



MARCIA WIEDER DREAM UNIVERSITY  
 RETREAT IN ISRAEL  
 - 8-16 June 2018 -

**Day 1 – Friday, June 8**

Arrivals at Ben Gurion International Airport

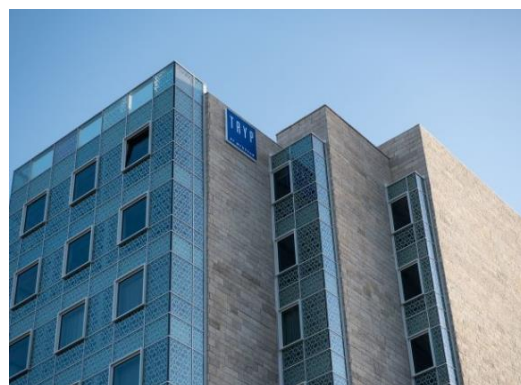
VIP airport service and transfer to Jerusalem upon request

**Shabbat dinner in Jerusalem**

Experience an authentic Shabbat experience in the Holy City of Jerusalem. We will witness Hebrew traditions spanning back to biblical times, including "Kiddush" – the prayer for welcoming the Shabbat, partaking of the Hala "Shabbat Bread", prayers and festive Shabbat meal.



**Overnight: TRYP Bat Sheva**



The hotel, located between King George and Shmuel Hanavi streets, is only a few minutes away from the major historical sites and attractions of the Old City. The Tryp brand belongs to Wyndham, the largest hotel chain in the world, a brand known for its ideal location in the world's largest cities and with unique style and design. The hotel is decorated in solid shades and elegant elements for an intimate atmosphere.

## **Day 2 – Saturday, June 9**

Relax at the hotel in the morning

### **Afternoon: Visit Bethlehem**

The Hebrew Bible identifies Bethlehem as the city where David was born and the location where he was crowned as the King of Israel. The New Testament identifies Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth. The town is inhabited by one of the oldest Christian communities in the world.



### **Church of the Nativity**

The Church of the Nativity is a basilica located in Bethlehem, which is considered to be the oldest continuously operating Christian church in the world. The church was originally commissioned in 327 A.D. by Constantine and his mother Helena over the site that is still traditionally considered to be located over the cave that marks the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth. The Church of the Nativity site's original basilica was completed in 339 A.D. and destroyed by fire during the Samaritan Revolts in the sixth century.

The site holds a prominent religious significance to those of both the Christian and Muslim faiths.



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## Day 3 – Sunday, June 10

09:00 Depart Hotel

### Mount of Olives

The guide will give a historical overview of the Jerusalem, from Abraham through to King David, the temple, conquests, and modern times.



### Cenacle - the room of the Last Supper

The Cenacle (from Latin cenaculum), also known as the "Upper Room", is the site of The Last Supper, and the site where many other events described in the New Testament took place.



### Western wall – The Kotel

Time to reflect and to place a note in the ancient stones...



## Via Dolorosa

The Via Dolorosa is a street within the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked, carrying his cross, on the way to his crucifixion. The winding route from the Antonia Fortress west to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher — about 600 meters in distance (2,000 feet) — is a celebrated place of Christian pilgrimage. The current route has been established since the 18th century, replacing various earlier versions. It is today marked by nine Stations of the Cross.



## Church of the Holy Sepulcher

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, also called the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, or the Church of the Resurrection by Eastern Christians, is a church within the Christian Quarter of the walled Old City of Jerusalem. It is a few steps away from the Muristan. The site is venerated as Golgotha (the Hill of Calvary), where Jesus was crucified and is said also to contain the place where Jesus was buried. The church has been an important pilgrimage destination since at least the 4<sup>th</sup> century, as the purported site of the resurrection of Jesus.



