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DAY 1 – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17: DEPART U.S.A.

Tour members meet for our evening flight. After dinner is served, sit back and relax, enjoying the on-board entertainment as you prepare for this exciting adventure of a lifetime.

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: TEL AVIV, JAFFA, NETANYA

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, we meet our local Israeli representative who assists us with baggage and transfers us to our motor coach. We take a short drive to our hotel in Netanya for dinner and overnight beside the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. On the way, we make a brief stop in Jaffa, the home of the Jonah and Peter’s stories (Jonah 1, Acts 9 & 10).

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19: CAESAREA, CARMEL, MEGIDDO, PRECIPICE OF NAZARETH, TIBERIAS

After an abundant breakfast buffet, we journey north along the coast to Caesarea, built 2000 years ago by King Herod. We walk through the ancient theater, the Crusader city and see the fantastic aqueduct that served as a back drop for the book of Acts. From here we depart to Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18), site of Elijah’s confrontation with the prophets of Baal. Then we proceed to Megiddo (Armageddon; 1 Kings 9:15; Rev. 16:16). Across the Jezreel Valley is the precipice of Nazareth (Luke 1 and 4). We end our day here as we are introduced to the life and ministry of Jesus in this area. Driving through Cana (John 2), we finally arrive at the outskirts of Tiberias (John 6:23). We arrive at our “kibbutz-hotel” located right on the Sea of Galilee shoreline. After dinner, we enjoy gathering together for a time of fellowship and worship.

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20: GAMLA, QATZRIN, SYRIAN BORDER, CAESAREA PHILIPPI, DAN

We begin the day by driving into the Golan Heights. Stopping on the northeast corner of the Sea of Galilee, we are able to see the area of Bethsaida and the location where the *Feeding of the 5,000* took place (John 6). Then our next site is Gamla, a Jewish city that was taken by the Romans during the Revolt in the 60’s A.D. Here we see a first century synagogue (one of seven that date to the first century), as well as the ruins of the city, called the “*Masada of the north.*” Close by is the site of Qatzrin, a partially reconstructed Talmudic village. We see what a typical village looked like during the days of Jesus. Sitting in a reconstructed stone house, we’ll read from Mark 2 about the lame man being lowered down to Jesus through the roof. Driving along the northern border, we will stop and look into southern Syria. Here we learn about the modern wars of Israel, primarily the 1967 and 1973 wars with Syria. Next, we drive past Mt. Hermon (Psalm 133) and descend the Golan Heights and visit Caesarea Philippi. It was here Jesus asked His disciples, “*Who do you say I am?*” (Mt. 16). Nearby is the amazing nature preserve and archaeological site of Dan, one of the sources of the Jordan River. We walk through this quiet national park and hear the stories of disobedience that took place here (Judges 18, 1 Kings 12). We end the day by driving back through the Huleh Valley to our hotel in Tiberias. After dinner, we meet down by the water’s edge once again to review the day.

DAY 5 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21: ARBEL, MAGDALA, YARDENIT,CAPERNAUM, SEA OF GALILEE BOAT RIDE, MT. OF BEATITUDES

We begin the day by visiting Arbel, a mountain on the northwest corner of the Sea of Galilee. We will have the option to hike to the top

of this 800-foot cliff (the bus will take others to the top from the other side). The view from the top is the best there is of the whole Sea of Galilee below! Driving south to the southern end of the Sea of Galilee, we arrive at Yardenit. You will have the opportunity to reaffirm your baptism in the waters of the Jordan River. From here we drive to back to the NW corner of the lake to Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene. Here we will see another 1st century synagogue. Jesus must have taught from here! Among the other ruins are ritual baths. After lunch we see Capernaum, the home center of ministry for Jesus here in Galilee. Here we read about the many stories related to the ministry of Jesus in the 4th-5th century synagogue. We also spend some reflection time on the shoreline. It was in this area where Jesus called His first disciples. Close by we enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, with a quiet and peaceful worship service. Upon landing, we



also see the “Jesus boat” from the first century, a vessel found here along the shores of Galilee in 1986. We end the day by reading from Matthew 5 on the Mount of Beatitudes. We return to our hotel for dinner and an optional gathering once again by the water.

