

ITINERARY, HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF ISRAEL

Monday, May 14, Arrival. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 15, Lectures. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday, May 16, Old Testament Jerusalem Walking Trip: Eastern Hill/original Mount Zion (Large Stone Building, Area G, Warren's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam), overview of the Hinnom Valley/Gehenna, overview of Eastern Hill from St. Peter in Gallicantu, and the "Broad Wall" on the Western Hill. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday, May 17, New Testament Jerusalem Field Trip: Overview of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, traditional Garden of Gethsemane, Pools of Bethesda, Overview of Second Temple Period Tombs in the Kidron Valley, Southern Wall Excavations, Wohl Museum, and model of New Testament Jerusalem and Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday, May 18, Morning lectures; afternoon visit to Tombs at Ecole Biblique, Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb and Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday, May 19, Benjamin Field Trip: Qasr el-Yehud (a traditional location of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist), Jericho (Tell es-Sultan, Tulul Abu el-'Alayiq, Tell es-Samarat), Mizpeh Danny (overview of Wilderness of Judea), Nebi Samwil (overview of important towns in Benjamin) and Tel Gezer/Tell Jezer. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, May 20, Free Day. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday, May 21, Morning quiz and lectures; afternoon visit to Bethlehem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 22, Hill Country and Shephelah of Judah Field Trip: Herodium, Tel Azekah/Tell Zakariyeh (overview of the Elah Valley where David confronted Goliath), Tel Beth-shemesh/Tell er-Rumeileh, Tel Maresha/Tell Sandahanna/Marissa/Beth-guvrin, and Tel Lachish/Tell ed-Duweir. Overnight in Ashkelon.

Wednesday, May 23, Philistine Plain and Biblical Negeb Field Trip: Ashkelon excavations, Tel Haror/Tell Abu Hureirah (Gerar?), Tel Beer-sheba/Tell es-Seba, and Tel Arad/Tell Arad. Overnight in modern town of Arad.

Thursday, May 24, Greater Negeb Field Trip: Swimming in the Dead Sea, Hazeva/Tamar, Maaleh Aqrabbim (an ancient trade route), Mamshit/Kurnub/Mampsis (a Nabatean town), Makhtesh Gadol, H. Haluqim and overview of Nahal Zin and the Wilderness of Zin from Kibbutz Sede Boker. Overnight in Arad.

Friday, May 25, Dead Sea Area Field Trip: Masada, En-gedi, and Qumran (with special presentation by Dr. Stephen Pfann). Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday, May 26, Free Day. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, May 27, Morning quiz followed by free time; afternoon lectures. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday, May 28, Ephraim, Samaria and Mount Carmel Field Trip: Kh. Seilun/Shiloh, "Jacob's" Well, Tell Balatah/Shechem, Samaria/Sebaste/Sebastia and Mukhraka (traditional site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel). Overnight on Mt. Carmel.

Tuesday, May 29, Sharon Plain and Lower Galilee Field Trip: Caesarea, Nazareth Village (reproduction of a typical Galilean village in Jesus' time [special presentation by Mrs. Claire Pfann]), Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, and overview of the Arbel cliffs and valley. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Wednesday, May 30, Sea of Galilee Area Field Trip: Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee, Museum of First Century Boat (at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar), Magdala, Capernaum, Chorazin, et-Tell (Bethsaida?) and overview of el-Kursi (Gergesa). Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Thursday, May 31, Northern Jordan Valley and Golan Field Trip: Tel Hazor, Hula Nature Reserve, overview of Tel Abel-beth-maacah from Upper Galilee, Tel Dan/Tell el-Qadi and Dan Nature Reserve, Banias (Caesarea-philippi), Golan Heights and Traditional Mount of Beatitudes. Overnight on the Mount of Beatitudes.

Friday, June 1, Jezeel Valley, Harod Valley, Beth-shean Valley, and Jordan Valley Field Trip: Overview of Kh. Cana, Tel Megiddo/ Tell el-Mutesellim, Tel Yizre'el/Zer'in/Jezeel, En-harod (where Gideon's warriors were selected), and Tel Beth-shean/Tell el-Husn/Scythopolis. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday, June 2, Final exam. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, June 3, Departure.

(Every reasonable effort will be made to include all sites in the itinerary, but some flexibility may be required to accommodate unexpected circumstances, including security