

# BIBLICAL JOURNEYS



## "MIRACLES HAPPEN" – Sept 2023 Israel Tour with Joan Hunter"

**September 1-12, 2023**

### **Friday, September 1, 2023: Departure**

- Depart (for USA pilgrims)

### **Saturday, September 2, 2023: Shalom and welcome to Israel!!**

- Upon arrival to Israel, you will transfer to our hotel in **Tel Aviv** and enjoy nice **dinner buffet!**
- Enjoy a nice evening walk at the beach or an early night after the long flight!

### **Overnight at Leonardo Gordon Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv**

### **Sunday, September 3, 2023: Old Jaffa**

- We wake up at the Mediterranean Sea and enjoy our Israeli breakfast buffet.
- After a late breakfast, Joan Hunter will welcome you all to Israel, update you on the tour and introduce some of the special guests.
- Next, we will visit **Old Jaffa port**, reputed to be one of the oldest ports in the world, notably being the port from which Jonah set off in the famous Biblical story of **Jonah and the Whale**. It was here Peter stayed for a while at **Simon the Tanners' house** and where Peter prayed for Tabitha as she rose from the dead.
- After a beautiful tour on the beach side, we return to our hotel for **dinner**.
- **SPECIAL EVENING** with Joan Hunter after dinner.

### **Overnight at Leonardo Gordon Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv**

### **Monday, September 4, 2023: Caesarea by the Sea – Mt. Carmel – Cana – Tiberias**

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We start the day by driving north along the Mediterranean Sea and end up in ancient **Caesarea**, a port with the fascinating aqueduct built by Herod the Great.
- We continue to **Mt. Carmel**, where Elijah called down fire from heaven before we visit **Cana** where Jesus turned the water into wine.
- We arrive in **Tiberias** by the Sea of Galilee to check in and enjoy **dinner!**

### **Overnight at Kibbutz Maagan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee**

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023: Mt. of Beatitudes – Sea of Galilee – Fish lunch in Ein Gev – Capernaum – Primacy of Peter**

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- This morning, we drive up to **Mt. of Beatitudes**, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount.
- We continue down to the ancient **Jesus boat at Nof Ginosar** and take the wooden boats out on the **Sea of Galilee**. We enjoy sailing on the miracle lake before getting to shore on the other side for a special **Peter fish lunch** at the beautiful **Ein Gev**.
- After lunch, we drive to **Capernaum** and on to the **Primacy of Peter** located at **Tabgha** at the Sea of Galilee. It was here that Peter saw Jesus from the boat and jumped in to meet him. Jesus had prepared breakfast for them.
- **SPECIAL EVENING** – at hotel with Joan Hunter, including **dinner**.

**Overnight at Kibbutz Maagan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee**

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023: Magdala – Yardenit Baptism in Jordan River – Jordan Valley – Jerusalem**

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- This morning, we go to the ancient town of **Magdala** and the newly excavated synagogue where Jesus preached.
- We allow time for those who want to be **baptized in Jordan River** before we drive south through the **Jordan Valley**, passing Jericho along the way.
- We arrive in Jerusalem and stop for a **welcome ceremony** overlooking Jerusalem.
- We check into our hotel and refresh before **dinner** at our hotel tonight.

**Overnight at Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

**Thursday, September 7, 2023: Shilo with lunch – Beit-El – Garden Tomb – Jerusalem**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We start the day with a visit to **Samaria and Shiloh**, where Joshua divided the land between the tribes and where the tabernacle stood for almost 400 years. The end of these 400 years Hannah prayed her famous prayer and Samuel was born. We will enjoy a very special presentation of this historic place and have a **special lunch** and gathering here.
- On the way back to Jerusalem, we will stop at **Beit-El** and see the place of Jacob's ladder.
- Afterwards, we return to Jerusalem and enter the **Garden Tomb for communion**.
- **SPECIAL EVENING** at Hotel with Joan Hunter, including dinner.

**Overnight at Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

### **Friday, September 8, 2023: Mt of Olives – Gethsemane Garden – Upper Room – Jewish Quarter – Western Wall**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We start the morning atop the **Mount of Olives** with a breathtaking view of the Old City and the Temple Mount. Jesus will put his feet here when he returns according to Zechariah 14.
- We walk down and arrive to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and visit the **Upper room**, where the Last Supper was said to be held.
- This afternoon, we enter the **Old City** and stroll through the **Jewish Quarter**.
- We return to our hotel for a relaxing evening and **dinner** together.

### **Overnight at Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

### **Saturday, September 9, 2023: Dead Sea swim – Qumran – Masada**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we drive down from Jerusalem to the lowest point on Earth, the **Dead Sea basin**. Here, we float in the salty water and maybe test the famous mud to treat our skin.
- We continue to **Qumran** where the ancient Dead Sea Hebrew scrolls were discovered in some caves in 1947.
- Driving a bit further, we come to **Masada** built by Herod the great around 30 BCE. The place has a fascinating history and we “climb” the fortress in a cable car.
- We return to Jerusalem tonight for **dinner** at our hotel.

### **Overnight at Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

### **Sunday, September 10, 2023: City of David – Bethlehem**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We start the day in the **City of David**, where we discover the Jerusalem of Biblical kings and prophets in a guided tour underground, including some of the latest archeological finds in Jerusalem and a water walk through **Hezekiah’s tunnel**.
- We continue to **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus, where we also visit the **Shepherds fields** between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

### **Overnight at Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

### **Monday, September 11, 2023: Departure**

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This is our departure day, but for those who are not leaving until later today, enjoy time for shopping in the Old City on own, followed by a **special dinner** before we head for the airport!

### **Tuesday, September 12, 2023: Welcome Home!**

- We arrive back in the United States today.