

# Israel Agritour with Jane Eckert

Agricultural Visit & Spiritual Pilgrimage  
January 4 - 13, 2011

includes roundtrip air from  
Newark to Tel Aviv...  
plus informal  
farm chats!





#### DAY 1, TUE, JAN 4

Depart today on our overseas flight to Tel Aviv (*Continental 84* departing Newark at 3:55pm). (meals aloft)

#### DAY 2, WED, JAN 5

Arrive in Tel Aviv at 9:15 this morning and travel north to the coastal ruins of Caesarea, ancient capital of Roman Palestine, to see the theater, aqueduct, hippodrome (which could seat over 20,000 people), and Crusader fortress. We stop for lunch and then travel on to Mount Carmel to enjoy the spectacular, sweeping panoramic view of the Jezreel (meaning "God sows") Valley from atop the mountain. Today the valley is a green fertile plain, covered with fields of wheat, cotton, sunflowers and corn with great grazing tracts for multitudes of sheep and cattle. Next we visit Mary's Well in Nazareth, site of Jesus' boyhood, then drive to Tiberias and the **Kibbutz Ginosar** on the Sea of Galilee. We check-in and enjoy a welcome dinner and overnight. (meals aloft, D)

#### DAY 3, THU, JAN 6

After breakfast we see the 1st-century "Jesus Boat," discovered in 1986 partially buried in the muddy shores of the Sea of Galilee. After an inspirational visit to the Mount of Beatitudes, we view the ruins of ancient Capernaum, where the greater part of Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing took place. We drive into the Golan Heights to **Kibbutz Ortal** for an orientation tour of the orchards led by "Apple Steve," who is in charge of irrigation and water supplies on this huge communal farm. Here we enjoy lunch and then learn about the path of the fruit from the orchards through the cool storage, the sorting and packing lines and quality control all the way to the shelves of the supermarkets and grocery stores. We continue to the **Golan Heights Winery**, which re-wrote the book on making wine in a land where winemaking is as old as the Bible itself. Following a wine-tasting, we return to Tiberias for a memorable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and then finish our day with a dinner of St. Peter's fish on the shores of the Sea of Galilee before returning to **Kibbutz Ginosar**. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4, FRI, JAN 7

Today we ascend the fertile Upper Galilee to **Kibbutz Manara** which offers unique & spectacular views of Mt. Hermon (the tallest mountain in Israel) and the Hulla Valley. Here we learn about their drip irrigation system and fruit orchards. We continue to Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi, which has one of the largest waterfalls in Israel, leading into the Jordan River, although the spring has been greatly reduced due to deforestation of Mt. Hermon. We proceed to Tel Dan Nature Reserve, one of three sources of the Jordan River that is fed by the snow and rain from Mt. Hermon. Nearby Old Testament Dan marked the northern limit of the land of Israel. We travel on to **Kibbutz Afikim**, founded by Russian Jews in the early 1920s. Today members of the kibbutz grow bananas, date palms and subtropical flowers. Our meeting with members of the kibbutz will add to our understanding of these egalitarian communities which had such a significant role in the establishment of the State of Israel. We return to **Kibbutz Ginosar** for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5, SAT, JAN 8

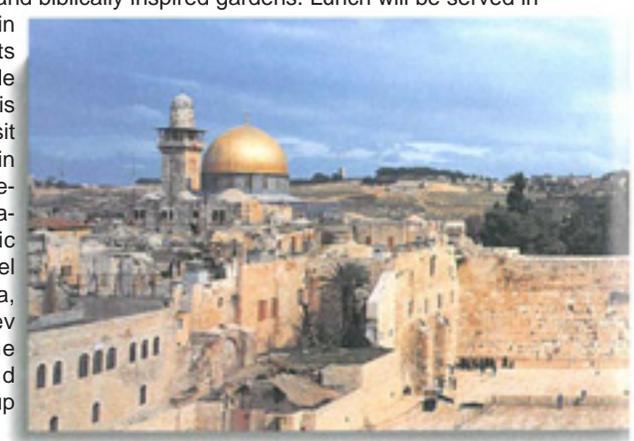
At the southern end of the Sea of Galilee we cross the Jordan River near the traditional site of Jesus' baptism. We stop at Bet She'an, Israel's largest active archaeological dig site, and see the well-preserved 2nd century Roman theater. We continue south through the Jordan Valley to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. The shop and restaurant here are owned and managed by **Kibbutz Kalia** and offer one of the most productive examples of kibbutzim tourism development in Israel. We continue to Masada (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and ascend by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins of the fortress where Jewish defenders made the last stand of the Judean revolt against the Romans. Continuing south into the Negev we arrive at **Kibbutz Yahel** for dinner and overnight. Founded in 1976, this was the first Reform (Progressive) Jewish kibbutz in Israel. It is small -- 30 families with approximately 70 children -- and its economy is based on agriculture and simple desert tourism. (B,D)