DAY 6 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22: BETH SHEAN, JERICHO, QUMRAN, EIN GEDI, DEAD SEA.

We begin the day by driving south to the Jordan Valley to the site of Beth Shean (1 Sam. 31), an impressive Roman city of the Decapolis. Driving south along the Jordan Valley (Jeremiah 13), to Jericho. we climb the tel (ancient mound) to see portions of the fortification wall that supported the mud-brick walls that “*came tumblin’ down*” (Joshua 6). From here we drive to Qumran and the settlement of the first century sect known as the Essenes, the authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls. you will have the opportunity to explore the famous Cave 1 where the first Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Our next stop is Ein Gedi, where David hid from King Saul, and we enjoy a walk to some of the waterfalls in the canyon Drive to the southern end of the Dead Sea to our hotel. Prior to dinner, you will have a chance to float in the salt and mineral-rich waters of this unique body of water!

DAY 7 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23: DEAD SEA , WADI QELT, MASADA, SHILO, JERUSALEM

This morning we begin our drive northward along the western coastline of the Dead Sea to Masada. Here we ascend high upon the wilderness mountain by way of cable car to the fortress built by King Herod. We survey the ruins of the fortifications, waterworks, synagogue, temples and palaces. An optional walk down the Snake Path will be offered. We then drive north along the western side of the Dead Sea. Turning west towards Jerusalem, we will make a stop overlooking the Wadi Qelt. This is the heart of the Judean Desert. We will hear the words of Isaiah 40 and Psalm 23 here. We then drive through the Desert of Pareth (Jeremiah 13) to the Hill Country of Samaria. Passing by Michmash (1 Samuel 13-14) and Ai (Joshua 7-8), we visit the excavations of Shiloh. This is where the Tabernacle once stood. Samuel also grew up here too (1 Samuel 3). We then drive towards Jerusalem, passing Bethel (Gen. 12, 28) on our way to our hotel for overnight. After checking in our hotel and dinner, an optional walk to the Western Wall will take place.

DAY 8 – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24: MT. OF OLIVES, GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, POOL OF BETHESDA, ISRAEL MUSEUM, YAD VASHEM

We get our first glimpse of Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives, beholding a breath-taking panorama of the Holy City. We walk down the “Palm Sunday” route to the Garden of Gethsemane. Next, we enter the Old City of Jerusalem through the Lion’s Gate (St. Stephens) and visit the Pools of Bethesda (John 5). We also enjoy some marvelous singing in St. Anne’s church from the Crusader period. Our walk through the Old City will take us to the Christian Quarter and to the *Church of the Holy Sepulcher*. In the afternoon after lunch, we see the fascinating Israel Museum and the model of Jerusalem (1:50 scale model of Herodian Jerusalem as it would have appeared in Jesus’ time). Here we also explore some of the artifacts in the archaeological museum. We end the day with a visit to *Yad Vashem*, Israel’s Holocaust Museum. We see the Children’s Memorial and walk through the museum on our own. We return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and a free evening to allow you to explore or relax.

DAY 9 – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25: BETHLEHEM, SHEPHERD’S FIELDS, THE “SHEPHELAH” – LOWLANDS OF JUDAH – LACHISH, QEYAFA & ELAH VALLEY, BETH SHEMESH & SOREK VALLEY, GEZER & AIJALON VALLEY, JERUSALEM

We begin the day in Bethlehem. We first go to the Shepherd’s Fields for a quiet time of reflecting upon God’s redemptive history. We also visit an olive wood factory and store. From here we drive west to the Shephelah (lowlands) of Judah. We begin by driving to Lachish, a city that was conquered by the Assyrians (2 Chronicles 32). Here, we see where the famous “Lachish Letters” were discovered. Next, we travel to Tel Kh. Qeiyafa (biblical *Shaaryim*?) and see where David fought Goliath (1 Samuel 17). As we listen to the story we see how this famous battle took place! From here, we drive to Beth Shemesh and the Sorek Valley. It was here where the Ark of the Covenant was returned by the Philistines (1 Samuel 6). We end the day at Gezer and the Aijalon Valley. Here we see ruins from Solomon’s day and beyond. The famous “Gezer calendar” was found here. We drive back to Jerusalem for dinner and another optional walk.

