



Tour of Israel
Led by Paul & Hilary Marshall
Saturday 5th - 12th September 2026

We have led tours to Israel for over 30 years and seen first-hand how a trip can change lives. Our hope is people will encounter Jesus in a deeper way, in the Land that He loves so much.

Compared with many countries Israel is very small, which makes it easy to visit many outstanding sites in just a day. One minute being in the Judean desert considering Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, the next standing on the Mount of Olives seeing the bible come alive like never before.

Every day of the tour is packed with excitement and variety. We will give a clear, historical and biblical background helping you understand why Jesus was destined to be Jewish in the land of Israel.

With its long history, stunning landscape, culture and bible relevance it is without doubt a world leader, a must for all those wanting a trip of a lifetime.

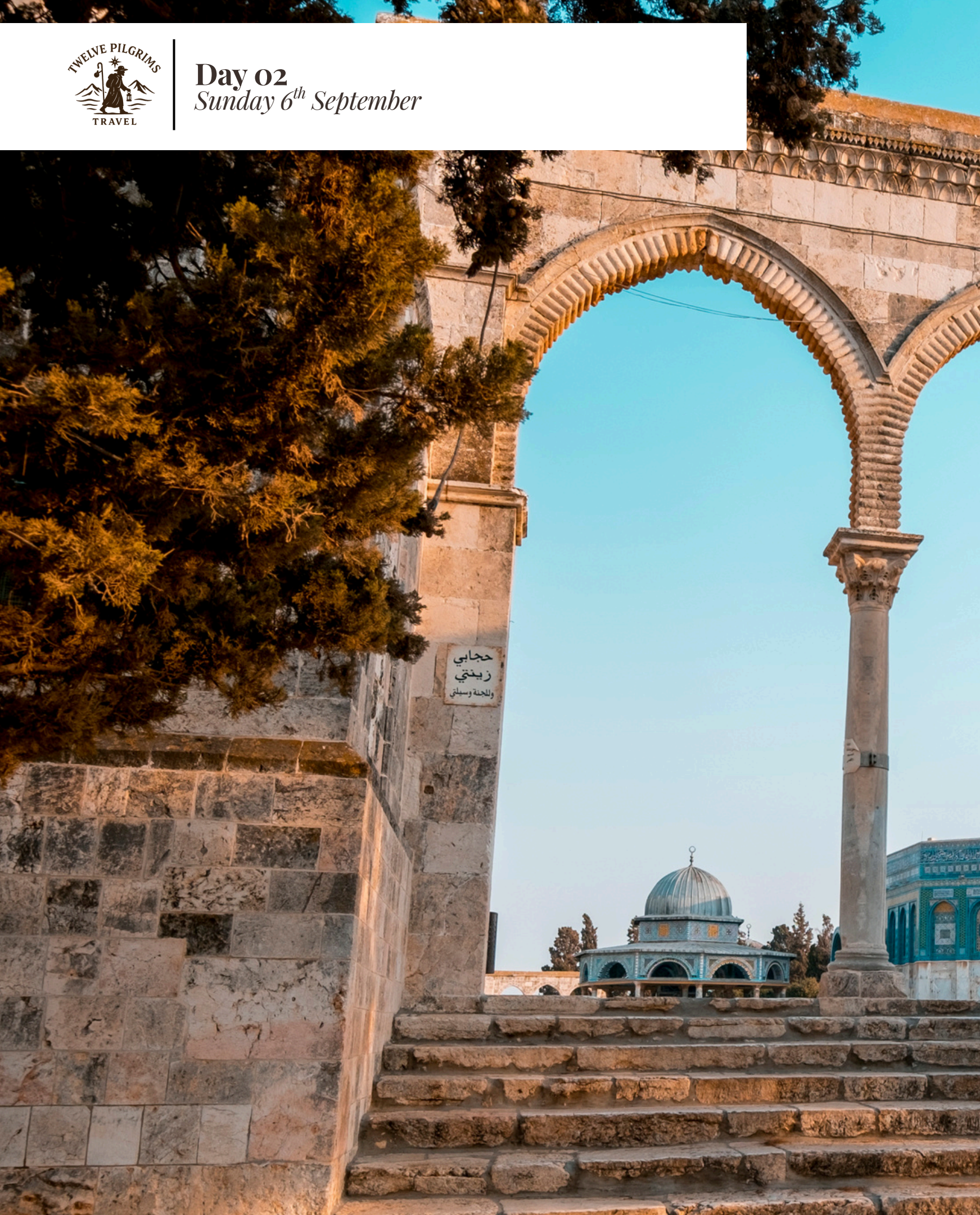
Groups are always varied with people from different cultures and levels of understanding, this is why our style of guiding and teaching are simple and easy to absorb.





