

KER & DOWNEY

EXPERIENTIAL. LUXURY. TRAVEL.

A BESPOKE JOURNEY TO

ISRAEL



PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR:

Bill Blomquist

A BESPOKE JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Meals</u>
Mon, Apr 1	Arrive Tel Aviv/Netanya	Grand Beach Hotel	D
Tue, Apr 2	Tiberias	Sea of Galilee Hotel	B,D
Wed, Apr 3	Tiberias	Sea of Galilee Hotel	B,D
Thu, Apr 4	Jerusalem	Grand Court Jerusalem	B,D
Fri, Apr 5	Jerusalem	Grand Court Jerusalem	B,D
Sat, Apr 6	Jerusalem	Grand Court Jerusalem	B,D
Sun, Apr 7	Jerusalem	Grand Court Jerusalem	B,D
Mon, Apr 8	Jerusalem	Grand Court Jerusalem	B,D
Tue, Apr 9	Depart Tel Aviv		B

Monday, Apr 01 2019
Arrive Tel Aviv/Netanya
Grand Beach Hotel
Dinner

Upon arrival At Ben-Gurion Airport, you will be met by a Ker & Downey representative and assisted through customs and immigration, then transferred to your hotel.

Tuesday, April 02 2019
Tiberias
Sea of Galilee Hotel
Breakfast and Dinner

Start today's tour with a visit to Caesarea; here you see a 2,000 year old city - built to honor Augustus Caesar - was once the capital of the Roman province and was later occupied by the Crusaders. It was here that Herod laid out a classical city complete with amphitheater and stadium, and also constructed an artificial harbor with concrete pilings under water-the first such use of concrete. You will also see the Roman aqueduct that is a marvel of engineering. You find a wealth of Roman, Byzantine, Arab and Crusader ruins in the area, as well as the harbor from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome.

From here, you continue to Megiddo, overlooking the Jezreel Valley to visit the excavations. This was once an ancient city-state now designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its historical, geographical, and theological importance, as its Greek name, Armageddon, illustrates. Excavations have unearthed 26 layers of ruins, which makes it one of the most interesting archaeological sites in Israel.

Ascend Mt Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration from where you have a dramatic view Mt Gilboa and a landscape rich in Old Testament history. Continue to Tiberias and check into your hotel.



Wednesday, April 03 2019

Tiberias

Sea of Galilee Hotel

Breakfast and Dinner

This morning you set off on a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Stop at Capernaum, where you will see the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught and St. Peter's house, which was later converted into a church. You will also visit Tabgha with the Church of Peter's Primacy and the ancient mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes (a mosaic in the Church of the Multiplication commemorates the event) before you continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes, the site where Christ gave the Sermon on the Mount.

Drive up to the Golan Heights, a rocky plateau overlooking the Sea of Galilee, and stop at Banias, one of the sources of the River Jordan at the foot of Mt. Hermon. Here you see the archaeological remains of this sacred place that span the Pagan, Jewish, Roman, Byzantine and Muslim eras.

Thursday, April 04 2019

Jerusalem

Grand Court Hotel

Breakfast and Dinner

Drive to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation. You may also wish to visit Nazareth Village, a modern recreation, based on archaeological research, of what a Galilean village at the time of Jesus was like. End the day with a visit to the Byzantine Church at Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding and where some couples today like to renew their wedding vows. Drive down the Jordan Valley to Jericho, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world.

Stop at Qasr el Yahud, the traditional site of Jesus' baptism.

At the end of the day arrive in Jerusalem and check into your hotel.



Friday, April 05 2019

Jerusalem

Grand Court Hotel

Breakfast and Dinner

Start the day with a sweeping view of Jerusalem from the Mt of Olives, then walk down the Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations, designed by Antonio Barluzzi, known as the architect of the Holy Land for the numerous churches he built.

Then enter the Old City at the Dung Gate and your guide will walk you through the Four Quarters of the city for you to experience a city holy to so many. First view the Temple Mount, known by Moslems as the Haram el Sharif. At the Davidson Center you learn about the Temple rituals in ancient times. From there to the Western Wall where you may observe worshippers praying towards the Holy of Holies, and performing rituals such as that of placing written prayers into the seams between the rocks of the wall.

After a lunch you visit the Pool of Bethesda, then walk along the Way of the Cross, through the markets of the Christian and Moslem Quarters. The Via Dolorosa ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Here you can observe the intense devotion and prayer, by many different denominations, at the site of the Crucifixion and the Tomb of Christ. Leave the Old City through the Armenian and Jewish Quarters via the Cardo. On Mt Zion visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, which was built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas. Your morning of sightseeing will also include stops at the traditional Tomb of King David and the Upper Room, both on Mt Zion.

Saturday, April 06 2019

Jerusalem

Grand Court Hotel

Breakfast and Dinner

After breakfast, you depart overland, along by the Dead Sea to Masada where you take the cable-car up to the last stronghold of the Zealots. Some 2,000 years ago, Roman legions stormed one of the two paths to the top of this sandstone mountain to reach the Jewish.

On the return stop at Qumran, the enclave where the Essenes produced the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Continue to the Dead Sea for a swim, and end the day with a visit to Garden Tomb.



Sunday, April 07 2019

Jerusalem

Grand Court Hotel

Breakfast and Dinner

Visit the Israel Museum to see the fascinating Model of Jerusalem as it was during the time of the Second Temple and the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

In the afternoon an excursion to Bethlehem, where you visit the Church of the Nativity, which rests over the cave where Jesus was born. It was originally built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. Visit the Shepherds' Fields where you can see the remains of a major Byzantine Monastery and the caves with soot marks from the Shepherds' fires.

