

In the dust of the Rabbi: A 9-day journey through

Israel and Palestine

Led by David Archer

Tuesday 8th - Wednesday 16th May 2018



Welcome to In the dust of the Rabbi - a nine day journey through Israel and Palestine during which we will visit many of the key Biblical sites that make the life and ministry of Jesus come alive. Beginning in Galilee and travelling to our destination of Jerusalem, this thoroughly rewarding experience will 'trace' the steps of Jesus.



The tour is led by Revd Dr David Archer. Formerly a research scientist with interests in arid lands and now a vicar leading an Anglican church in Reading. He is a keen Bible teacher with a heart for Christian discipleship. Having read theology at Cambridge and holding a doctorate in science, he brings a unique insight to this captivating and complex land.

With space to stop, reflect and pray throughout, an important aspect of our time together will come through the opportunities we will have to meet local believers - Israeli and Palestinian - living and working in the land today, and offering as they will, contrasting views on the ongoing conflict in the region.

Day 1 - Tuesday

We leave London Luton on a direct morning flight to Tel Aviv, where we will be met on arrival for transfer to our hotel in Tiberias.

Day 2 Wednesday

We start the day with an audio-visual introduction to the region at "the Galilee Experience" and then visit the 2000 year old "Jesus Boat" at a nearby kibbutz. We sail across the Sea of Galilee on a replica of this boat, pausing during this for worship. We visit sites associated with Jesus' ministry: Migdal (where a 1st century synagogue has recently been found); Capernaum (Jesus' home town, with its ancient synagogue and Peter's house); and Tabgha (possible site of the feeding of the 5000, and of a lakeside resurrection appearance of Jesus); Kursi (the Gadarene swine) and Bethsaida (Peter and Andrew's home, with the recently excavated "Fishermen's House"). We finish the day celebrating communion on the hillside of the Mount of Beatitudes (the setting for the Sermon on the Mount). Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 3 - Thursday

Passing Mount Tabor (a possible site of the Transfiguration) we visit Cana (where Jesus turned water into wine) and continue to Nazareth - where we see a churches associated with Mary's Well, and Jesus' reputed childhood home (the Church

of the Annunciation). We visit Nazareth Village (depicting life in the time of Jesus) and the Mount of the Precipice (believed by some to be where Jesus was taken by the angry crowd after preaching at the Nazareth Synagogue) viewing the Jezreel Valley (the Biblical location for Armageddon). Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 4 - Friday

We travel south, visiting the Qaser el-Yahud baptismal site, passing Jericho and going through the Wadi Kelt (possibly the inspiration for the "Valley of the Shadow of Death") where we see St George's Monastery across the valley. Arriving in Jerusalem we visit Bethany, the site of Lazarus' tomb. We view the Old City from the Mount of Olives and imagine the Jerusalem of the Second Temple Period. We then trace the Palm Sunday path down from the Mount of Olives into the city, pausing at the Dominus Flavit church (recalling Jesus weeping over Jerusalem). We see Gethsemane, where we will celebrate communion and have time for quiet reflection. We walk part of the "Last Path" (through the Kidron valley) We visit the church of St Peter in Gallicantu (reputedly where Peter denied Jesus, the site of Caiaphas' House). We look out across the Gehinnom Valley and reflect on the implications of this for Jesus' teaching on judgement. We continue to our new hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 - Saturday

We take a “day out” to visit the desert area south-east of Jerusalem. We drive along the shore of the Dead Sea (the lowest place on the earth’s surface); visit the ancient fortress of Masada (another of Herod’s fortresses, and the famed site of Jewish resistance); Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, possibly associated with John the Baptist; and Ein Gedi, scene of David’s pursuit by Saul. Finally, we have the opportunity to “oat” in the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Day 6 - Sunday

In the morning, those who wish may share in (English-speaking) worship with local Christians in Jerusalem, either Christ Church (the oldest Anglican church in the Middle East, with a “Messianic” flavour) or East Jerusalem Baptist Church (an international church with Palestinian sympathies). We visit the Pool of Bethesda (where Jesus healed a crippled man). We then follow part of the Via Dolorosa (the approximate route Jesus took to his death on the cross) and see flagstones from the Antonia Fortress (the Roman barracks, where Jesus was tried) on which can be seen an engraving known as the King Game, perhaps related to the mocking of Jesus. At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we see the traditional site of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. We end the afternoon viewing Gordon’s Calvary and with quiet reflection and worship at the Garden Tomb (possible alternative locations for Jesus’ death and resurrection). Dinner and overnight at our new hotel close to the walls of the old city of Jerusalem. Our evening meal will be a Messianic form of the Passover Seder.

Day 7 - Monday

We visit the Western Wall where we will hope to witness a Bar Mitzvah, and explore the Western Wall excavations (some remains from the time of the second Temple) and the Western Wall tunnels. To conclude the day, we see David’s City; walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel (constructed in the 8th century BCE to ensure a safe water supply) and see the recently uncovered Pool of Siloam. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8 - Tuesday

In the morning, we visit nearby Herodion (one of Herod’s many palaces, believed to have contained Herod’s tomb); the Shepherds’ Fields and the

Church of the Nativity. During the afternoon, we meet local Christians who will help us to understand the recent history of the region, including a visit to Bethlehem Bible College (where we will hear an Arab Christian Palestinian perspective on the conflict) and the Tent of Nations (a Christian-owned farm surrounded by Israeli settlements). Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 9 - Wednesday

In the morning we visit the Israel Museum to see the “Shrine of the Book” and then Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Museum), just outside Jerusalem. We travel on to Tel Aviv and our flight home to London Luton.

Itinerary subject to change

Price £1585 per person

What the price includes

- Return flights from London Luton to Tel Aviv (Details of flight numbers and times have not yet been finalised)
- Accommodation in good quality hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Passover meal at the Eucalyptus restaurant in Jerusalem
- Transfer of passengers and baggage
- Sightseeing as in itinerary
- Services of a fully qualified English speaking guide
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- Travel between home and UK airport
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