Your Itinerary
Saturday 5th – 12th September 2026

Day 01	Early morning flight from Luton to Tel Aviv. Check into 4* hotel, overnight in Jerusalem.
Day 02	From Jerusalem viewpoints to Herodium, Shepherds’ Fields, Bethany and the Judean Wilderness, tracing the roots of Jesus’ birth and early context.
Day 03	Follow Jesus’ final approach into Jerusalem via the Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane and explore the City of David.
Day 04	Walk through Jerusalem’s Old City highlights including Western Wall, underground tunnels, and sites linked to Jesus’ trial and prophecy.
Day 05	Reflect at the Garden Tomb before travelling via Jericho to the River Jordan, ending the day in Galilee.
Day 06	Discover Jesus’ Galilean ministry at Kursi, Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida.
Day 07	Sail the Sea of Galilee, visit the Mount of Beatitudes and explore Magdala, with a free afternoon.
Day 08	Conclude at St Peter’s Primacy and Nazareth, then return to Tel Aviv for the flight home.



Hass Promenade Jerusalem

Scenic lookout with its breathtaking views of the Old City, Mount Scopus and the Mount of Olives. From here we consider Abraham and Isaac's journey from Hebron to the place God called Abraham to sacrifice his son. This gives a background to the Patriarch's (fathers) of the Israelites, and the genealogy of Jesus.

Herodium

Drive south on the Hebron Road through the Judean hills, to the site of one of King Herod's hilltop palace / fortresses where archaeologists have recently discovered his tomb. There are amazing views across to the Dead Sea and the Judean Desert. Here we talk about Ruth, and the line of King David.

Sheperds Fields

Southeast of Bethlehem. We spend time looking over the fields where the angel announced the birth of Jesus the Messiah. A highlight of this place is going into one of the ancient caves, much like the condition Jesus would have been born in. Here you will get a true understanding of the humility of Jesus' birth and what it was like for Mary and Joseph.

Bethany

The home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha, Jesus often stayed here on his way to and from Jerusalem. You will be able to go down into the tomb of Lazarus where Jesus raised him from the dead.

Luke 24:50 says, "Jesus was carried into heaven" from here and will return in like manner.

Judean Wilderness

The landscape and desert paths have changed little since the times of Jesus. Many key biblical events took place here, including David's refuge from Saul, John the Baptist's ministry, and Jesus' temptation. We will finish the day enjoying the peace and solitude in this special place.



Palm Sunday Road - Retracing Jesus' triumphal entry from Bethany into Jerusalem. Mount of Olives - with its spectacular views across the Kidron Valley and the Old City of Jerusalem.

Tomb of the Patriarchs – The traditional burial site of the prophets Haggai, Malachi and Zechariah, here we will consider their end time prophecies and current world events.

Church of Dominus Flavit - We can see across to the Temple Mount, from this area Jesus wept over Jerusalem anticipating its future destruction in AD 70. Garden of Gethsemane and Church of all Nations. Here are Olive trees dating back hundreds of years which give a deep insight to the suffering of Jesus, and to consider his final hours before his crucifixion.

The City of David – Starts with an animated film beginning over 3,000 years ago, when King David captured the hill top city of Salem and established it as Jerusalem, the unified capital of the tribes of Israel. You will walk in the footsteps of the kings of Judah; David, Solomon, and many of the prophets.

We go deep underground to where the bible tells us a tunnel was dug by King Hezekiah to fortify the city's water source against the invading Assyrian armies. Pool of Siloam, Here Jesus told the blind man to wash his eyes and he would see.

