



CUFI Diversity Pastor Leadership
February 8 – 17, 2021
Israel – the Holy Land
#CUFIISRAEL

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Day 1 ~ Monday, February 8, 2021

Depart **Newark, NJ (EWR)** flying overnight to **Israel**.

Home City/EWR/Enroute

Day 2 ~ Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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)

Tel Aviv/Tiberias

Day 3 ~ Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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)

Tiberias

Day 4 ~ Thursday, February 11, 2021

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)

Tiberias/Jerusalem

Day 5 ~ Friday, February 12, 2021

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)

Jerusalem

Day 6 ~ Saturday, February 13, 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, February 14, 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, February 15, 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, February 16, 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 ~ Wednesday, February 17, 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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