

Miller Group 2023

Sunday, July 2, Arrival Overnight in Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem. (Dinner in hotel)

Monday, July 3, Jerusalem Field Trip (emphasis on Old Testament period)

Overview of Hinnom Valley/Gehenna, overview of Kidron Valley and view across the valley to the Mount of Olives from the Eastern Hill (original Mount Zion), excavations on the Eastern Hill (Large Stone Building [David's Palace?], Warren's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel, and Pool of Siloam), "Broad Wall" on the Western Hill. Overnight in Gloria Hotel. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; sack lunch)

Tuesday, July 4, New Testament Jerusalem Walking Trip

Temple Mount, Western Wall, Southern Wall Excavations (Jerusalem Archaeological Park), Wohl Museum (mansions from the New Testament period). Overnight in Gloria Hotel. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; lunch in a restaurant in the Old City of Jerusalem)

Wednesday, July 5, New Testament Jerusalem Field Trip

Overview of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, Church of All Nations and traditional Garden of Gethsemane, Pools of Bethesda, View of Second Temple Period Tombs in the Kidron Valley, Model of New Testament Jerusalem and Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum. Overnight in guest house in Abu Ghosh. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; lunch in Old City of Jerusalem)

Thursday, July 6, Shephelah and Negeb Field Trip

Tel Azekah overlooking the Elah Valley where David fought Goliath, H. Midras (tomb with rolling stone), Amphitheater at Beth-guvrin/Maresha, Tel Beer-sheba. Overnight in David Resort and Spa by the Dead Sea. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch)

Friday, July 7, Dead Sea Area Field Trip

Masada, En Gedi Nature Reserve, Qumran. Overnight in Gloria Hotel. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch)

Saturday, July 8, Herodium and Bethlehem Field Trip

Morning visit to Herodium and Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Lunch in a restaurant in Bethlehem, remainder of afternoon free. Overnight in Gloria Hotel. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel)

Sunday, July 9, Ephraim, Samaria Field Trip

Shiloh, "Jacob's Well," Tell Balatah/Shechem, Samaria/Sebaste. Overnight in Stella Maris Hotel on Mount Carmel. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; lunch in Samaria Restaurant)

Monday, July 10, Mt. Carmel, Sharon Plain, and Jezreel Valley Field Trip

Mukhraka (traditional location of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel), Caesarea, and Tel Megiddo. Overnight in hotel in Nazareth. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch)

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Tuesday, July 11, Galilee Field Trip

Sepphoris, Church of Annunciation in Nazareth, Nazareth Village, overview of Mt. Tabor, Mt. Moreh, and Mt. Gilboa from Nazareth Ridge. Overnight in En Gev Holiday Village by the Sea of Galilee. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch)

Wednesday, July 12, Northern Jordan Valley and Golan Field Trip

Hazor, Hula Nature Reserve, Tel Dan and Dan Nature Reserve, Banias (Caesarea-philippi), Golan Heights. Overnight in En Gev Holiday Village by Sea of Galilee. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch)

Thursday, July 13, Sea of Galilee Area Field Trip

Boat Ride from En Gev to Kibbutz Ginosar, Museum of First Century Boat at Kibbutz Ginosar, Magdala, Traditional Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, and Beth-shean/Scythopolis [time permitting]. Cross border into Jordan. Overnight in Olive Branch Hotel near Jerash. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch)

Friday, July 14, Jerash and Madaba Field Trip

Jerash (ancient Decapolis city of Gerasa), Madaba Map, drive to Wadi Musa. Overnight in Petra Palace Hotel in Wadi Musa outside Petra. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; lunch in Green Valley Restaurant near Jerash)

Saturday, July 15, Petra Field Trip

Visit "Little Petra" and Petra (main site), return to Madaba. Overnight in Mosaic Hotel in Madaba. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; lunch in restaurant inside Petra)

Sunday, July 16, Madaba, Mt. Nebo and Jordan Valley Area Field Trip

Madaba Map, Mt. Nebo, Traditional Site of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist (Bethany-beyond-Jordan?), cross Allenby Bridge into Israel, Jericho. Overnight in Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch)

Monday, July 17, Calvary Field Trip

Morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Gordon's Calvary and Garden Tomb with communion. Afternoon free. Overnight in Gloria Hotel. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; lunch on your own)

Tuesday, July 18, Return to U.S.