## Garden Tomb

The Garden Tomb is believed by many to be the garden and sepulcher of Joseph of Arimathea, and therefore a possible site of the resurrection of Jesus. The Garden Tomb is an alternative site to the famous Holy Sepulchre for you to consider the Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Garden is a beautiful place in which you will discover several things that were all here on the night Jesus died and which match the accounts in the four Gospels.



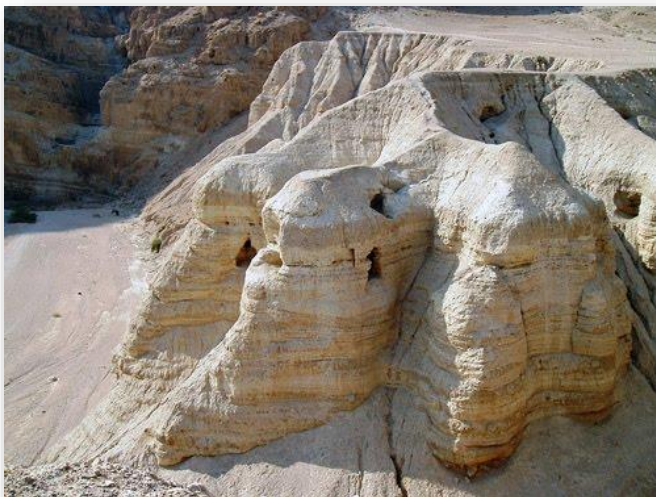
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## Day 4 – Monday, June 11

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## Qumran

Qumran is an archaeological site in the West Bank. It is located on a dry plateau about a mile inland from the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea, near the Israeli settlement and Kibbutz Kalia. The Hellenistic period settlement was constructed during the reign of John Hyrcanus, circa 134-104 BCE, and was settled until it was destroyed by the Romans around 68 CE. It is best known as the settlement nearest to the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and discovered in the 1940s.



## Qasr el Yahud – baptism in the Jordan River

Qasr el Yahud is a baptism site in the Jordan River Valley in the West Bank. It is the traditional spot where the New Testament narrative of the baptism of Jesus took place. According to tradition, it is also the place where the Israelites crossed over the Jordan River and Elijah the Prophet ascended to heaven.



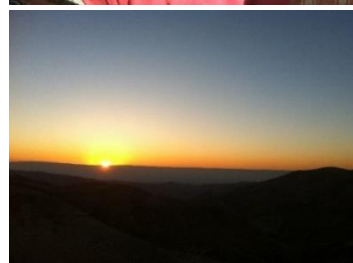
## Meditation overlooking the Ein Prat Valley (Wadi Kelt)

View St. George's Monastery and the valley which has been identified with the biblical Perath mentioned in Jeremiah 13:5



## Chan Eretz HaMirdafim

Exclusive catered dinner in a Bedouin style tent in the desert.



**Overnight: TRYP Bat Sheva**

**Day 5 – Tuesday June 12**

09:00 Depart hotel

**“The Patriarch's Way”**

Walk in the footsteps of the Patriarch's on this historical path. Attractions include an ancient Mikvah – a spiritual purification bath - and intact Roman milestones.



**Visit "Hebron" and the Cave of the Patriarchs**

The Cave of Machpelah in Hebron marks the burial ground purchased by Abraham where all the patriarchs and matriarchs, except Rachel (who died near Bethlehem) are interred. Walls built by Herod the Great 2,000 years ago surround it, while the interior combines medieval architecture, and Arabesque décor and synagogues founded after the reestablishment of the Jewish community here in 1967. In one corner of the hall of Isaac and Rebecca a cupola stands over a small opening into the actual Cave of Machpelah.



## Tel Arad

Arad is located west of the Dead Sea. The archeological site is divided into a lower city and an upper hill which holds the only ever discovered "House of Yahweh" in the land of Israel. This impressive temple is the only Judean temple recovered by archaeologists to date. The incense altars and two "standing stones" may have been dedicated to Yahweh and Asherah. An inscription was found on the site mentioning a "House of Yahweh", which may have referred to the temple at Arad or the temple at Jerusalem.



