

## KFSI Christian Radio in ISTACE & Jordan November 1 - 14, 2023

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Join us on this life changing journey. See the Bible come to life. Below is our itinerary. Along the way we will take time to worship and pray together.

#### Day 1: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 • Departure

We begin our pilgrimage with our flights from Minneapolis to Tel Aviv.

#### Day 2: Thursday, November 2, 2023 • Tel Aviv

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport, our Israeli host assists us with the transfer of our luggage. We then board a motor coach, meet our guide, and drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to our Tel Aviv hotel. Time permitting, we take a walking tour of Joppa/Jaffa, the ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narratives of Jonah and the whale, and Solomon's import of the cedars of Lebanon. It is also where Simon the Tanner lived, and Peter stayed during his missionary activities. **D** 

#### Day 3: Friday, November 3, 2023 • Sea of Galilee Area

After our first Israeli breakfast, we board our coach and drive north up the coast to Caesarea Maritima, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. While here, we visit the Roman Theater, the Roman Aqueduct, and the Herodian Port. We drive by Mount Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and stop at Mount Precipice where the Nazarenes wanted to throw Jesus off the cliff (Lk. 4:16-30). Then we continue to Megiddo, the Chariot City for Solomon and Ahab. Here we explore the vast archaeological remains of this ancient city. We end our day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and stop to see the 2000-year-old Jesus boat. **B/D** 

#### Day 4: Saturday, November 4, 2023 • Sea of Galilee Area

Our morning begins in Nazareth where we visit the Church of the Annunciation, see Mary's well, and walk through Nazareth Village. We drive around the Sea of Galilee, passing by Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We enter the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Lk. 4:31-37) and stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We also see Peter's house. We visit Tabgha, commemorating the feeding of the 5,000 (Lk. 9); Mensa Christi, where the Lord appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (Jn. 21); and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We stop at Chorazim and Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. B/D

#### Day 5: Sunday, November 5, 2023 • Sea of Galilee Area

This morning we drive to Caesarea Philippi (Banias), a source of the Jordan River. Jesus here asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and explained to them that he must go to



Jerusalem (Mt. 16:13-23) and be crucified. At Tel Dan, we see where the tribe of Dan lived; it was originally called Laish. Dan introduced idolatry into the land of Israel, and it was here where King Jeroboam set up a high place of worship to a golden calf (1 Kgs. 12:25-33). We reflect on the significance of the Road to Damascus. In the Golan Heights, we recall the scene of bitter fighting during the Six Day War and the Valley of the Tears. We enjoy the snowcapped peak of Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in the Middle East. At Gamla, we view the remains of a 1st-century town and synagogue where Jesus likely preached, the beautiful waterfall, and the large vultures and eagles soaring above us. We visit Bethsaida and return to our hotel in the Galilee region for dinner and overnight. **B/D** 

#### Day 6: Monday, November 6, 2023 • Mount Nebo Area

After breakfast, we drive to Shikh Hussein and cross the border to Jordan. We visit Bethany beyond the Jordan where John the Baptist ministered. The site is maintained much as it would have been 2,000 years ago. We reflect on the time when Jesus was baptized and the passage from Matthew 3:17 "And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We take time to remember our baptism. We drive to Madaba and enjoy a short visit to St. George's Cathedral, where the 6th century mosaic map is laid down before we continue to the hotel near the Dead Sea Jordan area for overnight. **B/D** 

#### Day 7: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 • Petra

This morning we visit Mount Nebo (the alleged burial place of Moses) to enjoy the panoramic view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and the Jordan River. The old church on top of the mountain with its well-preserved large pieces of Mosaic, dates to the Byzantine era. We proceed to visit the World Heritage Site of Um er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefa'a). It contains remains from the Roman, Byzantine and early Moslem periods (end of 3rd to 9th century AD). Um er-Rasas is a masterpiece of human creative genius given the artistic and technical qualities of the mosaic floor of St. Stephen's Church with maps of ancient times. We continue to Petra for dinner and overnight. **B/D** 

#### Day 8: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 • Petra

Today is a full day to visit Petra. We walk to the gates of Petra, where horses are waiting to take us on a short horse ride to the beginning of the Siq, after which we walk through a narrow canyon to the first great monument where the treasury is revealed, the Roman Theater and Royal Tombs. B/D

#### Day 9: Thursday, November 9, 2023 • Jerusalem

Today we cross back over into Israel. Time permitting, we stop in Jericho, the ancient Canaanite city destroyed by the power of

God. It is the oldest known inhabited city in the world. Waters from the Spring of Elisha (II Kings 2) are also in this area. Thru the Valley of the Shadow in the Judean hills, we travel up to the holy city of Jerusalem where we have dinner and overnight. **B/D** 

#### Day 10: Friday, November 10, 2023 • Jerusalem

This morning we ascend the Mount of Olives for a view of Jerusalem, overlooking the Old City. The mount is covered in olive trees, cemeteries and churches commemorating the Christian events of Jesus. After we take in all the sights, we proceed to visit the Garden of Gethsemane. The entrance to the Garden of Gethsemane has ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Christ. We proceed to visit the archeological site of the City of David and Hezekiah Tunnel. After lunch (on own), we enter the Old City and walk the Via Dolorosa to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We walk through the Jewish Quarter and the Cardo to Mt. Zion, where we visit the Last Supper Room and King David's Tomb. Dinner and overnight is in Jerusalem. **B/D** 

#### Day 11: Saturday, November 11, 2023 • Jerusalem

This morning we travel to Bethlehem (Lk. 2) and see the shepherd's fields and Christmas Church. We enjoy lunch with local Christians and visit with an Olivewood carver before returning to Jerusalem. B/L/D

#### Day 12: Sunday, November 12, 2023 • Jerusalem

Today, we visit Qumran. Here the Hidden Scrolls found in the caves in 1947 exposed the secret life of the Essense, a small ultrareligious sect, who hid here from the Roman enemy. We proceed to Masada, 500 meters high, above the Dead Sea. The fortress of Masada is set on a giant cliff. This castle, built by King Herod, is 600 m. in length and 300 m. in width, and 2,000 years old. A cable car takes the visitors up to the cliff, to an unforgettable tour of the palaces, the warehouses and resident areas, the water complex, the impressive fortified system and to most fascinating views of the Judean desert. A stop at the Dead Sea gives one an opportunity to float in the sea. We return to Jerusalem. B/D

#### Day 13: Monday, November 13, 2023 • Jerusalem

After breakfast, we enter the Old City of Jerusalem, via the Dung Gate, while ascending to the Temple Mount. We see the Dome of the Rock and El Akza Mosques, the holiest places for both Jews and Muslims. Descending the Temple Mount, we visit the archaeological park of the Davidson Center and view the Virtual Presentation. Later at the Western Wall, the most holy for the Jewish, are the remains of the wall that surrounded the Temple Mount. We see the Israeli Parliament and the Menorah, symbol of the Jewish state donated by the British to the Jewish people in 1956. We continue to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Jewish memorial to the six million people murdered in the Holocaust, which contains the world's largest repository of information on the Holocaust. We visit the Israel Museum to see the Shrine of the Book and Scale Model of Jerusalem. Tonight, we enjoy a farewell dinner to celebrate our time in Israel. Later we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. B/D

**Day 14: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - Return** We arrive home from an inspiring journey.

> Abbreviations for Meals B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

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