

Christian Volunteer & Pilgrimage: Sample

Notes:

>> Christian Volunteer & Pilgrimage tours can take many forms, and are ideal for church groups with a missions focus. SETI organizes tours and lodging, and we work with you to find volunteer opportunities for your group. We also offer discount pricing for volunteer and church groups, because of the unique and important nature of these groups.

>> SETI can connect you with other Christian groups and organizations working in the Holy Land. We have connections to many different groups in Israel, including Lutheran, Methodist, Mennonite, Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Evangelical groups. We can arrange for your tour to include worship or meetings with the Christian community here.

Day 1

Tour Schedule:

Arrival & Welcome Banquet

Arrive in Tel Aviv. Transportation to homestay or hotel in Jerusalem. Welcome dinner and orientation.

Day 2

Jerusalem Orientation

Tour Old City of Jerusalem. See the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, and the Via Dolorosa. Visit the Old City market, the tomb of Jesus at the Holy Sepulcher, and the Western Wall.

Day 3

Jerusalem Service Day

Morning prayer at the Garden Tomb, followed by volunteer work at a local community center. In the afternoon, meet with a Christian aid society in Jerusalem.

Day 4

Bethlehem Orientation

Visit the Church of the Nativity and tour the city of Bethlehem. Meet with the Deputy Mayor, and hear about Christianity in the West Bank. Meet some local Christians for dinner in a Bedouin tent.

Day 5

Bethlehem Service Day

Morning prayer in Bethlehem. Start volunteer work in the community. Visit an orphanage, or spend time at a center for the blind. Visit a shepherd in the afternoon and learn about shepherding.

Day 6

The Temple Mount: Jerusalem

Tour the Temple Mount and the Jerusalem Archaeological Park in the morning and learn about the early church. In the evening, participate in an evening church service with a church in Jerusalem.

Day 7

The Sea of Galilee

Head north to learn about Jesus' early ministry. Visit the Jordan River, the Mount of Beatitudes, and Capernaum. Take a boat ride on the Sea, before spending the evening at a kibbutz.

Day 8

The Mediterranean

Begin the day in Caesarea Philippi where Peter made his great confession, before heading to Caesarea Maritima on the Mediterranean. Afterward, have dinner in the ancient port city of Jaffa.

Day 9

Bethlehem Service Day

Get an early start in Bethlehem, helping out at one of the local hospitals. In the evening, host a charity event for refugee children. Learn about social issues in the West Bank.

Day 10

Jerusalem Service Day

Back in Jerusalem, begin the day praying over the city. During the day, perform community service by taking meals to the homes of local families, or by visiting a hospital to care for handicapped children.



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>> SETI works with a variety of charitable organizations in Israel and the West Bank. When volunteering, you can either split your time between different volunteer activities (as reflected in this itinerary), or your group can choose one area or organization for its volunteer focus.

>> When it comes to volunteering, it is important to choose a partnership with an organization that will suit your group. SETI can recommend charities and organizations that will inspire your volunteers. In the past, we have worked with groups such as the Red Cross,

Day 11

City of David: Jerusalem

Take a break from volunteering and explore the oldest part of Jerusalem, the City of David. See the Pool of Siloam and Hezekiah's Tunnel. In the evening, participate in a traditional Jewish Shabbat Dinner.



Day 12

Jerusalem Service Day

Take care of disabled and elderly adults in Jerusalem, with painting and house maintenance. In the afternoon, meet with a guest speaker from a local organization, and learn about social issues in Israel.

Day 13

Bethlehem Service Day

In the morning participate in a church service with locals in Bethlehem. In the afternoon, volunteer in Bethlehem at a summer camp or host an event for children.



Day 14

Masada & The Dead Sea

Take a day trip into the desert. Explore the ruins of the desert fortress of Masada. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found, and then take a dip in the Dead Sea!



Day 15

Final Day & Departure

Spend your last day in Israel with a free day. Visit any sites you missed, shop in the Old City markets, or just relax! In the evening, say goodbye and head to the airport for departure.



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