

THE OLD TO THE NEW WITH SHARON FLEMING

## THE RED SEA, THE DEAD SEA & JERUSALEM

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>28 OCTOBER 2019</b>
<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>8 days</b>
<b>DEPARTURE:</b>	<b>DUBLIN (other airports available)</b>
<b>TOUR ESCORTED BY:</b>	<b>Sharon Fleming Director</b>
<b>TOUR TYPE:</b>	<b>FAITH &amp; CULTURE</b>
<b>PRICE:</b>	<b>£1795pp sharing (single supplement on request)</b>
	<b>£100 off per person early booking offer if booked by 30 November 2018)</b>



### **Monday 28 October 2019**

Flight will depart Dublin. Times to be confirmed. A coach transfer with various pick up points is included in this tour. On arrival transfer to Eilat.

### **Tuesday 29 October 2019**

After breakfast we will depart our hotel for a visit to the Coral Reef before taking a boat trip on the Red Sea. According to the Exodus account in the Bible, Moses held out his staff, and the Red Sea was parted by God. The Israelites walked on the exposed dry ground and crossed the sea, followed by the Egyptian army. Moses again moved his staff once the Israelites had crossed, and the sea closed again, drowning the entire Egyptian army. Enjoy free time in the evening in Eilat at the shores of the Red Sea.

### **Wednesday 30 October 2019**

After breakfast we start heading North towards Jerusalem.

Park Timna, located some 25 km (about 17 miles) north of Eilat, combines beautiful scenery with special antiquities and history and a variety of activities the whole family will enjoy. The horseshoe-shaped valley covers some 60,000 dunams (15,000 acres) and is surrounded by steep cliffs. In the center is Mount Timna, 453 m (about 1500 ft) above sea level. Timna

Valley is a geological window revealing a variety of minerals including copper, iron and manganese.

You'll find remnants of Egyptian mythology and fascinating history. You'll also see exciting finds at the Temple of Hathor near the spectacular Solomon's Pillars, at the Mushroom, the



impressive Arches, and of course, the ancient rock-drawings depicting hunters of ostriches and ibexes, Egyptian battle chariots and other images. You will understand much more about the Tabernacle which housed the Ark of the Covenant.

After our visit we will travel to the shores of the Dead Sea for an afternoon dip then dinner and overnight.

## Thursday 31 October 2019

This morning we visit the archeological wonder of Masada. Masada is an ancient fortress in southern Israel's Judean Desert. It's on a massive plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. A cable car and a long, winding path climb up to the fortifications, built around 30 B.C. Among the ruins are King Herod's Palace, which sprawls over 3 rock terraces, and a Roman-style bathhouse with mosaic floors. The Masada Museum has archaeological exhibits and recreations of historical scenes.

After lunch, we travel further north. - If roads could speak, The Wadi Qelt, the famous road from Jericho to Jerusalem, would take up our time with too many tales to tell about almost every important character in Israel's storied history. This was a main thoroughfare to the holy city or Jerusalem, and everyone used it.

David fled Jerusalem on this route after his son Absalom made himself king (2 Samuel 15:23 to 16:14), King Zedekiah escaped from Nebuchadnezzar's troops on this road (2 Kings 25:1-6), Jesus walked it many times (Mark 10:46 to 11:1, Luke 2:39-50), and even the 10th Roman Legion marched on it to destroy Jerusalem in 70 A.D. The Romans improved the road that Jesus would have trod, making necessary improvements for it to handle their heavy siege weaponry. You can even see remnants of their handiwork in some places today.

Our day finish as we arrive in Jerusalem.



## Friday 1 November 2019

Breakfast at hotel

Drive to Mt. of Olives. Enjoy the panoramic view over old and new Jerusalem. Walk the Palm Sunday walk to Garden of Gethsemane and proceed to St Stephen's Gate.

Walking tour of the Old City by foot (lunch break on route)  
Visit the Pool of Bethesda and St. Ann's Church (Praise time in the natural acoustics of this beautiful church) Dinner at hotel



## Saturday 2 November 2018

Today we leave Jerusalem after breakfast to visit the Shepherds fields of Bethlehem. Jesus was born in Bethlehem but there is so much history from the Old Testament – remember Ruth meeting Boaz?

On our return to Jerusalem we will visit the baptismal site of Qsar el Yahud on Jordan River and the ancient city of Jericho

Our day will finish with the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary.

## Sunday 3 November 2018

This morning after breakfast we will head to the Davidson Centre on the edge of the Old City and take a tour of the tunnels right underneath the Western Wall. The Holiest of Holies as it is referred to is deep beneath the walls – when Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice this is the area he would have been. The pathways are lit up and well carved out with proper pathways and steps. Exhibits depicting ancient times are along the way.

Remainder of day free

## Monday 4 November

Breakfast and depart hotel for transfer to airport and homeward flight to Dublin.

Price includes: -

- Return flights and taxes
- 1 piece of hold luggage

- 1 piece of hand luggage
- Services of a fully qualified guide throughout
- Half board throughout
- Use of an air-conditioned coach
- Porterage at hotels

Not included: - Personal insurance, items of a personal nature, tips, lunches

***THIS TOUR BOOKS UP FAST AS IT IS LED BY OUR OWN DIRECTOR SHARON FLEMING WHO HAS TRAVELLED TO THE HOLY LAND FOR OVER 30 YEARS. PLACES WILL BE LIMITED AND ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS***