



NorthStar Women Network Israel
Itinerary
January 22 – Feb 1, 2025
Led by
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Wednesday, Jan 22

En route

Board the flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Thursday, Jan 23

Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Upon our early evening arrival into Ben Gurion International, we will be met and transferred to our hotel in Tel Aviv.

Overnight, Netanya

Friday, Jan 24



Nazareth

Coastal Route

After enjoying a delicious Israeli breakfast, we'll drive along the Mediterranean Coast to the 5000-year-old port city of **Jaffa**. Here Jonah sought to escape God's call and Peter had his rooftop vision before his call to Caesarea. We'll drive northwards up the Mediterranean coast. First, we'll visit ancient **Caesarea**, site of Paul and Peter's experiences on the Mediterranean Coast. From there, we'll visit **Mount Carmel** and **Muhraka** to witness the location of Elijah's contest with Jezebel's false prophets of **Ba'al**. Here we'll be able to view the **Jezebel Valley**. We'll then travel to **Meggido**, the site of 21 battles from the Old Testament and where it says in the Book of Revelation the final battle between good and evil will take place. We'll also get to explore Canaanite ruins and the "Chariot Cities" of Kings Solomon and Ahab. Next, we'll visit **Nazareth**, Jesus' childhood home. We'll then descend to the Sea of Galilee to our hotel.

Overnight, Tiberias

Saturday, Jan 25



Tabgha

Sea of Galilee/The Foot-Steps of Jesus

After breakfast, we'll depart for Tiberias where we'll take a morning **Boat Tour** of the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. We'll visit **Migdal**, the home of Mary Magdalene and see the "**Jesus Boat**" at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. We'll then drive the plain of Ginosar to **Tabgha**, where Jesus "multiplied the loaves and fish." Next on our stop is the **Mount of Beatitudes** for Worship. We'll proceed to the basalt synagogue at **Chorazin** to see where Jesus taught and see the "Seat of Moses." We'll also view the **Natural Amphitheater** where Jesus also taught and visit **Capernaum**, home of the synagogue of Jesus' ministry and miracles. Next, we'll cross the **Jordan River** and visit **Bethsaida**, home of Peter, Andrea, James, and John. We'll also see the **Decapolis** and **Kursi** where Jesus cast the demons out of a man into a heard of swine. After a long day of touring, we'll return to our hotel.

Overnight, Tiberias.

Sunday, Jan 26



Golan Heights

Hula Basin/Upper Galilee/Golan

This morning, we'll pass ancient **Hazor** through the **Hula Basin**, known in the Old Testament as the **Waters of Merom**. We'll hike in the **Dan Nature Preserve** and view the rushing **Headwaters of the Jordan River**. We'll then visit the Dan of the Old Testament, known as the "Hill of the Judge," to explore the incredible excavations and altar where the golden calf was worshipped by Israel under King Jereboam. From there, we'll take a bus to **Caesarea Philippi** where Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Next, we'll drive to the **Golan Heights** where we'll overlook the Jordan Valley and learn about the Golan Arab/Israel conflict (1948-1967). We'll then see **Mt. Hermon** where our Lord was Transfigured and drive along the ancient **Damascus Road**. Next, we'll visit **Qazrin** and its reconstructed New Testament village. Then we'll ascend the **Golan** and descend via the winding road of the **Yarmuk River** to the shores of the Sea of Galilee to our hotel.

Overnight, Tiberias.

Monday, Jan 27



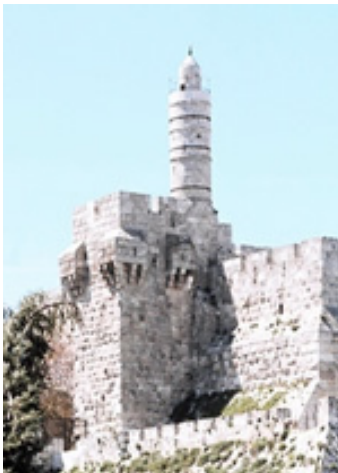
Baths at Beit Shean

Beit Shean/Jordan Valley/Jerusalem

After breakfast, we'll drive down the Jordan Valley to **Beit Shean**, an amazing New Testament Roman city with temples, baths, and a black basalt theater. Then we will drive along the Jordan Valley, with Jordan on our east and the Mountains of Samaria on our west, past the oasis of Old Testament **Jericho** where Joshua led Israel in the siege of the city. We will view and discuss the location of ancient **Gilgal**, Israel's largest all Jewish city in history. See Jericho; continue driving to Jerusalem where we will stay.

Overnight, Jerusalem

Tuesday, Jan 28



David's Citadel

The Holy City of Jerusalem

From the **Mount of Olives**, our guide will share the geography and history of Jerusalem. This vivid lecture overlooks where it happened, the **Kidron Valley**, the **Temple Area**, and **The Holy City**. Descending the Mount of Olives by the path of Jesus' Triumphant Entry into the Kidron Valley, we will visit **Garden of Gethsemane** and discuss Jesus' suffering and his "Passion Week." Before us will be the **Golden Gate** of the Temple Area, as when Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24. We'll then visit the **House of Caiphas**, the place of Jesus' early trials when Peter denied Him. We'll then view the **Valley of the Cheesemaker**, the **Valley of Hinnon**, the **Field of Blood**, where Judas took his life. **Gehennah**, and the **Ophel**, King David's capital city. We'll then visit the **Upper Room**, the traditional site of Jesus' last Passover meal, or the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, we'll drive to **Bethlehem, Shepherds fields**.

Overnight, Jerusalem.

Wednesday, Jan 29



Via Dolorosa

Jerusalem - Old City

Today we'll discover more of the Old City of Jerusalem. First, we'll explore the **Rabbinical Tunnels** behind the Western Wall. We'll then see the **Temple Mount**, visit the **Lions' Gate**, and the **Pools of Bethesda**. We'll visit the **Tower of Antonia**, the **Praetorium**, and **Pilate's Judgement Hall**. Here our Lord was tried by Pilate, beaten by the Roman Cohort, and took up His Cross for Calvary. The **Ecce Homo** begins the traditional **Via Dolorosa** leading to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. We will visit the Jewish Quarter including the **Cardo**. Afterwards, we'll explore the **Southern Wall Excavations** and depart the old city by the **Dung Gate**. We will conclude the day with a Special Service at the **Garden Tomb**.

Overnight, Jerusalem.

Thursday, Jan 30



Fortress at Masada

Wilderness of Judea/Masada/Jerusalem

After breakfast, drive south to the Wilderness of Judea. We'll stop at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; overlook the ancient oasis of **Ein Gedi** (*the Goat's Rocks*), where David hid from King Saul in the caves. Next, we'll stop at **Masada**, the most important mountain in Israel's history. Learn the incredible story of the Jewish Freedom Fighters who held out against the Romans in 73A.D. The story of the struggle, the excavations, and the view from the top is one unforgettable highlight of our tour. Time and weather permitting, we'll stop at the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Then, we'll drive up the **Golden City, Jerusalem**.

Overnight, Jerusalem

Friday, Jan 31



Crucifixion Nail at the Museum

Jerusalem - New City

This morning, we'll be exploring the New City of Jerusalem. Drive by the **Knesset**, Israel's Parliament, and the **Bronze Menorah** in front of the building. We'll see the **Model of First Century Jerusalem** from the Holyland Hotel. We'll also explore the exhibits at the **Israel Museum** all the way to the **Shrine of the Book**, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls We'll finish our day with a visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's Holocaust memorial and museum.

Overnight Jerusalem

Saturday, Feb 1

Transfer to the airport

Transfer to the airport for flight home