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April 2013

To Region 9 OA Friends,

INVITATION TO OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS REGION 9 ASSEMBLY –ISRAEL– Wed , NOVEMBER 6 – Fri, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

The **Assembly** will be followed by a **Convention**.

For those of you who are new to this sort of service and fellowship and to explain what the Assembly & Convention are -

The Assembly takes place over 2 days (Wed, Nov 6 – Fri, Nov 8, 2013) and covers the '**business**' part of carrying the message within Region 9 – representatives from Service Bodies within Region 9 are asked to attend on their Service Bodies behalf. There will be a formal agenda of business which entails what is happening in Region 9 service at the present and which will include – Committee Reports & Meetings (Literature & Translations, 12th Step Within, Public Information, Electronic Communications, Bylaws & Finance), Board Member Reports and feedback on activities at WSBC and other OA Regions, as well as debate & voting on motions that service bodies may present to the Assembly. There will also be workshops, presentations, and discussions.

You will find all you need to know about registering and attending the **Assembly** in November within this letter, Appendix A and the attached Assembly Registration Form. **DO TRY TO ATTEND – IT ENHANCES YOUR PROGRAM IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS.** The organizing committee will try to ensure that you feel at home and that you enjoy a wonderful time with enrichment to your program and much needed service for OA.

Do not hesitate to ask questions if something is unclear or if you need more information.

If your service body would like to propose any bylaw amendment or a business motion that affects OA Region 9, then they must make sure they reach our Bylaws Committee Chair, Siobhan. Email - bylaws@oaregion9.org **before August 6, 2013** (at least 90 days prior to the Assembly) – see Appendix C and use the attached draft motion.

Please note that you will need to Register for the Assembly **by August 14, 2013.**

The Convention follows (Fri, Nov 8 – Saturday, Nov 9, 2013) and again is spread over 2 days and promises **wonderful OA meetings, workshops and various sessions to enhance your OA program.** The Theme of the Convention is "Abstinence Comes First".

This letter (from the Region 9 Chair) invites your service body to attend **The Assembly**. A flyer is included with this invitation for The Convention. This year our hosts for our 2013 Assembly and Convention is Israel. A special thank you to the NSB of Israel for all your motivation and service efforts to organize this assembly and convention for us.

SERVICE TO OA REGION 9

Giving service to OA Region 9 is vital to our continuing existence. We will be holding elections for the position of Region 9 Chair (2 year term), Literature & Translations Committee Chair (2 year term), and Twelfth-Step Within Committee Chair (2 year term). Other than the positions mentioned - all other service positions for Region 9 are filled and are 'mid stream' of their service term.



You will receive information with the qualifications for Region 9 Chair, Literature & Translations Committee Chair, and Twelfth-Step-Within Committee Chair, and the method of application. Such elections are vital for the continuing existence of OA Region 9 – if you or your service body feel you could give service – please consider these positions and discuss it with your service body / sponsor prior to attending the Assembly.

HOSTING OF FUTURE REGION 9 ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION

The Region 9 Assembly this year will hear and vote on bids for the 2014 & 2015 Assembly & Convention. We are well aware that Israel is hosting the 2013 Region 9 Assembly & Convention. Please consider whether you can host us for the 2014 or 2015 Region 9 Assembly & Convention.

Each year we hope to hear and vote on the Assembly two years in advance (in 2012 we did not have any bids for 2014). All bids should include the probable date of the Assembly and information about the venue (and its costs) and how to travel. Please encourage your service body to consider hosting the 2014, and the 2015 Region 9 Assembly so that we can make the best decisions for our Region and make these plans in advance (contact R9 Secretary).

ATTENDANCE AT REGION CHAIRS COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEFORE WE MEET IN NOV 2013 -

In April/May, I will be going to Albuquerque, New Mexico (USA), where I will attend the 1st Region Chairs Committee meeting, and World Service Business Conference (WSBC). The theme of WSBC this year is "[Searching and Fearless: A Fellowship Inventory](#)". My report will go out on the Region 9 website, email, and our May newsletter. The R9 delegates will report to their service bodies, but they will also contribute articles for our May newsletter.

The 2nd Region Chairs Committee meeting, with the OA Board of Trustees, will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in August, which will be during the World Service Convention. The beginning of Oct, the 3rd Region Chairs Committee meeting will be held – in Albany, New York. On returning home after these meetings, I will also send out reports so that Region 9 can be updated on World Service.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to do this service for Region 9.

Susan
Region 9 Chair

REGION 9 ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION 2013 ... APPENDIX A, B, C

To attend the **Region 9 Assembly** your representative will need to:-

- a) Register with the Region 9 Secretary for the Assembly (form attached) **by August 14, 2013.**
- b) Book Hotel Accommodation (information included in the flyer from the NSB of Israel).
- c) Organise & Book Travel Arrangements (this is usually cheaper if booked well in advance).

To attend the **Region 9 Convention** your representative will need to:-

- a) Register with the NSB of Israel for the Convention (information included in the flyer from the NSB of Israel).
- b) Book Hotel Accommodation (information included in the flyer from the NSB of Israel).
- c) Organise & Book Travel Arrangements.

