



CUFI Central Pastor Leadership March 1 – 10, 2021 Israel – the Holy Land #CUFIISRAEL

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Day 1 ~ Monday, March 1, 2021

Depart John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) flying overnight to Israel.

Day 2 ~ Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Tel Aviv/Tiberias

Home City/JFK/Enroute

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport. Meet, assist and begin traveling north along the **Israeli coastline** stopping at **Caesarea**, the Roman capital of Judea. Tour the beautifully restored ruins of the ancient town, harbor, hippodrome and aqueduct and the ancient Roman theatre. Continue to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. **Tiberias (D)**

Day 3 ~ Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Tiberias

Following breakfast, morning CUFI orientation. Cross the **Sea of Galilee** by boat, with time for reflection and prayer. Visit **Capernaum**, seeing the ruins of the **ancient synagogue**. Then, onto the **Mount of Beatitudes**, the site of the **Sermon on the Mount**. Before enjoying a **St. Peter's fish lunch**, visit **Magdala**, located in **Migdal**, with a **First Century synagogue** on the Galilee. Continue to the **Golan Heights**, for a **Northern Israel strategic tour** with **Lt. Col. Eyal Dror**, before hearing about the "**Good Neighbor Project**." *Tiberias* (*B*,*L*,*D*)

Day 4 ~ Thursday, March 4, 2021

Tiberias/Jerusalem

Morning meeting with **Greek Orthodox Priest, Father Gabriel Naddaf, spiritual head of Israeli Christian Recruitment Forum**. Next, visit **Yardenit**, the Baptismal site on the **Jordan River**. Then, begin the journey up to **Jerusalem**, driving through the Mountains of Judea arriving in the holy city just in time for a special panoramic **welcome ceremony atop the Tower of David**, followed by a walk atop the **Old City ramparts**. **Jerusalem (B,D)**

Day 5 ~ Friday, March 5, 2021

Jerusalem

This morning, tour the excavated base of the **Western Wall (tunnels)** on the Herodian street from the time of Jesus. Then, enter the **Jewish Quarter** at the **"Cardo"**, meaning the "heart" of this ancient Byzantine city and into the Christian Quarter. Next, visit the **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, Caiphas' House** and the site of the **Upper Room of the Last Supper**. **Welcome the Sabbath at the Kotel, Western Wall**. Enjoy **home hospitality and Shabbat dinner** together with a host family.

Jerusalem (B,D)

Day 6 ~ Saturday, March 6, 2021

Jerusalem

Morning meeting with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, Palestinian Affairs Journalist. Enjoy an overview from atop **Mount of Olives**, before walking down **Palm Sunday Road** to the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Continue with time of worship at **St. Anne's Church**. Next, visit to the **Israel Museum** to view the **Model of Ancient Jerusalem**, a miniature of the city during the Second Temple period. Following dinner, enjoy an **evening excursion to Ben Yehuda Street**. **Jerusalem (B,D)**

Day 7 ~ Sunday, March 7, 2021

Jerusalem

This morning, visit the archaeology site unearthing **Ir David**, **City of David**. Next, be one of the many volunteers who have participated in this incredible operation of **the Temple Mount Sifting Project** at **Emek Tzurim Park** where, so far, there have been over 3,500 finds from ancient times. Hear from **Rabbi Ken Spiro at Aish HaTorah**, followed by a beautiful view on the rooftop, overlooking the **Kotel**. This afternoon, tour of the **Security Fence and IDF Check Points with Danny Tirza – Col. (Res.**). Danny Tirza is in charge of planning the security fence between the West Bank and Israel, Israel's largest infrastructure project.

Jerusalem (B,D)

Day 8 ~ Monday, March 8, 2021

Jerusalem

Stop for a photo opportunity at the **US Embassy in Jerusalem**. Departure to the city of **Sderot** including **overviews of Gaza** for a strategic tour of the area. En route to Sderot, view the **Elah Valley**, the place described in the Bible where the Israelites were encamped when David fought Goliath. Next, visit the Moshav of **Nativ HaAsara**, located in the north-west Negev. A moshav is a type of agricultural community in Israeli consisting of a group of individual farms. Next, visit **The Peres Center** in Jaffa. The Peres Center for Peace and Innovation, founded in 1996 by the late President of Israel, Shimon Peres, develops and implements impactful and meaningful programs with a focus on promoting a prosperous Israel.

Jerusalem (B,D)

Day 9 ~ Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Jerusalem/Enroute

This morning, visit to the **Garden Tomb** for a special communion service. Onto the unforgettable **Memorial to the Holocaust** at **Yad Vashem**. A visit to the **Friends of Zion Museum** is the last stop, dedicated to the outstanding contributions of Christians to the State of Israel. Enjoy a **farewell dinner** together before transferring to the airport with assistance in departure for the flight to the United States. **(B,D)**

Day 10 $^{\sim}$ Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Enroute/USA

Arrival in the **United States** later today.

*Itinerary subject to change. Appointments subject to confirmation. Order of sites may vary.

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