

Itinerary for DiMaggio Photo Tour of Israel – December 5 – 12, 2015

Day	Program
December 5 Saturday	<p>Arrive in Israel in the afternoon and drive to Jerusalem.</p> <p>Time permitting, we will travel to the Mount of Olives for a sunset view of the Jerusalem's Old City, the magnificent Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock. See Jesus' path into the city and learn more about the tradition of the three main religions of Jerusalem: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.</p> <p>Photography session.</p> <p>Enjoy a welcome dinner in one of Jerusalem's fine restaurants.</p> <p>Overnight in Jerusalem</p>
December 6 Sunday	<p>Breakfast in the hotel.</p> <p>Morning in the Old City of Jerusalem. We will stroll through its streets, colorful bazaars, churches, synagogues and mosques. Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall and the Muslim Quarter. Photography session.</p> <p>Afternoon: visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial campus and drive around some of modern-day Jerusalem</p> <p>Overnight in Jerusalem</p>
December 7 Monday	<p>Breakfast in the hotel.</p> <p>Travel east to the Judean Desert. See Qumran, the sight of the Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery and learn about the scrolls and the people who wrote them over 2,000 years ago.</p> <p>Continue to Masada, an ancient Roman citadel that became a Jewish fortress for a thousand Jews in the first century A.D. Tour the sight and discover more about the episode of Jewish heroism in the ancient war for independence.</p> <p>After lunch, drive to the Dead Sea, swim and relax in the unique waters of the lowest place on Earth.</p> <p>Overnight in Jerusalem</p>
December 8 Tuesday	<p>Breakfast in the hotel.</p> <p>Free morning in Jerusalem.</p> <p>Check out of hotel at mid-day and drive to Tel-Aviv. Visit the Old City of Jaffa and stop for lunch.</p> <p>Walk along the restored alleys, market areas and into the picturesque artists alleyways. Stroll down to the ancient port area of Jaffa. Photography session as the late day sun starts to set.</p> <p>Check into hotel and have evening free to stroll the Mediterranean shore.</p> <p>Overnight in Tel Aviv</p>
December 9 Wednesday	<p>Breakfast in the hotel.</p> <p>A special "insider's day" in Tel-Aviv. (details to be announced)</p> <p>Evening free to explore and experience the city's renowned culinary scene.</p> <p>Overnight in Tel Aviv</p>
December 10 Thursday	<p>Breakfast in the hotel.</p> <p>Drive north along the Mediterranean coast.</p> <p>First stop: the ancient Roman city and seaport of Caesarea. See the Roman theatre, horse race course (Hippodrome) and seaport. Enjoy an audio-visual program about the city's history.</p> <p>Drive via the Jezrael valley to Moshav Nahalal. Learn about this special form of agricultural community that is unique to Israel. Visit a resident's home and enjoy a vegetarian lunch with the locals.</p> <p>Drive east to the Sea of Galilee where we take a boat ride on the lowest fresh water lake on Earth.</p> <p>Time permitting, visit some of the holy sites around the lake.</p> <p>Diner in Tiberius along the lake-front</p> <p>Drive back to Tel Aviv.</p> <p>Overnight Tel Aviv</p>

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December 11 Friday	Breakfast in the hotel. Drive to the nearby "Ayalon Institute", a fascinating underground munitions factory from the time of Israel's war of Independence. Drive and walk in some of the historical, as well as modern neighborhoods of Tel Aviv. Lunch in Tel Aviv Walk the historic, picturesque streets of Nave Zedek and explore the original nucleus of the modern city of Tel Aviv. Photography session Overnight in Tel Aviv
December 12 Saturday	Breakfast in the hotel. Free to use the day to relax, shop or revisit some of Tel--Aviv's sites. Check--out of hotel and reassemble as a group for our farewell dinner. Drive to the airport and say goodbye.

Note: above is an overview of the planned tour and is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control and/or preferences of the tour participants.