

ISRAEL BASIC TOUR OUTLINE – ANGLICAN TOURS AUSTRALIA

19 Days, March 16 to April 3, 2014

**Payments (Cheques to “Grassroots Resources”
or by bank transfer to “Grassroots Resources” BSB 033 689 Account 311669 Westpak Bank.**

Day 1 - Sun 16 March

Leave via the International Airport for Israel (People will leave from different capital cities around Australia and meet up along the route)

Day 2: - Mon 17 March. Arrival. Visit Neot Kedumim, a nature park with plants trees and artifacts referenced by the Bible, at noon time visit the Ayalon Institute. Ancient Jaffa(Joppa).

Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv

Leonardo Basel Tel Aviv (1 Night)

Tel: 972 3-5207711

Fax: 972 3-5270005

<http://www.fattal-hotels.com/tel-aviv-hotels/leonardo-basel-tel-aviv>

Day 3 - Tue 18 March

Depart Tel Aviv for Caesarea Maritime, continue and visit Nazareth and Nazareth Village. Visit Mt. Carmel. overnight in Tiberia.

Nof Ginosar (Village) Kibutz hotel (3 Nights)

Tel: 972 4-6700-300

Fax: 972 4-6792170

<http://www.ginosar.co.il>

Day 4 - Wed 19 March

After breakfast, drive to the Mt. of Beatitudes. Tabgha, Capernaum, enjoy a traditional boat ride on the sea of Galilee. See the remains of a boat from the time of Jesus. **Fish lunch** before or after depending on time. Drive via Cana to Zippori (Sepphoris. Capernaum, Yardenit Baptismal Site. Dinner and overnight in Tiberia,

Day 5 - Thur 20 March

Visit Biblical Dan and Caesarea-Phillippi. Drive up the Golan stopping at Tel Fahr. Visit Kursi . Return to Tiberia for dinner and overnight

Day 6 – Fri 21 March

Visit Beit Shean. At the foot of Mt. Gilboa visit the 6th century synagogue of Bet Alfa. Drive to Jerusalem Stop for a welcome to Jerusalem on Mt. Scopus before settling in. Overnight:

Jerusalem

Leonardo Jerusalem (7 Nights)

Tel: 972 2-5320000

Fax: 972 2- 5320011

<http://www.fattal-hotels.com/jerusalem-hotels/leonardo-jerusalem>

Day 7 - Sat 22 March

Start with a spectacular view of Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives - Walk down the Palm Sunday Road, visit the Chapel of Dominus Flevit and the Church of all Nations at the Garden of Gethsemane – Afternoon visit to Bethlehem – here will experience a traditional oriental lunch. Visit the Holy Sites including the Shepherds Field, here will celebrate a mass, Shepherds Church, Church of the Nativity with Birth cave.

Day 8 - Sun 23 March

Free to enjoy Jerusalem – shopping and personal activities, today we don't have a bus or a guide. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 9 – Mon 24 March

Early morning visit (leave hotel at 7:15 - this to avoid a very long wait in line) to the Temple Mount; visit the Pools of Bethesda, the Sisters of Zion crypt and walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Walk through to Damascus Gate and Solomon's Quarries (also known as Zedekiah's cave) before ending at Garden Tomb about 3pm.

Day 10 - Tue 25 March

Begin with a visit to David's City - see the movie of Jerusalem from its inception (some 4,000 years back) until the time of Solomon. Next Hezekiah's Tunnel and The Pool of Siloam. From here we return via Herod's drainage channel below his street. Visit the Davidson Center, the steps that led to the Temple. On Mt Zion visit the Last Supper Room and the prison of Christ at St. Peter in Gallicantu – enter the Jewish Quarter and walk the Cardo. Visit the Burnt House.

Day 11 - Wed 26 March

Drive down to Emmaus. Continue to the Ela Valley to Bet Guvrin where we explore the myriad bell-shaped caves and the wonderfully preserved Roman Amphitheatre. Biblical Lakhish and Bet Shemesh and the Ela Valley (David and Goliath). Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 12 - Thurs 27 March

Today we visit the Western Wall and tunnels. View the model of Second Temple period Jerusalem; the Dead Sea scrolls. Continue past the Israel Knesset and the Supreme Court to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Visit En Karem and the birthplace of John the Baptist. Finish our visit to Jerusalem with a walk down Ben Yehuda St. and town center or the outdoor market at Mahaneh Yehudah. Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY 13 - Fri 28 March

Depart Jerusalem via the Inn of the Good Samaritan to visit the caves of Qumran, En Gedi and Masada which we ascend by cable car but descend on foot via the Roman ramp where the bus meets us; continue to Dead sea, dinner and overnight in Dead Sea hotel

David Dead Sea Resort (Ex Meridian))1 Night)

Tel: 972 8-6591234

Fax: 972 8-6591235

<http://www.fattal-hotels.com/dead-sea-hotels/meridien-dead-sea>

Day 14 - Sat 29 March (Shabbat)

Free morning at the Dead Sea hotel to enjoy the spa and hotel facilities. At 11:00, drive through the Negev desert up to Mitzpe Ramon. Drive via the Wilderness of Zin (Ben-Gurion's grave. visit Nabatean and Byzantine Avdat, - authentic Bedouin visit on this road with Salman.

Overnight: Hotel - Mitzpe Ramon

Isrotel Ramon Inn (1 Night)

Tel: 972 8-6588822,

Fax :972 8-6588151

<http://www.isrotel.com/ramon inn>

Day 15 - Sun 30 March

4WD Jeep ride off-road through the Ramon Makhatesh ending at bedouin village. Mitzpe Ramon visitor's center. **Continue to Eilat via** Timna Park to see the rock formations and ancient mines and Temples. Visit a re-creation of the Tabernacle in the Sinai desert. - **Eilat overview**. overnight Eilat

Royal Resort Eilat (2 Nights)

Tel: 972 8-6366000

Fax: 972 8 -6337279

<http://www.fattal-hotels.com/eilat-hotels/leonardo-royal-resort-eilat>

Day 16 - Mon 31 March

Trip to Petra in Jordan - Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Eilat

Leave hotel in Eilat around 07:30 AM and transfer to the Arava Border Crossing. After ending all border-formalities we drive up to the Jordanian "Desert Highway" and then to the "Rose Red City" - Petra. We enter the ancient city through the famous "Siq" - a narrow natural gorge that made the secret entrance to Petra. At once the valley of Petra opens in front of us, and we see the famous "Khazane Treasury". We visit the most famous monuments, carved in the red Sandstone and eat lunch (included) nearby, before we go back to our bus. After a short city-tour in Aqaba we reach the Arava Border and return to Eilat and transfer back to our hotel.

Day 17 - Tue – 1st April

Leave hotel for airport to board 11am local Flight back to Ben Gurion. We will arrange for a look around Tel Aviv and after an evening meal head to the international airport for our flight that leaves at 11.05pm. (I have not included time in Eilat as I am not convinced there is a great lot to see unless you want to go scuba Diving etc.

Day 18/19 - Wed – 2nd April Thurs 3rd April.

We lose a day coming home returning on Thursday 3rd April.