

CARLSON WAGONLIT TRAVEL PRESENTS:

October 23, 2009

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLYLAND

Day 1| Tel Aviv - Jerusalem

Thursday, October 7th

Arrival at Ben Gurion airport. Meeting and assistance by our local representative.
Transfer to the hotel for dinner and accommodation

Overnight: **HOTEL GRAND COURT JERUSALEM – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 2| Jerusalem – Mount Olive – Via Dolorosa

Friday, October 8th

After breakfast, ascend the **Mount of Olives** for a wonderful panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem revealing a city with 4000 years of history. From this vantage point see much of what makes Jerusalem such a unique city to the three major religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Walking down the Mount of Olives, we shall reach the area from which Jesus wept for Jerusalem and then where he ascended to heaven.

Descend the Mount and we enter Jerusalem through Stephen's Gate to the Christian quarter, visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne, **Ecce Homo** (Lithostrotos) – visit the Chapel- , Antonia fortress and follow the **Via Dolorosa** (Stations of the Cross) As we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), through the markets of the Old City praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice. Finally we arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Continue to the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem to see the **Western Wall** (NOTE: During



Shabbat you are not allowed to take pictures of the Wall)

Shabbat dinner will be served at the hotel (the guide will stay with the group throughout the meal to explain the traditions.).

Overnight: **HOTEL GRAND COURT JERUSALEM – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 3| Jerusalem – Bethlehem - Ein Kerem - Bethany

Saturday, October 9th

Breakfast. Then we make our way to Bethlehem, visiting first **Shepherds' Field** , followed by the Church of the Nativity, St. Jerome's Chapel, and St. Catherine's Church. We will allow extra time for shopping in **Bethlehem**.

Returning, we stop in **Ein Kerem** where we visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation.

In the afternoon, drive to Bethany. **Bethany** was the home of the Lazarus, Mary and Martha and the setting for a number of New Testament events. The Tomb of Lazarus in Bethany has long been venerated by Christians and Muslims alike, and a modern Franciscan church dedicated to the resurrected saint stands on the site of much older ones.

Evening, Mass celebration at Church of Resurrection or All Nations if it is possible.

Return to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight: **HOTEL GRAND COURT JERUSALEM – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 4| Jerusalem – Christian sites – Yad Vashem

Sunday, October 10th

Breakfast. We begin our day with a visit to the Mt. of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at **Dominus Flevit**, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Then to **Gethsemane**, the

Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed His last prayer before his arrest. Visit the cave of betrayal then the cave of Assumption of Mary to heaven. Back on the Mt of Olives we visit the **Pater Noster** with the Lords Prayer in many languages, and the Ascension from where ascended to Heaven

Back in Jerusalem, continue to the **Yad Vashem Museum**, memorial to the holocaust telling the story of the Holocaust and serving as a sober reminder of man's inhumanity to man.

Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: **HOTEL GRAND COURT JERUSALEM – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 5I Jerusalem – Old city

Monday, October 11th

Breakfast. After breakfast at our hotel we return to the Old City of Jerusalem to visit. Then we visit the **Wailing Wall**, the most holy place for Jews (for photo stop).

Nearby is the Dome of the Rock and the Haram al Sharif or Temple Mount. We exit at Mt **Zion**. At the Cenacle we visit the **Upper Room of the Last Supper**. Next we go to Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Mary died. We end the day **at St. Peter in Gallicantu** where Peter denied Him thrice

Tonight enjoy the **Tzabarim Dance Performance at the YMCA**. The "TZABARIM MECHOLA" Folklore Ensemble is composed of young men and women born in Jerusalem

Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: **HOTEL GRAND COURT JERUSALEM – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 6I Jerusalem- Jericho - Masada- Dead Sea

Tuesday, October 12th

Breakfast. Depart Jerusalem and drive to **Jericho**, the oldest and lowest inhabited city in the world. Ascend the Judean hills to reach Jerusalem the city of peace, home of the three monotheistic religions. Visit of Mar Saba in the area of Bet Sahour or Monastery of St George on the way to Jericho **

At the oasis town of Jericho, visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view **Mt. Temptation** where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan

Continue through the Judean wilderness to the lowest point on earth -- the **Dead Sea**. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to the base of **Masada**, the last stronghold of the Jewish zealots against the Romans. Ascend by cable car and tour the famed archaeological site including Herod's palace, an ancient synagogue and a bathhouse.

After descending drive to a nearby oasis and enjoy an opportunity to swim or "float" in the unique waters of the Dead Sea. Return to Jerusalem.

Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: **HOTEL GRAND COURT JERUSALEM – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 7I Jerusalem- Caesarea- Megiddo - Tiberias

Wednesday, October 13th

Breakfast. Morning depart the hotel and drive to Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and tried, and where Cornelius was converted. Visit the Roman and Crusader ruins. Drive through the Carmel Mountains heading for the Galilee. Continue to Megiddo (Armageddon), one of King Solomon's chariot cities. Continue to Tiberias.

Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: **HOTEL RON BEACH – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 8I Tiberias- Capernaum- Tabgha

Thursday, October 14th

Breakfast. Begin the day with a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee. Continue to **Capernaum**, center of Jesus' ministry. Located here are the ruins of an ancient synagogue and the site of Peter's house. Proceed to **Tabgha**, the site of the miracle of the loaves and fish and see the fish mosaic from the 5th century Byzantine basilica. Drive to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, site of the "sermon on the mount" (Mass celebration). Travel through the upper Galilee to **Banias** springs (Caesarea Philippi), where Peter made his confession of faith.

Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: **HOTEL RON BEACH – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 9| Tiberias- Jordan River, Cana, Nazareth – Tel Aviv **Friday, October 15th**

Breakfast. Drive to Yardenit on the shores of the **Jordan River** and renew baptismal promises. Visit **Mt. Tabor** site of the transfiguration.

Proceed to **Nazareth**, where Jesus spent his early years and visit Mary's well and the church of the annunciation ([Mass celebration](#)). Just north of Nazareth is the village of and **Cana** of Galilee, heart touching vows renewal ceremony in Cana of Galilee for the couples that want it. Continue to Tel Aviv for dinner and accommodation.

Overnight: **HOTEL METROPOLITAN – STANDARD ROOM**

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Day 10| Tel Aviv

Saturday, October 16th

Breakfast. Check out at the hotel and transfer to Ben Gurion airport

EXTENSION TO JORDAN

Day 10| Tel Aviv - Eliat

Saturday, October 16th

Proceed to airport for your flight to Eliat.

Arrival, meeting with your local guide and transfer to the hotel.

Evening mass to be celebrated in a private meeting room at hotel.

Overnight.

EILAT is a desert resort on the shores of the Red Sea – Israel's southernmost town. The astonishing fish and corals of the temperate gulf waters are unique in their color and variety.

Twice yearly, millions of birds fly over Eilat on migration between Europe and Africa, above the stunning red mountains and azure waters of the Red Sea Gulf. The many natural wonders and attractions of this area, the inviting beaches, crystal seas and sunny climate, make friendly Eilat a choice holiday destination for travelers from all over the world.

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Day 11| Eilat

Sunday, October 17th

Breakfast. **Full day to Petra with lunch (Jordan)**. Pick up from Eilat Hotels. Transfer to Arava Border, cross to Jordan & travel to Petra (about 2 hours) via Aqaba. In Petra, walking part begins from the gate of the Archaeological Park through Al-Siq, a winding trail at the bottom of a natural deep canyon, at the end of which reveals itself the famous Treasury Monument, proceed on to the Amphitheatre, Kings' Tombs, Roman Market Road & more. Hear story of the Nabateans who have established Petra as their capital on the "Spice Route". Lunch break - lunch is served, buffet style, in one of Petra's hotels. Travel back & time permitting short tour of Aqaba. Return via border crossing to Eilat hotels.

Overnight.

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Day 12| Eilat - Tel Aviv

Monday, October 18th

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Tel Aviv.

EXTENSION TO ROME

Day 12| Tel Aviv - Rome

Monday, October 8th

Upon arrival at Rome Airport, meet and greet with your local guide and transfer to the hotel. Check-in at your hotel for dinner and overnight.



HOTEL PORTAMAGGIORE with its 215 rooms is pleased to receive you in Rome's historic centre.

The hotel faces the monumental Porta Maggiore (1st c. A.D.). Your experience will be enhanced by the archaeological treasures at the hotel's front step. The simple elegance of the furniture creates a pleasant ambiance , the rooms are comfortably decorated. Each room has TV-SAT, FRIGO-BAR, SAFE, AIR CONDITION, as well as own private bathroom.

Day 13|

Tuesday, October 19th

After breakfast 4-hr by private walking tour with English-speaking guide including Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and ending at the Colosseum. Rest of day at leisure.

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Day 14|

Wednesday, October 20th

Breakfast. Papal audience arranged by Sr. Angelica followed by visit to Sisters' SSMI headquarters.

Afternoon tour of Vatican Museum including Sistine Chapel followed by free time in St.Peters to visit Square and Basilica.

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Day 15|

Thursday, October 21st

Breakfast.
Half day Rome city tour and Christian Rome with its Basilicas , catacombs, churches and sacred buildings including Basilica of St. John in Lateran, Scala Santa, and the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

Afternoon at leisure

Farewell dinner at a characteristic Roman Restaurant.

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Day 16

Friday, October 22nd

After breakfast departure for airport for return flight home

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