit the

Baptismal Site, at the Holy River Jordan. Here you can renew your Baptism in exactly the same place where Jesus was baptized. **(Overnight Nazareth)**

**DAY 5: 23.12.2018 ISRAEL: NAZARETH, GALILEE REGION, HAIFA CAESAREA, TEL AVIV -**

**JAFFA**, Early Morning after breakfast we will drive to Haifa, Mt.Carmel and the monastery of Stella Mares. We get an explanation about the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baa'l.

We then proceed to one of Israel's ancient cities; Tel Megiddo, with remains of fortifications left by the Canaanites, King Solomon among others, as well as a unique sophisticated water system presumed to have been built by King Solomon. John's vision in book of Revelation reveals this to be the place where the Battle of Armageddon (the last war/battle) will take place.

We drive to Caesarea Maritima, the magnificent port-city built by King Herod the Great. From here St. Peter went to Rome and started with his first miracles. In Caesarea's, a well-preserved theater, an inscription of the procurator Pontius Pilate was found.

Then we will drive to Old City of Jaffa, Jaffa is an ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narrative of Jonah; where he tried to flee from God, and the whale that was commanded by God to swallow Johan, and in the story of Solomon's import of the cedars of Lebanon. Jaffa's fishing port, St. Peter's Church, artist's quarter; Visitor Center and panoramic view of Tel Aviv are all highlights.

Jaffa is one of the ancient gateways to the Holy Land: Through its port, the Cedar trees for Solomon's Temple were brought. Christianity began to be spread among the nations from Jaffa after persecution became so intense. Here St. Peter lived in the house of Simon the Tanner and had the "Vision of the Flesh", and here he made his first miracle by healing the little girl. We will walk through the area known as the White City to see the preservation of buildings of Bauhaus architecture of the 1920s and 1930s, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and stop at Independence Hall, where Ben-Gurion declared independence in 1948. Jaffa attracts many historical and cultural tourists and artists. Drive to **(Bethlehem Overnight)**

**DAY 6: 24.12.2018 ISRAEL -JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM**

*"Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem..." Psalm 122, 2*

After Breakfast at the Hotel, we will first visit the church of Ascension, one of the most ancient churches of the world. Here we can see Jesus' footprint. Our next stop will be the Pater Noster, where Jesus taught his disciples what will happen in the end of the days and also the prayer of our Father in Heaven.

We continue to the spectacular panoramic view from the summit of the Mount of Olives, "...his feet will stand on Mount of olives ..." *Zechria 14, 4*. We head off to follow the footsteps of Jesus in his triumphant entry into the Holy City. We walk through the Palm Sunday road, and visit the church of Dominus Flevit, "as he approached Jerusalem and saw the city he wept over it ..." *Luke 19, 41* the point from which he prophesied of the destruction of the city and of the Temple.

We shall continue to Gethsemane, "they went to a place called Gethsemane..." *Mark 14:32* where Jesus was arrested then on to the Western Wall, which is considered the holiest site for the Jewish faith, where we are able to put our notes of wishes in the cracks of the wall.

Continuing to the Mount of Zion, visiting the Upper room where Jesus had the last supper with his disciples, "... He will show you a large upper room..." *Luke 22,12* where the Holy spirit descended upon Jesus' disciples in tongues of fire during the Pentecost. We shall visit King Davids tomb and go down to Caphis House "They took Jesus to the high priest ..." *Mark 14,53* where Peter denied Jesus three times, and where Jesus spent his last night in the pit before his crucifixion. In

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the afternoon, we proceed to Bethlehem to participate in the Christmas Celebrations in Bethlehem..**Usher in Christmas.**

**On Christmas Eve**, annual Christmas processions are taken out. Residents of the town as well as tourists crowd the doorways and the roof of the Basilica to get a view of the parade. Galloping horsemen and police mounted on Arabian horses lead the procession followed by a man riding over a black steed and carrying a cross.

After him come the churchmen and government officials. The procession quietly enters the doors and puts an ancient effigy of the Holy Child in the Church. The visitors are then taken through deep winding stairs leading to a grotto where a silver star marks the site of the birth of Jesus. The experience here is simply breathtaking **You will be there!!! (Overnight in Bethlehem)**

#### **DAY 7: 25.12.2018 ISRAEL- BETHLEHEM, JERUSALEM, OLD CITY**

Today we start with the church of Nativity, the place of the birth of Jesus, *"so Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea ,to Bethlehem the town of David..." Luke 2, 4 , including visiting the grotto where Jesus was born. "she wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger , because there was room for them in the inn..." Luke 2 ,7 .. Then we will head to Shepherds Fields, " and there were shepherds living out in the fields near by ..." Luke 2,8. where the glory of God shone around them just before the birth of Jesus. We then drive to Jerusalem behind the walls of the Old City, in the pools of Beit Hesda," now there is in Jerusalem near the sheep gate a pool which is... called Bethesda..." where Jesus performed one of his miracles, and which is also the place of birth of Mary. We will follow the path of Jesus on his last way with the cross, the fourteen stations of the cross(Via Dolorosa). We will visit the pavement and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where the last five stations are situated. After a lunch break in the old city, we will have free time in the oriental bazaar,(old City market), and time permitting, visit St John's Church, the birth place of John the Baptist. We will have a tour and a communion in the Garden Tomb. **(Overnight in Bethlehem).***

#### **DAY 8: 26.12.2018 JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV TOURING AND SHOPPING**

After breakfast in the morning we will have some free time in Jerusalem and then we will drive to Tel Aviv for touring and shopping till 19.00pm. Pick up to Ben Gurion international airport

**DAY 9: 27.12.2018** flight to Mombasa / Nairobi - and welcome to Kenya  
There may be changes depending on the circumstances.

#### **TOUR PACKAGE RATES**

The NET prices, per person as per above mentioned time and date of agreement are as follows:

#### **PRICES:**

- **Ksh 190,000** per person sharing
- **100 USD** for Double entry Visa Fee, borders fee + tip +Unexpected expenses + Ensure large changes in the exchange rate large.

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Kind regards

**Yours faithfully,**

**FREE HOLIDAY TEAM.**