Monday, April 08 2019

Jerusalem

Grand Court Hotel

Breakfast and Dinner

Leave Jerusalem for the Elah Valley. This was the border country between the Israelites and Philistines. Bet Shemesh is the home of the Samson & Delilah Biblical story and further south is a newly discovered archaeological site that dates to the time of King Saul. It is in this area that King David originated and recent excavations suggest increasing evidence that the confrontation between David and Goliath probably originated here. Return to Jerusalem where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Optional Tour – Hezekiah's Tunnel and Pool of Siloam (at additional cost – will depend on number of participants): Tour what some archaeologists believe are the foundations of King David's palace, see evidence of the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BCE, go underground into the Jebusite water system built in 1800 BCE, and then giggle and splash as you wade through the chilly waters of the pitch-black King Hezekiah's Tunnel, dug out to supply spring water to Jerusalem in anticipation of the siege of the year 700 BCE, or walk through the dry 3,800-year-old Canaanite tunnel. We end at the Siloam Pool, where Jewish pilgrims, in Jerusalem for the three yearly Jewish festivals, congregated as they began their ascent to the Temple grounds.

Tuesday, April 09 2019

Depart Tel Aviv

Breakfast

Transfer to the Tel Aviv Airport where you will be assisted with checking in for your flight home.



KER & DOWNEY

EXPERIENTIAL. LUXURY. TRAVEL.

Prepared especially for Bill Blomquist

Land Only: **\$4,985** per person - x 8 travelers

Land Only: **\$4,470** per person - x 10 travelers

Land Only: **\$3,950** per person - x 14 travelers

Land Only: **\$3,730** per person - x 18 travelers

**NOTE: Rates are based on a minimum number of travelers. If the minimum number is not met, tour cost will be re-calculated based on the final number of confirmed travelers*

Prices subject to change pending agreement to terms and conditions * Rates are USD unless otherwise noted

A non-refundable advance payment of 20% is required to confirm services * Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure Booking

Reference - KHFI127357 - Consultant - Nicole Porto

Land Only Includes:

Apr 01 2019 - Transfer - VIP Service at Tel Aviv airport

Apr 01 2019 - Transfer - Tel Aviv airport (TLV) to Netanya

Apr 01 2019 - 1 night in **Tel Aviv** at **Grand Beach Hotel - Standard Room**

- Includes breakfast

Apr 02 2019 - Transfer - Tel Aviv to Tiberias

Apr 02 2019 - Excursion - Caesarea Tour

Apr 02 2019 - Excursion - Megiddo Visit

Apr 02 2019 - Excursion - Mt. Tabor Visit

Apr 02 2019 - 2 nights in **Tiberias** at **Sea of Galilee Hotel - Standard Room**

- Includes breakfast

Apr 03 2019 - Excursion - Private Boat on Sea of Galilee

Apr 03 2019 - Excursion - Capernaum Tour

Apr 03 2019 - Excursion - Visit to Tabgha

Apr 03 2019 - Excursion - Golan Heights Tour

Apr 03 2019 - Excursion - Visit to Banias

Apr 04 2019 - Transfer - Tiberias to Jerusalem

Apr 04 2019 - Excursion - Nazareth Tour

Apr 04 2019 - Excursion - Cana visit

Apr 04 2019 - Excursion - Jericho visit

Apr 04 2019 - Excursion - Qasr el Yahud

Apr 04 2019 - 5 nights in **Jerusalem** at **Grand Court Jerusalem - Standard Room**

- Includes breakfast

Apr 05 2019 - Excursion - Mt. Olives, Gethsemane and Old City of Jerusalem Tour

Apr 05 2019 - Excursion - Davidson Center Visit

Apr 05 2019 - Excursion - Pool of Bethesda Visit

Apr 05 2019 - Excursion - Garden Tomb Visit

Apr 06 2019 - Excursion - Masada, Dead Sea, and Qumran Tour

Apr 07 2019 - Excursion - Israel Museum Tour

Apr 07 2019 - Excursion - Bethlehem Tour

Apr 08 2019 - Excursion - Elah Valley Tour

Apr 09 2019 - Transfer - Jerusalem to Tel Aviv airport (TLV)

Apr 09 2019 - Transfer - VIP Service at Tel Aviv airport

Excludes:

Porterage

Insurance not mentioned above

KER & DOWNEY

EXPERIENTIAL. LUXURY. TRAVEL.

All accommodation not mentioned above

All meals not mentioned above

All international and domestic flights and airport taxes not mentioned above

All transport not mentioned above

All expenses of a personal nature i.e. telephone calls, laundry, etc.

Tips and gratuities

Beverages not mentioned above

Entrance Fees not mentioned above

All other services not mentioned above

This is a proposal only. *All prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates prevailing as of the date of this proposal and are subject to change without notice. Itinerary sequence is subject to change without notice based on accommodation availability. Similar accommodations may be substituted based on availability. Air schedules, quoted rates, and space are always subject to change by the airline without notice, and airline seats cannot be reserved until we receive passport copies for each traveler. To avoid airfare changes, upon your advance payment, please purchase your airline tickets in full. If schedule changes result in an itinerary modification, any additional costs incurred will be passed on to the passenger.*

6703 Highway Blvd / Katy, TX 77494

Toll Free: (800) 423-4236 / Direct: (281) 371-2500 / Fax: (281) 371-2514 / www.kerdowney.com