



**Kenneth Mills Tours LLC**  
PRESENTS  
**FAITH STEPS**  
IN **ISRAEL**

**June 4 - 14, 2024**

— TOUR ITINERARY —

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**DAY 1 — TUESDAY — June 4, 2024**

**Depart the USA for Israel**

Take an overnight transatlantic flight from the USA to Tel Aviv.

**DAY 2 — WEDNESDAY — June 5, 2024**

**Arrive Israel • Jerusalem**

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, Israel, transfer to our hotel in **Jerusalem**, have dinner, and enjoy a good night's rest. (D)

**DAY 3 — THURSDAY — June 6, 2024**

**City of David • Hezekiah's Tunnel • The Garden Tomb • Church of the Holy Sepulchre**

We begin our tour of this marvelous land in the Jerusalem area. This area "bookends" the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our visits in this area include Bethlehem where he was born. They also include Jerusalem where he was crucified, buried, and resurrected as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The days in Jerusalem are full! Today we visit the **City of David** and walk **Hezekiah's Tunnel**. Hezekiah built the tunnel to bring water from the Gihon Spring into Jerusalem as he prepared to defend the city from Sennacherib (2 Chronicles 32).

We visit the **Garden Tomb** and then make our way to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. At these sites we remember the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



**Olive trees at Gethsemane**

If time permits, this afternoon we visit the **Israel Museum** and view a number of archaeological discoveries. We will visit the **Shrine of the Book** and see Dead Sea Scrolls. Outside we see the **Model City of Jerusalem** which is a 1:50 scale model of what Jerusalem looked like about 66 A.D. during the Second Temple Period. (B, D)

**DAY 4 — FRIDAY — June 7, 2024**

**Mount of Olives • Garden of Gethsemane • Church of All Nations • Palm Sunday Route**

We began our day by going to the **Mount of Olives** and the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus often prayed (John 18:2).



**A model of the Herodium**

The **Church of All Nations** is built at the site of where some believe Jesus prayed before his arrest.

We then walk the **Palm Sunday Route** and visit Saint Peter in Gallicantu.

The massive **Western Wall** of the Temple Mount is the holiest place Jews are permitted to pray. We look forward to taking a few minutes for a devotional on the **Southern Steps**. We plan to visit the **Temple Mount** (time and circumstances permitting). (B, D)

**DAY 5 — SATURDAY —**

**June 8, 2024**

**Church of the Nativity • Herodium • Shepherd's Field • Tel Beth-Shemesh**

The Bible contains many references to and events in Bethlehem. Perhaps the most notable event is the birth of our Savior.

In Bethlehem we will tour the **Church of The Nativity** where we see the Grotto of the Nativity. The church was originally built in 333 AD.

The **Herodium** is an amazing site. It is one of Herod's palace fortresses and where he was buried. We then proceed to **Shepherd's Field**.

Our journey takes us to the **Valley of Elah** where David slew Goliath. Visiting **Tel Beth-Shemesh** is a highlight be-

cause it is where the Ark of the Covenant returned after the Philistines sent it back to Israel (1 Samuel 6:12).

**DAY 6 — SUNDAY — June 9, 2024**

**Jericho • Qumran • Ein Gedi • Ein Bokek**

We leave Jerusalem and head to **Jericho** which the children of Israel conquered when entering the Promised Land. We view the ruins of the city and discuss the findings of John Garstang and Kathleen Kenyon.

The **Qumran** community is our next destination. This is where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. We continue south and stop at the spring of **Ein Gedi** where David hid from King Saul (1 Samuel 23:29 - 24:1-2).

Our hotel in **Ein Bokek** is on the **Dead Sea**. We should have time to float in the Dead Sea and spend a little time on the beach. (B, D)

*Join us on our Faith Steps in Israel tour.*



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**DAY 7 — MONDAY — June 10, 2024**

**Masada • Qasr al-Yahud • Beit She'an**

We begin our day by taking the cable car to the majestic ruins of **Masada**. It was here that Jewish zealots held the fortress against the Romans until the X Legion seized Masada in 73 A.D. Josephus wrote of the plan for the 960 men, women and children to kill themselves rather than become



**The Dead Sea at Ein Bokek**

Roman slaves. Two women and five children were found alive.

