

Day 1 – 22 October 2017:

Welcome to Israel. Our staff will meet you at the airport and provide a transfer to your hotel in the Holy city of Jerusalem. There you will spend the evening in a 3, 4 or 5 star hotel, as chosen by you.

Day 2 – 23 October 2017:

This morning you will explore the Old City of Jerusalem, home to some of the holiest sites of the three major monotheistic religions. Our tour will take you to the Armenian, Jewish, Muslim and Christian Quarters and sites such as:

- The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, believed to be the site of the Crucifixion and Resurrection;
- The Anatolian Fortress, purportedly the site where Jesus was tried;
- Various Stations of the Cross;
- The Western Wall;
- A viewing point over the Temple Mount and Al Aksa Mosque;
- The walls of King Hezekiah and destroyed homes, as prophesized in the book of Isaiah;
- The Cardo;
- The Arab market.

In the evening we will have an Israeli historian and believer brief us on how Israelis view the ANZACS role in allowing for the ultimate liberation of the land of Israel, and how he views that liberation.

Overnight: Jerusalem**Day 3 – 24 October 2017:**

This morning we will be briefed by a leading Israeli political journalist on the situation in Israel at present, and the threats that Israel faces. Afterwards we will travel to the town of Sderot on the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip. There we will meet with:

- A security expert; and
- Local residents who will describe the hardship of live near the border and in the face of the threat of rockets and terror tunnels.

Before returning to Jerusalem we will visit the small ANZAC memorial commemorating the role of the ANZACS in capturing Gaza.

Day 4 – 25 October 2017:

This morning we will visit the town of Bethlehem, birthplace of Christ. There we will tour:

- The Church of the Nativity where Jesus was born;

- The Shepherds Field;
- The Milk Grotto.

In the afternoon, before returning to Jerusalem you will also have the option of visiting a Palestinian refugee camp.

Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 5 – 26 October 2017:

Today we will visit two of Israel's most significant sites – Yad Vashem which commemorates the slaughter of 6 million Jews in the Shoah, and Mount Hertzl, where Israel's national leaders and those who have fallen in its defence lie in rest.

Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 6 – 27 October 2017:

This morning we will visit Masada, Israel's most visited site. There we will see the incredible hanging palaces of Herod the Great.

Afterwards we will swim in the Dead Sea where you will experience the unique sensation of floating on water.

Finally, we will visit the site where Jesus was baptised in the river of Jordan, before making our way north to the Galilee, spending the night in Nazereth where Jesus grew up.

Overnight: Nazereth

Day 7 – 28 October 2017:

Today we will morning we will tour Nazereth.

Later we will make our way to Capernaum, believed to be home to a synagogue in which Jesus preached.

We will spend the evening on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where many of the miracles occurred.

Overnight: Tiberius

Day 8 – 29 October 2017: Golan Heights and Lebanese Border

This morning we will visit the Golan Heights from which we will have a view over Syria. There we will discuss the Syrian crisis, its ramifications for Israel, and the plight of Christians in Syria. We will also discuss how Israel continues to treat Syrian refugees.

Later we will travel to Israel's border with Lebanon. There we will have an opportunity to meet Israeli soldiers in the field, and will be briefed on the threat posed by Hezbollah.

In the evening we travel south to Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

Day 9 – 30 October 2017: Tel Aviv

This morning we will explore Israel's economic, cultural and culinary capital on a guided tour.

In the afternoon you have time at leisure to shop and take in the sites and sounds of the city.

In the evening we travel south to Be'er Sheba.

Overnight: Be'er Sheba

Day 10 – 31 October 2017: Be'er Sheba

Today is the commemoration of the battle of Be'er Sheba. You will have the day free to participate in the many events marking that occasion.

In the evening we will provide transport back to Jerusalem and/or Tel Aviv where our tour will conclude. A direct transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport can also be arranged.