Pilgrims Road – The walkway from the Pool of Siloam up to the Temple. You will have the opportunity to follow the road but will need a good level of stamina, alternatively enjoy the comfort of our coach.

overnight in Jerusalem



Church of St Peter in Gallicantu on Mount Zion where he denied his friend Jesus three times - From here we can see the original steps Jesus walked up, from the Lower City (City of David) to the House of Caiaphas the High Priest, to be tried.

Mount Zion and the Chamber of the Holocaust, in spite of their terrible suffering the visit shows God's hand on the Jewish people.

We take a short walk through the **Zion Gate** to the **Jewish Quarter** for lunch, one of the four quarters of the walled city. Wonder through the alleyways and watch the religious inhabitants go about their daily lives, it's fascinating.

The Western Wall - (Kotel) is renowned the world over as a powerful place of prayer, and the second most important place for the Jews. Take time here and absorb the Holiness of this special place.

Western Wall Tunnel – Goes under the Old City and follows the retaining wall of the Temple Platform, the site of the Second Temple in the time of Jesus. You will be as close as possible to where the Holy of Holies once stood.

Pool of Bethesda - where Jesus healed the crippled man, immediately he became well, took up his mat, and walked" (John 5:8-9).

Golden Gate – or the Eastern Gate where tradition says Jesus rode into the city on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Ezekiel 44:1-3 states Jesus will enter the Gate again at his second coming.

Overnight in Jerusalem



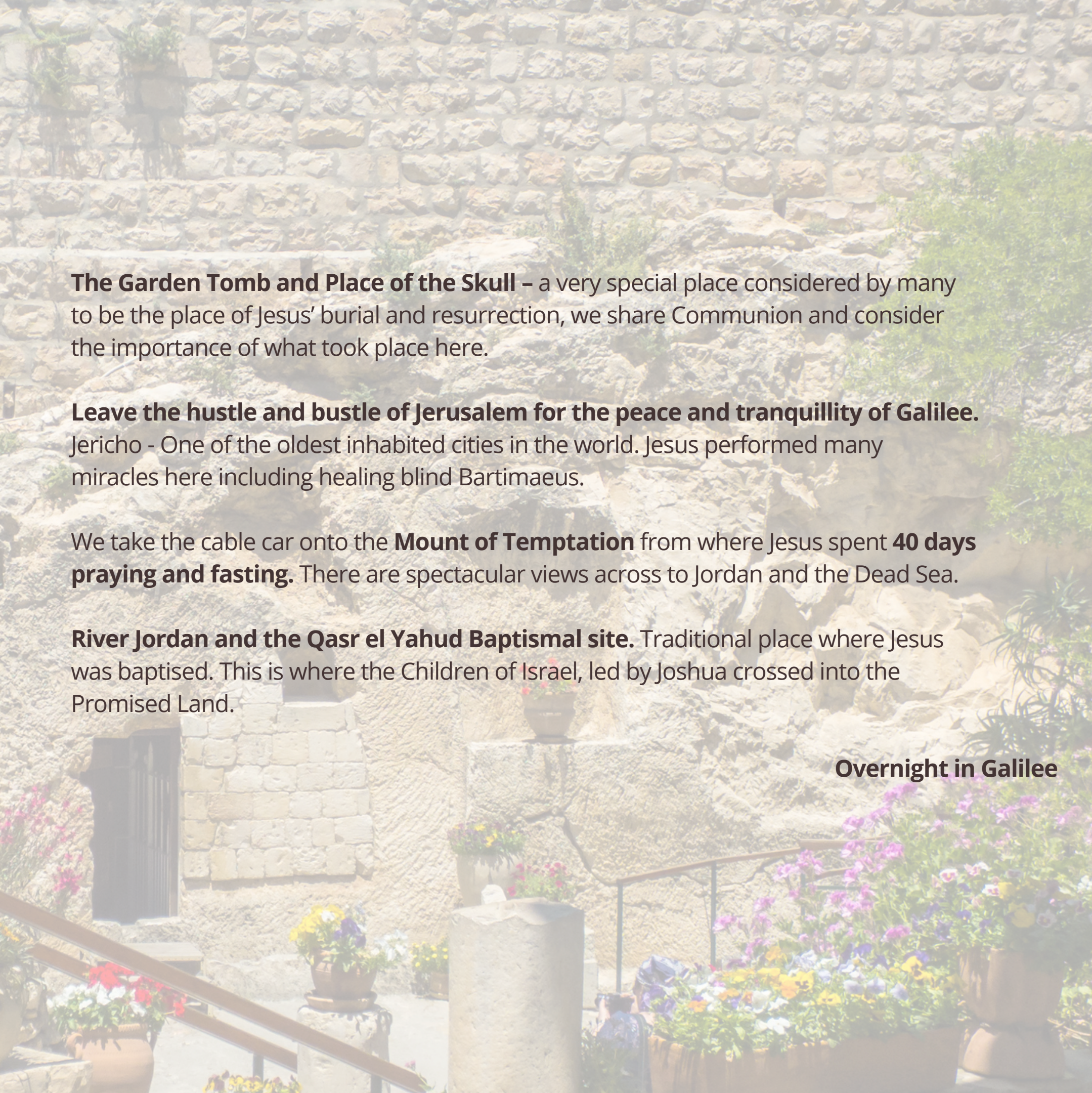
The Garden Tomb and Place of the Skull – a very special place considered by many to be the place of Jesus’ burial and resurrection, we share Communion and consider the importance of what took place here.

