

Israel Travel Itinerary
Northwoods Community Church
Israel Tour with Seeds of Hope
November 4 - 16, 2018

Sunday, November 4

Arrive **Ben Gurion Airport**/Tel Aviv (Dinner included)
Drive south to the Judean Desert for opening ceremony (Cal)
Overnight at the **Hotel Oasis (Intercontinental), Jericho**

Monday, November 5

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Tuesday, November 6

Presentation of **Seeds of Hope**
Visit Seeds of Hope Kindergarten, where Palestinian children receive alternative education
Explore the old city wall ruins of the world's oldest city, Jericho; conquered by Joshua
Enjoy the view from the **Mount of Temptation** (Bible Study with Cal)
See the spot where Zacchaeus climbed up to see Jesus
Lunch at Jericho
Qumran Caves where Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
Baptism in the **Jordan River** at Qasr el Yahud, where Jesus was baptized
Dinner at Green Valley, Seeds of Hope
Overnight at the **Hotel Oasis (Intercontinental), Jericho**

Wednesday, November 7

Morning climb (cable car) to the top of Masada, Herod's magnificent palace and fortress
Beautiful nature hike to the Ein Gedi Spring, where David encountered King Saul
Lunch
Swim and float in the **Dead Sea**, bathe in the rich mineral water and mud (Bring towel or \$4 rental)
Drive through Jordan Valley to the Sea of Galilee
Dinner and overnight at the **Hotel Maagan** by the Sea of Galilee

Thursday, November 8

Visit **Mount of Beatitudes**, the scene of the Sermon on the Mount (quiet time on hill)
Short hike downhill in direction of the Sea of Galilee
Explore the ruins of Capernaum, the home of Jesus as well as the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John and the tax collector, Matthew (Bible Study with Cal)
Lunch at the Sea of Galilee, St. Peters Fish
Tour **Caesarea Philippi**, the place of Peter's confession (Bible Study with Cal)
Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
Dinner and overnight at the **Hotel Kinar** by the Sea of Galilee

Friday, November 9

Visit **Nazareth Village** where Jesus grew up and taught in the synagogue
Visit Megiddo, the ancient fortified city and site of **Armageddon**
Lunch
Visit Mt Carmel – Panoramic view of Jerusalem
Dinner and overnight at **Hotel Prima Kings**, Jerusalem

Saturday, November 10

Church Service at the Hamayan Congregation
Light lunch served at the congregation
Tour to the lookout at Alphei Menashe
Drive back to Jerusalem
Shop Ben Yehuda Street
Free afternoon and evening
Dinner and Overnight at **Hotel Prima Kings**, Jerusalem

Sunday, November 11

Drive to Bethlehem
Service at the **Emmanuel Church**
Lunch at Bethlehem – stay at church for lunch and vision casting from Nihad.
Tour in Bethlehem and visit the **Church of Nativity** and the **Shepherd Fields**
Dinner and overnight at **Hotel Prima Kings**, Jerusalem
- Option to visit the Western Wall tunnels (after dinner)

Monday, November 12

Tour Biblical Jerusalem at the City of David, where the story of Jerusalem began
Visit the archaeological site at the Davidson Center, where Jesus first ascended the Temple Mount
Lunch
Explore the Old City of Jerusalem's four quarters (Armenian, Christian, Jewish & Muslim)
Visit the **Holocaust Museum**, Yad Vashem. Learn how you can keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.
Dinner and overnight at **Hotel Prima Kings**, Jerusalem.

Tuesday, November 13

Visit the Temple Mount, the place where both the first and the second temple stood.
Drive to Mount of Olives, known as the site from where Jesus ascended to heaven after His resurrection and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Holy City of Jerusalem
Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**
Lunch
Walk along the Via Dolorosa; enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
Communion and prayer at the **Garden Tomb**
Drive to Tel Aviv
Dinner and overnight at **Hotel Leonardo Art**, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, November 14

Drive along the Mediterranean coast, visit King Herods' ancient port city of Caesarea, seat of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate
Visit Valley of Elam
Lunch
Tour modern **Tel Aviv**
Dinner and overnight at **Hotel Leonardo Art**, Tel Aviv

Thursday, November 15

Free time in Tel Aviv (shopping, beach, etc)
Lunch
Tour Old Jaffa
Farewell Dinner at the Abrage Restaurant harbor of Old Jaffa
Overnight at **Hotel Leonardo Art**, Tel Aviv

Friday, November 16

AM Leave Tel Aviv
PM Arrive in Chicago