## Kfar HaNokdim

Camel rides followed by traditional Bedouin dinner



**Overnight: Kfar HaNokdim – Luxury tents**

**Day 6 – Wednesday, June 13**

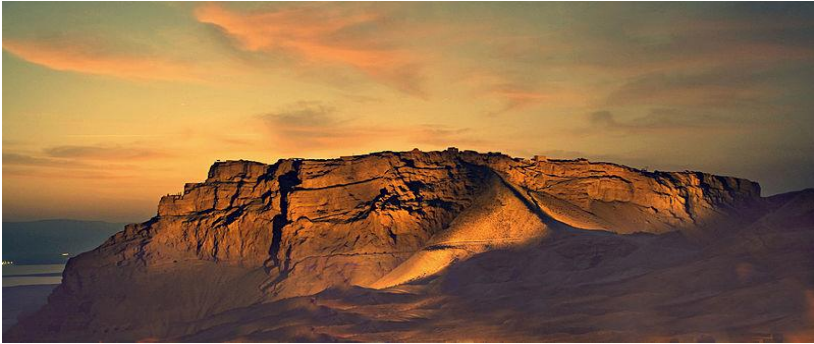
**Sunrise meditation session in the desert**





## Masada

Masada is an ancient fortress built on an isolated rock plateau, the royal citadel of King Herod the Great, and the last post of the zealots at the time of the Great Revolt against the Romans.



Lunch

## Swim in the Dead Sea



Travel north

## Overnight: Canaan village



## Day 7 – Thursday, June 14

09:00 Depart hotel

### Capernaum

“Nahum's village" was a fishing village in the Hasmonean period, and is located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Archaeological excavations have revealed two ancient synagogues built one over the other. A cathedral sits above the site of the home of St. Peter's mother in law.



### Tabaha

The Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, shortened to (The Church of the Multiplication), is a Roman Catholic church located in Tabaha, on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee in Israel. The modern church rests on the site of two earlier churches.

Here one can discover an ancient dock for fishing boats, a mosaic floor with images from the Nile and a Basilica that was to serve as a replacement for the Temple in Jerusalem.



## Mount of Beatitudes

The Mount of Beatitudes refers to the hill in northern Israel, and is the possible location from the Sermon on the Mount. Near the location of the miracle of feeding the 5,000.



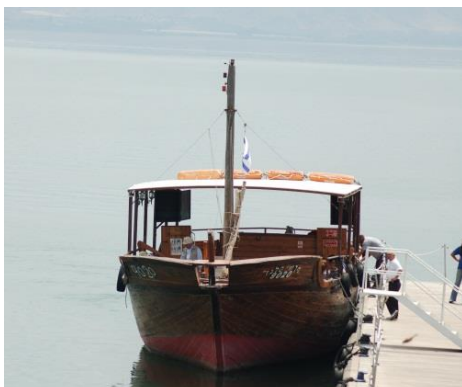
## Magdala

The modern town of Migdal is the traditional site of Magdala, the town of Mary Magdalene, a follower of Jesus. The name Magdala comes from the word for “tower” and probably referred to towers used for drying fish caught in the Sea of Galilee. The ruins include a synagogue and Byzantine church with a mosaic of a fishing boat and ancient perfume vials, perhaps similar to the perfume vial used to anoint the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:38.



## Sail on the Sea of Galilee by Ancient ship

Sail on the waters where Jesus performed many miracles and walked on water...



## Dinner at Decks

Famous Grill-House that stretches over the Sea of the Galilee.



**Overnight: Cnaan Spa Resort**

## Day 8 – Friday June 15

09:00 Depart hotel

## Kfar Kanna

Kfar Kanna is associated with the New Testament village of Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine at the Marriage at Cana.



## Caesarea

A glimpse into the past - fascinating ancient port city built by King Herod.



**Overnight: Dan Panorama Tel Aviv**

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