We travel to the Jordan River at **Qasr al-Yahud**. This is near Bethany Beyond the Jordan where John was baptizing (John 1:28).

Much reconstruction from the Roman time period has taken place at **Beit She'an** — then known as Scythopolis. We also view **Tel Beit She'an** where King Saul's body was hung after his death (1 Samuel 31:10-12).

Our day concludes in Tiberias. (B, D)

**DAY 8 — TUESDAY — June 11, 2024**  
**Golan Heights • Bethsaida • Qatzrin • Hazor • Dan • Caesarea Philippi**

We are now in the Galilee Region. It is this area — between the “bookends” — where most of Jesus' public ministry took place.

We begin the day by driving upon the **Golan Heights** for a panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. Then we continue to **Bethsaida** on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee.

We continue to **Qatzrin** where we visit the Qatzrin Archaeological Park. Another archaeological site we get to visit is Hazor (Joshua 11:10).

At **Dan** we walk through the Nature Preserve beside the roaring Jordan River before entering **Tel Dan**. We see where Jeroboam set up the high place in the northern kingdom so people would not return to Jerusalem (1 Kings 12:28).



**Visiting Abraham's Gate at Dan**

We continue to **Caesarea Philippi** (Banais) where Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16:16). We return to Tiberias for a good night's sleep. (B, D)

**Day 9 — WEDNESDAY — June 12, 2024**  
**Magdala • Chorazin • Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes • Yigal Allon Museum at Nof Ginosar • Sea of Galilee Boat Ride**

Our busy day begins by going to **Magdala**, believed by many to be the home of Mary Magdalene. Recent excavations (2009-2013) discovered an ancient synagogue.

We proceed to the north side of the Sea of Galilee to the ruins of **Chorazin**, one of the cities that Jesus condemned (Matthew 11:21-22).

Next on the schedule is **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry. There we see a reconstructed 4th century synagogue built upon a 1st century synagogue, perhaps the one mentioned in the gospels (John 6:59). We also see a house said to have belonged to Peter.

We visit the **Mount of Beatitudes** (Matthew 5, 6, 7) before stopping at the **Yigal Allon Museum at Nof Ginosar** to view the first-century boat, sometimes called the “Jesus Boat.” If time and weather allows, we will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee before returning to our hotel. (B, D)



**Some of group on the Sea of Galilee**

**DAY 10 — THURSDAY — June 13, 2024**  
**Nazareth • Megiddo • Mount Carmel • Caesarea Maritima**

Our first stop today is **Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus. It is also where he read the scriptures in the synagogue and proclaimed, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21).

We visit the **Church of the Annunciation** and Mary's Well.

Our journey takes us through the Jezreel Valley to visit **Megiddo** which has about 26 levels of occupation. Ahab constructed a large water system in the 9th century BC. We have the opportunity to descend into the water system and walk the tunnel to the spring.

Next on our list is **Mount Carmel** where Elijah met the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18).

Our list site to see in Israel is **Caesarea Maritima** (Acts 10, Peter's encounter with Cornelius) where the Pontius Pilate Stone was discovered. The remains of Herod's palace give evidence to what a majestic residence it was. We view the ancient harbor, the Roman theater, the hippodrome, and the Roman aqueducts.

We will stop for a meal before arriving at the **Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)** for our late night return flight to the US. (B)



**The aqueduct at Caesarea Maritima**

**DAY 11 — FRIDAY — June 14, 2024**  
**Return Home**

Many of our group will depart Tel Aviv about midnight on Thursday. We will arrive home with photos, memories of a trip of a lifetime, and greater appreciation for our Father's love and plan for us.

Those traveling on to Jordan will have spent the night in Jerusalem Thursday evening and will enjoy their first day in Jordan today.

**Scheduled Hotels**  
(Subject to Change)

June 5-8 — Dan Jerusalem — Jerusalem  
June 9 — David Dead Sea Hotel — Ein Bokek  
June 10-12 — Leonardo Plaza — Tiberias

B = Breakfast  
D = Dinner

No noon meals are included.



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**JORDAN EXTENSION TOUR ITINERARY**

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**Thursday — June 13, 2024**

**Jerusalem**

After completing our final day of touring in Israel, we run by **Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)** so that those not continuing with us to Jordan can catch their flight to the US.