DAY 10 – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26: CITY OF DAVID, HEZEKIAH’S TUNNEL, SOUTHERN WALL EXCAVATIONS, WESTERN WALL, A FEW FREE HOURS, GARDEN TOMB

We begin the day by visiting the City of David and the new excavations of David’s palace. Those who want to will take an optional adventurous walk through the water of Hezekiah’s Tunnel (1,720 feet long). We then sit on the steps of the Siloam Pool and listen to the story of John 9. From here, we walk up through an exposed Herodian drainage channel that takes us to “*Robinson’s Arch*” and the southern wall excavations. We walk on a Roman street and ascend the Temple steps. We eat lunch in the Jewish Quarter (not included) and enjoy a few hours of free time (or visit the Western Wall). Our day ends at the Garden Tomb for Communion, and we return to our hotel for a Farewell Dinner. Then we transfer to the airport for our return night home. For those doing the Egypt extension, you will return to the hotel for one more overnight here in Jerusalem.

DAY 11 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27: ARRIVE HOME

We arrive back in the U.S.A. After going through U.S. Customs, w board our domestic flight back

OPTIONAL EGYPT EXTENSION:

\$1995 per person

Price is based on minimum of 15+ travelers for price to be valid (Includes: Visa & Border taxes of \$35 & Gratuities of \$75 and flight from Tel Aviv to Cairo and inter-Egypt flights)

DAY 11 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27: JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV FOR FLIGHT TO CAIRO, FLIGHT TO LUXOR, KARNAK

We depart Jerusalem and continue to Ben Gurion Airport for our short flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, we meet our Egyptian representative and tour guide. We then change planes for a short flight to Luxor, which is often referred to as the “Heart of Egypt.” We arrive mid-afternoon and begin our sightseeing tour of classical Luxor, the East Bank, which includes Karnak and Luxor Temples. Dinner and overnight are in Luxor.

DAY 11 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28: LUXOR/VALLEY OF KINGS & QUEENS, FLIGHT TO CAIRO, EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

After breakfast, we begin our sightseeing of the West Bank to see the Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Deir El Bahari Hatshepsut Temple and Clossei of Memnoon. We enjoy an included lunch at Sonesta Luxor Hotel. We then continue to the Luxor Airport for our return flight to Cairo. Our sightseeing tour begins with a visit to the world famous Egyptian Museum and then a brief visit to the area that contains the treasures of King Tutankhamen. Dinner and overnight are in Cairo.

DAY 12 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29: CAIRO, PYRAMIDS & SPHINX, MEMPHIS & SAKKARA

Following breakfast, we begin our sightseeing with a visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Our sightseeing includes the Citadel and Mohammed Ali-Mosque, called the Alabaster Mosque. There we see a beautiful view of Cairo and the Nile River, the historical dwellings and mosques. Then we continue to Old Cairo to see the Coptic Churches, the site of where Joseph and Mary fled from Herod with the baby Jesus. Next, we continue to see the Alabaster Sphinx, and the statue of Ramses II. If time permits, we’ll include a visit to the Necropolis of Sakkara, containing the funerary monuments from various periods of Egyptian history. We view the Step Pyramid of King Zoser and several mastabas (tombs of nobles), including the tombs of Ti and Ptah, some of the most notable excavations of Egypt. Dinner and overnight are in Cairo.

DAY 13 – SUNDAY, MARCH 1: DEPART CAIRO / ARRIVE BACK IN THE U.S.A.

We transfer early morning to Cairo International airport for our flight home.

**While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.*