

## ISREALITY 2017 EXPERIENCE ISRAEL TOUR

*Itinerary subject to change*

*January 11 2017*

### Day 1: Sunday the 9th of July

- **Arrival** on Ben Gurion Airport. Meet each other at 6 PM.
- **Get to know each other meeting**
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

### Day 2: Monday the 10th of July

- 9.00h -10.00 **Bible study**
- Visit to the **Independence Hall**. On the 14th of May 1948, the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel was signed in a small hall on Rothschild Avenue in Tel Aviv. This Independence Hall is part of the famous UNESCO World Heritage buildings in Bauhaus style.
- The biggest and most lively market of Tel Aviv is the **Carmel Market**, better know as Shuk HaKarmel. Small corridors surrounded on both sides with market stands. A visit to the Carmel Market is the best opportunity to meet locals, to buy exotic fruits and -spices and to make pictures boasting with colors.
- **Free time at the beach**
- Jonah's journey, Tabitha's restoration to life, and Peter's conversion of the gentiles all began in Jaffa. A visit to the **Old Center of Jaffa** with its harbor. Tour through Jaffa's narrow alleyways and enjoy the view over the sea.
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

### Day 3: Tuesday the 11th of July

- 9.00h -10.00 **Bible study**
- Swim and float in the **Dead Sea**, bathing yourself in the mineral rich water and mud
- **Ein Gedi** is an oasis in the desert and a green Garden of Eden in the wilderness. Hike along the Nachal David, the river of David, named David River (Nahal David), named after King David hiding from king Saul. A full Judean desert experience is encapsulated in this short but non-the-less spectacular river hike.
- Seven sculptured relief panels reflecting the crucifixion and seven life-size bronze figures reflecting the Holocaust. Visit to the **Fountain of Tears**, a dialogue between crucifixion and holocaust. An impressive art series made by Rick Wienecke in Arad.
- Overnight at the **Desert Camp at Massada**

### Day 4: Wednesday the 12th of July

- 9.00h -10.00 **Bible study**

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- Climb **Massada** at sunrise, situated on the top of a mountain overlooking the desert panorama to the west and the Dead Sea to the east. The thrilling story of the site reveals the courage of the Jewish defenders of Masada and their battle against the conquering Romans.
- Visit **Sderot**, an Israeli town on the border to Gaza, to get an understanding of some of the challenges and triumphs faced by local residents over the past 14 years of intermittent rocket attacks from Gaza.
- Visit **ALEH Negev**. ALEH believes that every child, regardless of the severity of the physical or cognitive disability, has the right to benefit from the best available care in order to reach his or her fullest potential.
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

#### Day 5: Thursday the 13th of July

- 9.00h -10.00h **Bible study**
- An introduction to modern Israel and the Jewish people in Yad Vashem, Israel's main Holocaust remembrance and education center. Visit the **Yad Vashem** Holocaust Memorial Center including the Avenue of the Righteous and the Children's Memorial
- **Political tour through Jerusalem and its surroundings**. Explore why Jerusalem plays a major role in Middle East politics. Tour Jewish and Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem (Jabel Mukar, Gilo and others), have a panoramic view from the Haas Promenade drive towards Bethlehem to discover the settlement block of **Gush Etzion**.
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

#### Day 6: Friday the 14th of July

- 9.00h -10.00 **Bible study**
- Tour the major sites of **Jerusalem's Old City**: Visit the colorful markets, the Via Dolorosa and the Cardo, an ancient Roman site now filled with shops brimming with Middle Eastern artistry
- Walk through **the Jewish Quarter** of the Old City and visit the Western Wall, where people gather to pray for the start of the Shabbat. Join in Shabbat prayers with thousands of others at the **Western Wall**
- Enjoy a traditional **Shabbat dinner** with explanations at the soup kitchen of **Hineni Jerusalem**, a charity organization serving disadvantaged people in Israel..
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

#### Day 7: Saturday, Shabbat, the 15th of July

- 9.00h -10.00 **Bible study**
- **Gan Hashlosha**, otherwise known as the **Sachne**, is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful places in Israel. Enjoy Sachne's series of natural pools fed by hot springs and a stream with mini-water falls.
- Visit the **Mount of Beatitudes**, the place where Jesus delivered the famous Sermon on the Mount.
- *"Leaving Nazareth, he (Jesus) went and lived in Capernaum. From that time he began to preach"* (Matthew 4: 13,17). Visit the ruins of **Capernaum**, the home of Jesus as well as the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John and the tax collector Matthew.
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

#### Day 8: Sunday the 16th of July

- 9.00h -10.00h Bible study
- A visit to the **Knesset**, the Israeli parliament. Discover the essence of the Israeli democracy and the role and

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responsibilities of the Knesset. The tour also relates to the principle art works in the Knesset building.

- Halt at the big **Menorah** outside the **Knesset**, the Israeli parliament, picturing several biblical scenes.
- **Free time in Jerusalem**
- Overnight at the house in Givat Yearim

#### Day 9: Monday the 17th of July

- 8.30h -9.00h **Bible study**
- **Voluntary work**
- **Teaching** in the afternoon by **Benjamin Philip**, leading Hineni Jerusalem, a charity organization serving disadvantaged people in Israel (<http://hinenijerusalem.org/en/>)
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

#### Day 10: Tuesday the 18th of July

- 8.30h -9.00h **Bible study**
- **Voluntary work**
- **Teaching** in the afternoon by **Johannes Gerloff**, journalist and theologian.
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

#### Day 11: Wednesday the 19th of July

- 8.30h -9.00h **Bible study**
- **Voluntary work**
- Teaching in afternoon by **Calev Myers**, Israeli Lawyer, Human Rights Activist and Founder of Jerusalem Institute of Justice (<http://jij.org/>)
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

#### Day 12: Thursday the 20th of July

- 8.30h -9.00h **Bible study**
- **Voluntary work**
- **Farewell party**
- Overnight at the house in **Givat Yearim**

#### Day 13: Friday the 21st of July

- Fly home. Schedule your departure after 12 PM.

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