Leave the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem for the peace and tranquillity of Galilee. Jericho - One of the oldest inhabited cities in the world. Jesus performed many miracles here including healing blind Bartimaeus.

We take the cable car onto the **Mount of Temptation** from where Jesus spent **40 days praying and fasting**. There are spectacular views across to Jordan and the Dead Sea.

River Jordan and the Qasr el Yahud Baptismal site. Traditional place where Jesus was baptised. This is where the Children of Israel, led by Joshua crossed into the Promised Land.

Overnight in Galilee





Day 06
Thursday 10th September

Galilee is such a peaceful place; you will understand why Jesus spent so much time here.

Kursi - Crossing the River Jordan, we visit the region of Gadara. It was here that Jesus on his first missionary journey cast evil spirits out of the demon possessed man and drove them into a herd of pigs.

The rest of the day is very special as we **walk in the footsteps of Jesus following his 'The Teaching Triangle'**. It takes in **Capernaum**, the Centre of Jesus' ministry, Chorazin and Bethsaida where Jesus and his disciples fed the 5,000.

Overnight in Galilee



Day 07
Friday 11th September

The day starts with a boat trip on the **Sea of Galilee**, picture Jesus calming the storm and walking on the water. This is such a special experience as the lake is just the same as it was in the time of Jesus.

