

DAY 7 – Friday, June 12– GALILEE - JUDEAN DESERT - Depart from the Galilee driving south through the JORDAN VALLEY to visit BETH-SHEAN, the ancient site where the Philistines desecrated the bodies of Saul and Jonathan and one of the best-preserved Hellenistic cities in Israel. Next we arrive to JERICHO, to see the Tel of the old city, and then on to Qumran, site of the first-century Jewish community who wrote and preserved the Dead Sea Scrolls. Dr. Price will conduct a tour of this site and of his excavations on the Qumran Plateau. It is then on to EIN BOQEK where we check-in to the Meridien Hotel with its world-famous health Spa beside the DEAD SEA. Enjoy a float in the Dead Sea or Olympic sized hotel pool and then a delicious buffet dinner and evening at leisure.

DAY 8 – Saturday, June 13– DEAD SEA - JERUSALEM - Begin the day at MASADA site of the Jew’s final stand against the Romans in A.D. 73, ascending by cable cars to see the remains of Herod’s palatial fortress. Next we climb to NAHAL DAVID at the site of EIN-GEDI, where David hid from Saul, Next we drive around the WALLS OF THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM and check in at the Regency.

DAY 9 - Sunday, June 14- BETHLEHEM- Christmas comes early this year as this morning you enter BETHLEHEM. Climb the HERODIAN, the mountain-fortress of Herod the Great where the infamous king’s still lies entombed, then to the SHEPHERD’S FIELD (YMCA) to sing Christmas carols inside a shepherd’s cave (with manger outside!). Next we enter the CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, the traditional birthplace of Jesus and site of Jerome’s translation of the Latin Vulgate. After time to shop at an OLIVE WOOD STORE we return to Jerusalem to visit YAD VASHEM, the Jewish Holocaust Museum before returning to the Regency.

DAY 10 - Monday, June 15 - JERUSALEM - Begin today at CAIAPHAS’ HOUSE and then walk the VIA DOLOROSA, Jesus’ path to the cross, ending at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE the traditional site of the crucifixion and tomb of Jesus. We then bus to Biblical Resources at Ein Karem for a short tour and a Last Supper reenactment lunch. Next we return to the MT of OLIVES and walk down “disciples path” to DOMINUS FLEVIT, the place where Christ wept over Jerusalem and to the GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE where He prayed. Our reflection on the sufferings of the Savior climax at the GARDEN TOMB with a COMMUNION SERVICE under the olive trees. We have a special FAREWELL DINNER at the CARDO CULLINARIA RESTUARANT and then to BEN-GURION Airport for our security check-in and 12:05 A.M. flight to the U.S. Those staying over for the Jordan extension return to the Regency.

Day 11 - Tuesday, June 16 - ATLANTA - Arrive at Atlanta at 5:40am; transfer to our domestic flights for home with our memories together in the Holy Land! **JORDAN EXTENSION - JERUSALEM/EILAT-** Head for the southern port city of Eilat on the Red Sea stopping at MASADA to visit the NEW MASADA MUSEUM, then to TIMNA PARK to a view a presentation of the ancient copper mining industry and then tour the majestic cliffs from which King Solomon mined copper ore and an Egyptian temple, followed by a tour of a replica of the TABERNACLE. Arrive in Eilat and check into the beautiful Hilton Hotel.

Day 12 - Wednesday, June 17 - PETRA- Cross the border into Jordan for a full-day tour of PETRA, the magnificent city fortress carved from native sandstone, voted one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Return late evening to the Hilton Hotel.

Day 13 - Thursday, June 18 - EILAT/TEL AVIV- Today you will visit the coral reef Marine Observatory to see the wonderfully colorful sea life that inhabits the Red Sea. Optional time to snorkel on the coral reefs and see the exotic sea life up close and personal! Visit to the Eliat stone factory to see how this stone found only in Eilat is made into some of the world’s most beautiful jewelry. Return to Tel Aviv for special dinner and our late night flight back to the States.

Day 14 - Friday, June 19 – NEWARK - Arrive at Newark at 5:50am ; transfer to our domestic flights for home with our memories together in the Holy Land and Jordan!

Tour hosts Dr. Randall Price and Beverlee Price have lived and worked in Israel and have directed tours to the Bible lands for 25 years. He is a certified guide in Israel and has led archaeological digs at Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Dr. Price is the author of over 20 books and films relating to Israel, Prophecy, and Archaeology. More info at www.worldofthebible.com