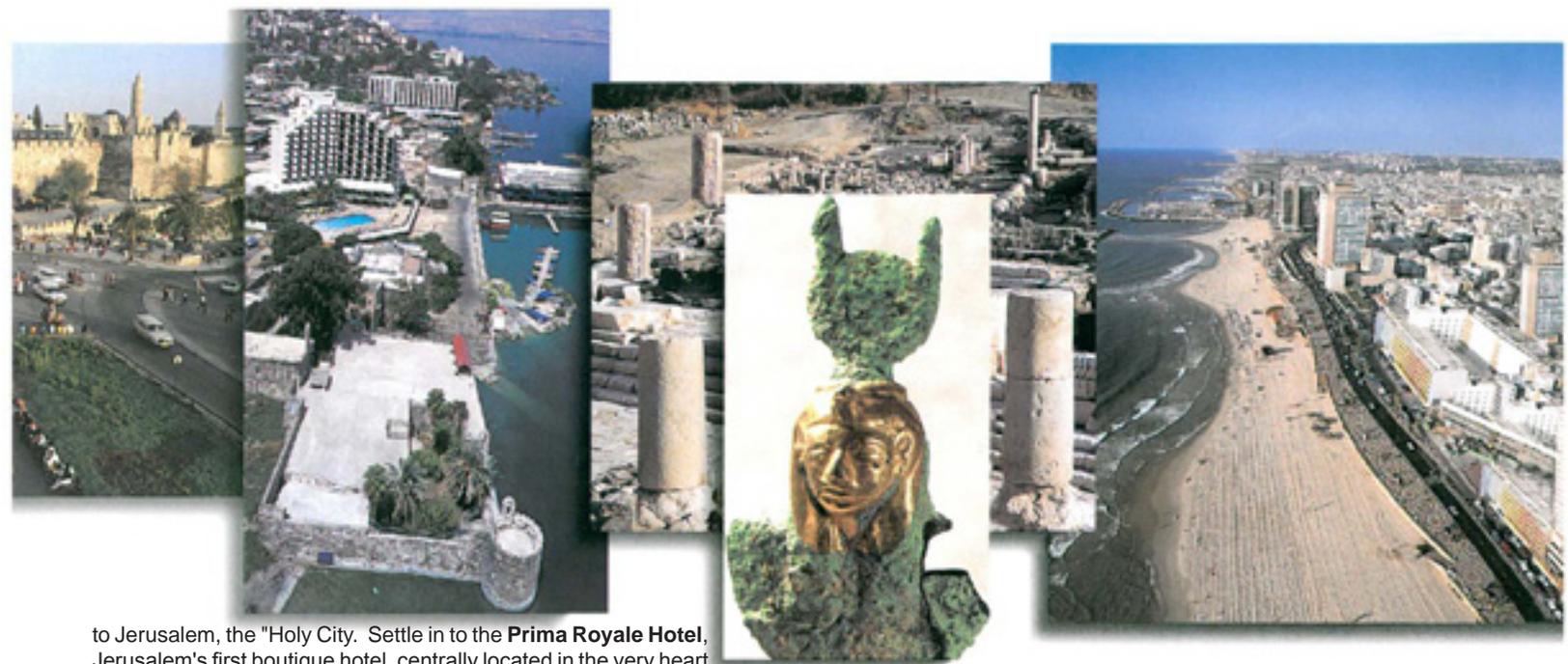
#### DAY 6, SUN, JAN 9

The Arava area - the valley between the Dead Sea and Eilat - is home to 480 families who are responsible for 70% of Israel's agricultural exports. They have taken what nature has dealt them - saline soil and water and a burning sun - and produced peppers, dates, figs, tomatoes, melons, flowers, grapes, fish, and even a thriving dairy industry. They also work in cooperation with farmers across the nearby Jordanian border. At the **Yair Research Station**, the "living center" of the whole Arava region, a representative will share current developments in innovative agriculture which are disseminated from here. We also visit **Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES)**, the premier environmental education and research program in the Middle East, preparing future Arab and Jewish leaders to cooperatively solve the region's environmental challenges. Later today we stop at **Kibbutz Yotvata**, a dairy farm plus dairy plant, located 30 miles north of Eilat (the southern tip of Israel), for ice cream. Return to **Kibbutz Yahel** for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7, MON, JAN 10

Today we experience Bedouin hospitality and learn about their lifestyle at **Kfar Hanokdim**, a green oasis in the desert with shaded areas created by palm leaves and biblically inspired gardens. Lunch will be served in one of the Bedouin banqueting tents after a camel ride in the desert. This afternoon we visit Arad, important in Biblical times because of its strategic geographic location. We travel on to Beersheva, capital of Negev and City of the Patriarchs, and then continue up





to Jerusalem, the "Holy City. Settle in to the **Prima Royale Hotel**, Jerusalem's first boutique hotel, centrally located in the very heart of the city, for dinner and overnight.