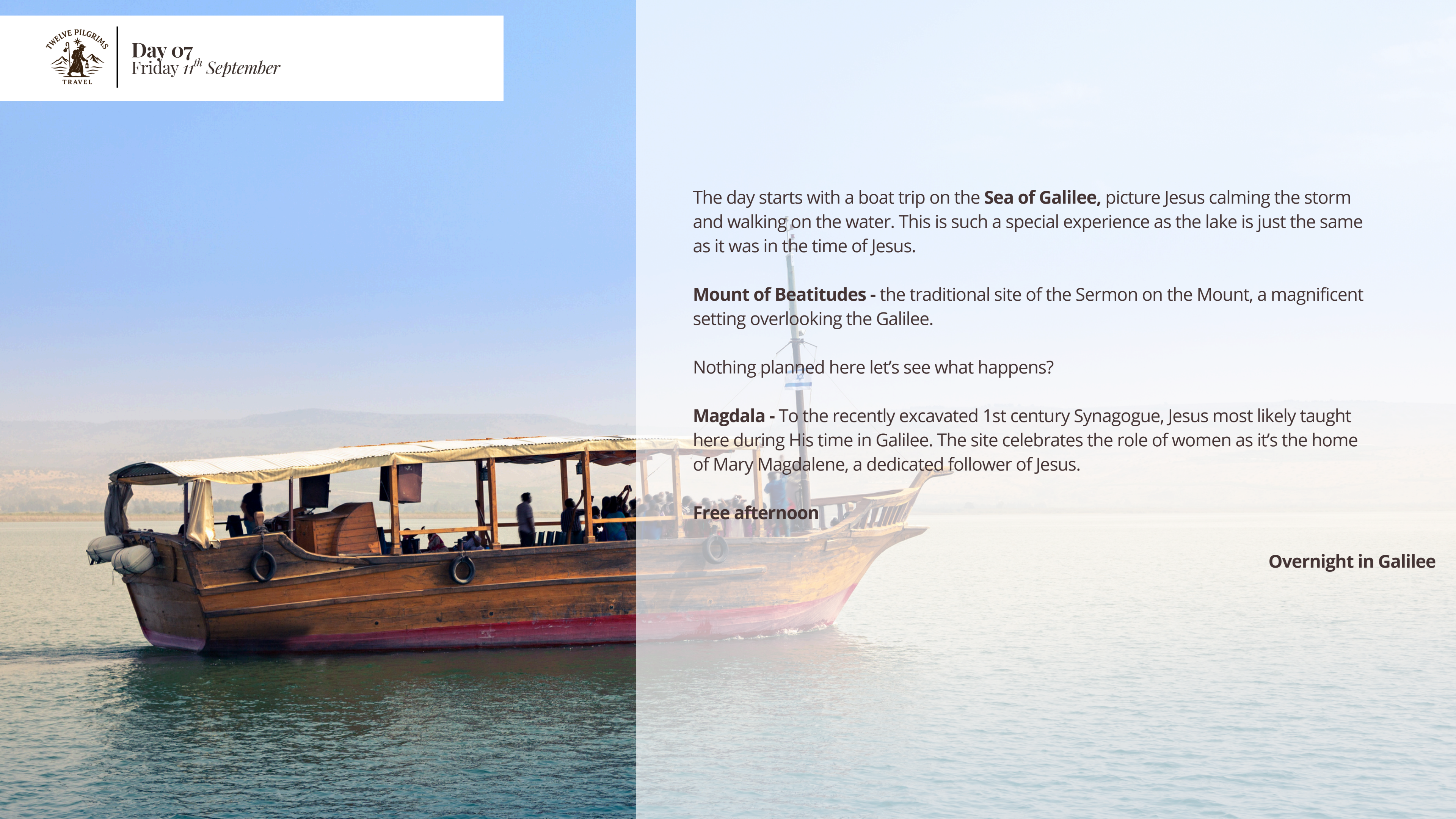
Mount of Beatitudes - the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, a magnificent setting overlooking the Galilee.

Nothing planned here let's see what happens?

Magdala - To the recently excavated 1st century Synagogue, Jesus most likely taught here during His time in Galilee. The site celebrates the role of women as it's the home of Mary Magdalene, a dedicated follower of Jesus.

Free afternoon

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Day 08
Saturday 12th September

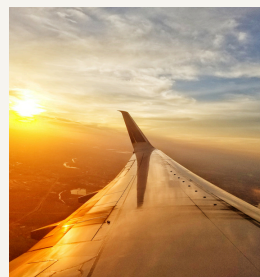
St Peter's Primacy - on the Sea of Galilee. This is one of our favourite places to bring the tour to a close. After His Resurrection Jesus met the disciples, fed them breakfast, reinstated Peter and commissioned him to “feed my sheep”.

Nazareth – Where it all began!

Nazareth Village - An authentic first-century farm and archaeologically accurate re-creation of the hometown of Jesus with real ties to the life and time of His friends and family. Bible scenes are brought to life by “villagers” who populate the farm and houses, living and working with the same type of clothing, pottery, tools and methods that Mary and Jesus would have used.

1st Century Synagogue (reconstructed), relive the event where Jesus read from Isaiah 61, proclaiming “the Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor”.

Drive to Tel Aviv for the evening flight to Luton.



**There will be quite a lot of walking
so a good degree of fitness is
essential.**

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