

Ancient & Modern Battle Sites with Jeff Cavins

January 24-27, 2021

Pilgrimage post-tour 24Jan to 28JAN Revisitors pre-tour 23JAN-27JAN

Itinerary Highlights

Indicates included meal B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

This is the most unique extension we have ever offered. We will visit both ancient & modern battle sites with teachings by Jeff on spiritual warfare. Our guides include a retired Israeli general, General Gozal, who will be available while we visit sites significant in modern Israel's conflicts, an active Israeli military site, observe training situations & visit the Mossad Headquarters Museum. The itinerary is subject to confirmation & change due to some of the locations being sensitive active operations. Note: The only mass provided on this extension will be Sunday. If a priest accompanies this extension, then Mass will be at hotel.

23JAN ~ Saturday ~ Depart from home for Israel

24JAN ~ Sunday ~ Arrival/ Jerusalem

Tour members arriving at **Ben Gurion Airport** in **Tel Aviv** will be met & transferred to our hotel in **Jerusalem**. Tour members on the Annual Pilgrimage will return to the Jerusalem hotel at end of day. ~ Tonight we will meet for orientation & Mass at the hotel. ~ Dinner & overnight Jerusalem. D

25Jan ~ Monday ~ Ammunition Hill/ Jaffa Gate Police Headquarters/ Oketz dog training center

After breakfast at our hotel, we leave on a tour of understanding the very sensitive problems of **Jerusalem** along the **Seam Line**. Established by Israel's Armistice Agreement with Jordan, it divided Jerusalem from 1948 to 1967. Also known as the "**Green Line**", it defined a 7 km temporary border between **East Jerusalem**, at that time a part of the Kingdom of Jordan, & **West Jerusalem**, the capital of the State of Israel. The **Old City** was part of the border on the east, thus in Jordanian Jerusalem. ~ A visit to the **Police Headquarters** at the **Jaffa Gate** gives a privileged view of how the city's police forces operate to keep Jerusalem secure for the locals & guests. ~ Located in **East Jerusalem** on the western slope of **Mount Scopus**, **Ammunition Hill** was a Jordanian military post in 1967. Highly fortified, one of the fiercest battles of the **Six-Day-War** was fought here, commemorated now as a national memorial. General Gozal will walk with us, explaining the conflict & battle. ~ Our visit to the **Oketz dog training center** leaves us impressed with both the dogs & their handlers. *Oketz* means "sting" in Hebrew. We learn how this military force has been & is used by the Israelis. ~ Dinner & overnight Jerusalem. B D

26Jan ~ Tuesday ~ Ayalon Valley & Museum/ Latrun/ Armored Corps Museum/ Mossad HQ

Our first morning stop after breakfast will be at the **Ayalon Valley**. Jeff will teach about the **Battle of Joshua**. ~ From there we visit the **Ayalon Institute**. Located on **Kibbutz Hill** in Rehovot, it has an underground ammunition factory disguised as a kibbutz that ran a laundry service. The factory was established in 1945 & manufactured ammunition until 1948. Today it is a museum & national historical site. ~ Our next stop is **Latrun**, a significant battle site in ancient & modern history. **Yad La-Shiryon** (officially: **The Armored Corps Memorial Site & Museum**) is the official memorial for fallen armored corps soldiers. The museum has armored tanks & vehicles from 1948 forward, one of the most diverse collections in the world. Here Jeff teaches about the **Battles of Modi'in** & the **Maccabees** story. ~ Our visit to the **Mossad Headquarters & Mossad Museum** gives a glimpse of this highly acclaimed Israeli operation. **Mossad** means Institute, short for HaMossad leModi'in uleTafkidim Meyuchadim (Institute for Intelligence & Special Operations), the Israeli intelligence organization. ~ Preparing for our very full day in the north on Wednesday, we travel to a hotel in the Galilee for overnight. ~ Dinner & overnight Galilee. B D

27Jan ~ Wednesday ~ Northern Israel/ Golan Heights/ Meggido

Today we explore the north of Israel, guided by General Gozal, including a visit to an army base & the historical observation of Lebanon & Syria from **Mt. Bental**. The details of this day are being arranged & advised when confirmed. ~ Jeff's teaching also centers on biblical battles, possibly at **Megiddo**, the ancient tel overlooking the **Valley of Armageddon**. ~ Our return to Tel Aviv will end at the airport for those departing for home.

Those continuing on the next tour. ~ Dinner & overnight Dan Panorama hotel Tel Aviv. B D

28Jan ~ Thursday ~ Arrive Home or continue on From Dan to Beersheba Tour.