Those of use who are going to Jordan proceed to Jerusalem where we will enjoy a night's rest at the Dan Jerusalem. (B, D)

**Friday — June 14, 2024**

**Amman • Amman's Citadel • Jordan Museum**

We leave Jerusalem and cross over into Jordan at the **King Hussein/Allenby Bridge**.

Our tour of Jordan begins in **Amman** as we tour the **Roman Theater, Amman's Citadel**, and the **Jordan Archaeological Museum** which contains the famous Deir Alla inscription referencing Balaam (from Numbers 22-24).

We will visit the **Jordan Museum** where the Copper Scroll is housed. It was found in a cave at the site of Qumran near the Dead Sea in 1952.

Overnight in Amman (1 of 2) (B, D)

**Saturday — June 15, 2024**

**Jerash • Jerash Archaeological Museum • Jabbok River • Tel Mar Elias**

We travel to the northern part of Jordan today as we go to **Jerash**, the Decapolis city of Gerasa. We learn a lot about the city and the area as we tour the **Jerash Archaeological Museum** and see artifacts that have been excavated in Jerash.

We proceed to the **Jabbok** (Zarqa) river where Jacob wrestled with God (Genesis 32:22).

We go to **Ajloun Castle** which was built in the 12th century by the Ayyubids, the founding dynasty of the medieval Sultanate of Egypt established by Saladin in 1171. From its high ground, it was able to protect three wadis which descended toward the Jordan valley.

Our day concludes at the **Tel Mar Elias** archaeological site, possibly biblical Tishbe (1 Kings 17:1), residence and/or birthplace of Elijah.

Overnight in Amman (2 of 2) (B, D)

**Sunday — June 16, 2024**

**Machaerus • Mount Nebo • Medaba**

This morning we go to **Machaerus**, the hilltop fortress where John the Baptist was imprisoned and executed by Herod Antipas (Josephus, Antiquities 18.5.2; Mark 6:24).

Our next site to see is **Mount Nebo**, a 2,680 foot tall mountain where God took Moses to see the promised land (Deuteronomy 34:1).

At the **Madaba Archaeological Park** we will visit the **Church of St. George**. There we will see the mosaic map of Madaba which is the oldest known geographic floor mosaic.

We then travel the **King's Highway** (Numbers 20:17) toward Petra, passing Al-Karak Castle and Mount Hor (Numbers 20:23) where Moses died.

Overnight in Petra (1 of 2) (B, D)

**Monday — June 17, 2024**

**Petra**

This is a full day in **Petra** where we enjoy exploring this fascinating area.

Well-known because of the role **The Treasury** (Al Khazneh) played in *"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade,"* Petra has a much richer history than a few minutes on the silver screen. The city of Petra was established as the capital of the Nabataean Kingdom around the 4th century BC, and has multitudes of buildings with amazing architecture.

At the **Petra Museum** we will see many items discovered by archaeological excavation teams. From that we learn the history of Petra and gain information about the Nabatean's life and their civilization.

Petra is located in **Wadi Musa** (Valley of Moses).  
Overnight in Petra (2 of 2) (B, D)

**Tuesday — June 18, 2024**

**Bethany Beyond the Jordan • Jabel Mar Elias**

We depart Petra and travel to **"Bethany beyond the Jordan"** (Al-Maghtas) where John bap-

tized Jesus (John 1:28-29). It features Roman and Byzantine remains including churches and chapels, a monastery, caves that have been used by hermits, and pools in which baptisms took place.

*Join us as we tour Jordan for a few days.*



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Close by is **Elijah's Hill** (Jabal Mar Elias) (2 Kings 2) where, according to some, the Prophet Elijah ascended into heaven.

We return to Israel and after dinner head to **Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)** for our late night return flight to the US. (B, D)

**Wednesday — June 19, 2024**

We arrive home with wonderful memories of visiting the Kingdom of Jordan where so many biblical events took place.

**Scheduled Hotels**

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June 13 – Dan Jerusalem – Jerusalem

June 14-15 – Lilac Hotel – Amman

June 16-17 – Petra Castle Hotel – Petra

B = Breakfast

D = Dinner

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