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**DAY 8, TUE, JAN 11**

We ascend the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem and then stop at the Garden of Gethsemane to see its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. In the Old City we visit St. Anne's Church near the Pools of Bethesda, and then we follow the Via Dolorosa, seeing Pilate's Judgment Hall where Christ was imprisoned. At the Temple area we view the Western Wall. This afternoon we travel to Bethlehem (political situation permitting) and the Church of the Nativity, built over the traditional site of the birth of Christ. We drive by the Field of Shepherds, where the angel announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds, and have opportunity for shopping. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at the **Prima Royale Hotel**. This evening we enjoy a discussion with an official from the **Israel Ministry of Agriculture**.

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**Day 9, WED, JAN 12**

We begin our day at the Garden Tomb and then see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum. Here we also take time to view the scale model of Jerusalem in the 1st century. Following our visit we pause to **plant a tree**, leaving behind a lasting contribution to improve the quality of Israel's environment for generations to come. Then we continue to Yad Vashem, a documentation in many forms of the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period. Mid-afternoon we depart Jerusalem for Abu Gosh, a Christian-Arab village built on a mountainside, and have free time to explore and visit the shops. Abu Gosh is synonymous with hummus - and not simple hummus but a wonderful, delightful mixture served in a variety of ways and with spicy garnishing! We enjoy an authentic Arab farewell dinner and then transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to the USA (*Continental 91 departing 11:40pm*).

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**DAY 10, THU JAN 13**

We arrive back in Newark at 4:50am and connect on to our hometown airports. (meals aloft)

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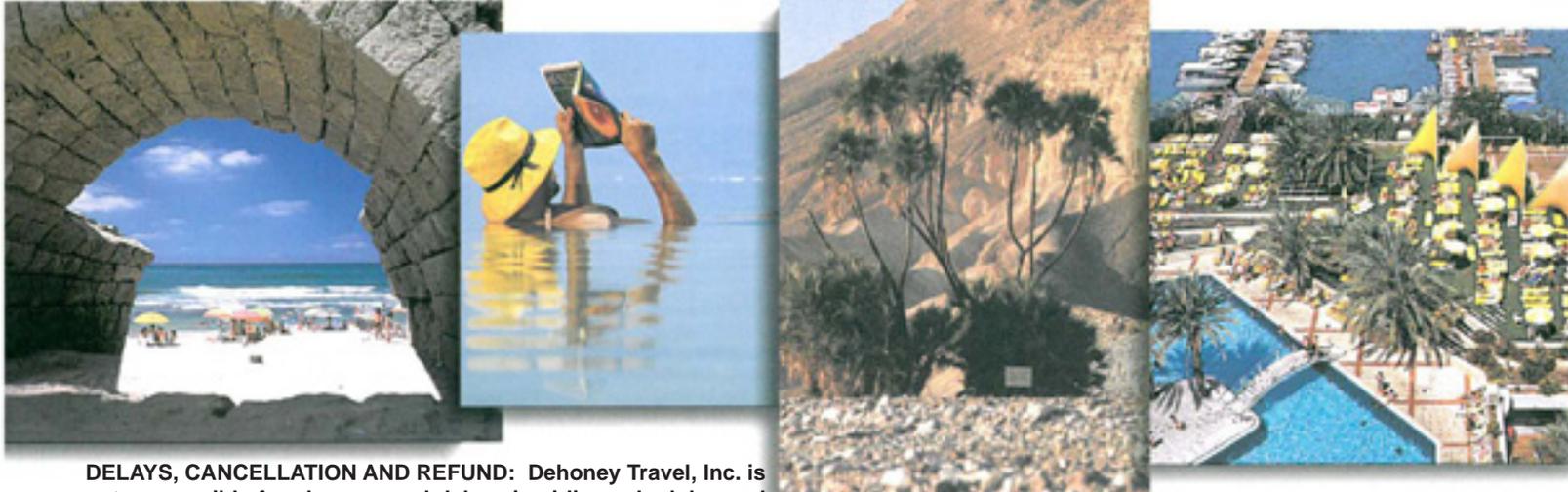
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