To bring a motion to the Assembly your service body must make sure the proposal reaches our Bylaws Committee Chair, Siobhan – **before August 6, 2013.**

To apply for financial assistance – your service body will need to complete the form (as attached) and send it to the Treasurer, Isabella, **by July 6, 2013.**

APPENDIX A - HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE ASSEMBLY

A registration form FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERGROUPS, NSB/LSB for The Assembly is attached. This will need to be completed and returned by regular mail or email to reach Region 9 Secretary, Mette. Her email : secretary@oaregion9.org . Make sure the signature of the service board chair/ secretary is on your form and received by the R9 Secretary **by August 14, 2013.**

A separate registration form is attached FOR REGION 9 BOARD MEMBERS (Susan, Mette & Isabella) AND COMMITTEE

Committee chairs; (Bylaws – Siobhan, PI – Deborah, Literature & Translations – Irenne, 12th Step Within Acting Committee Chair – Doris, Electronic Communications - Fawn) - if representing service bodies, fill in the Representative's registration form only.

By completing your Assembly Registration form and sending it to the secretary – you are registering for the Assembly. You will need to book your hotel accommodation separately and register for the Convention separately – details included in the flyer from the NSB of Israel.

APPENDIX B - HOW YOUR SERVICE BODY MAY APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ATTENDING THE ASSEMBLY

You will find attached - an application form for financial assistance, which you should submit to our Treasurer – Isabella. Email: treasurer@oaregion9.org **by July 6, 2013.**

It is important that those service bodies requiring assistance return the application form in time so that we are able to provide financial help.

The Region 9 Board will give you an answer by August 6, 2013. Wherever possible, the money will be given to you in cash (in Euros) during the Assembly. You will be asked to sign on receipt of the money.

APPENDIX C - HOW YOUR SERVICE BODY MAY PROPOSE REGION 9 BYLAW AMENDMENTS OR BUSINESS MOTIONS.

Please note the following extract from our OA Region 9 Bylaws concerning any proposals to amend those bylaws:

Proposed amendments should be submitted to the Region 9 Bylaws Committee at least ninety days (August 6, 2013) before the Region 9 Assembly, and are to be submitted, in writing, by this committee to the Region 9 Chair at least seventy-five days before Assembly (August 14, 2012).

Those service bodies wishing to propose any bylaw amendments must make sure they reach our Bylaws Committee Chair, Siobhan. Email – bylaws@oaregion9.org before August 6, 2013 (at least 90 days prior to the Assembly). Please use the attached draft motion.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL START FROM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6 (5.00 PM) THROUGH TO FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 (5.00 PM). PLEASE TAKE NOTE - THE REPRESENTATIVE NEEDS TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE ASSEMBLY AND SHOULD ARRIVE BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY BEGINS. WE PLAN TO COLLECT THE REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY STARTS, SO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERGROUPS,
NATIONAL / LANGUAGE SERVICE BOARDS TO REGION 9 ASSEMBLY**

DATE : NOVEMBER 6 – 8, 2013.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL START FROM 5:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 THROUGH TO 5:00 PM, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2013. ENSURE THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE IS AWARE THAT HE/SHE SHOULD BE ATTENDING THROUGHOUT.

A **registration fee of 50€/£33** for the Assembly will be charged for the Representatives – this will be payable (in cash only please) upon registration - before the Assembly begins on Wednesday afternoon.

Please arrive early so that this administration can be done before 5.00 p.m.

Type of Service Board (Ring around selection):	Intergroup / National Service Board /Language Service Board	Name of Service Body/ Board.	
Total number of representatives :			
Name of Service Board Chair/ Secretary			
Signature			
Date			
	FIRST REPRESENTATIVE	SECOND REPRESENTATIVE	THIRD REPRESENTATIVE
Name:			
Full address including zip code:			
Telephone:			
Email: (if available)			
Would you like the Assembly materials to be sent to you by - email or by mail (post). Please indicate which you would like.			
Please indicate if the rep you are sending has been to Region 9 Assembly before and if so is willing to mentor a person who is new to the Assembly.			

PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL, TO BE RECEIVED BY
REGION 9 SECRETARY **BY AUGUST 14, 2013** TO:

Region 9 Secretary

Email: secretary@oaregion9.org

NOTIFICATION – SERVICE BODIES IN REGION 9 - UNABLE TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY

DATE : NOVEMBER 6 – 8, 2013...ISRAEL

PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL SO THAT THE REGION 9 SECRETARY CAN RECEIVE IT **BY AUGUST 14, 2013**.

(NOT VALID WITHOUT A SERVICE BODY CHAIR/SECRETARY SIGNATURE) TO:

Region 9 Secretary

Email: secretary@oaregion9.org .

Type of Service Board (Ring around selection):	Intergroup / National Service Board / Language Service Board
I confirm that I am sending apologies on behalf of the service body mentioned – we are unable to send a representative at this time because :- _____	Name of Service Body : - Name of Service Board Chair/Secretary

YOU CAN SEND THIS NOTIFICATION OF NON ATTENDANCE BY EMAIL OR REGULAR MAIL.
PLEASE SEND IT, TO BE RECEIVED BEFORE AUGUST 14, 2013 IF YOU CAN TO:

Region 9 Secretary

Email: secretary@oaregion9.org .

REGISTRATION FORM FOR REGION 9 BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTING A SERVICE BODY

DATE : NOVEMBER 6 – 8, 2013...ISRAEL

Position:	
Name:	
Full address including zip code:	
Telephone:	
Email: (if available)	

PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL, TO BE RECEIVED BY REGION 9 SECRETARY **BY AUGUST 14, 2013** TO:

Region 9 Secretary

Email: secretary@oaregion9.org .

DRAFT MOTION
REGION 9 ASSEMBLY 2013

Proposal
Item:
Order of Debate Number:

REGION NINE ASSEMBLY 2013
NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS

MOTION:

SUBMITTED BY:

INTENT:

IMPLEMENTATION:

COST:

RATIONALE:

Please make sure this motion reaches our Bylaws Committee Chair, Siobhan.
Email : bylaws@oaregion9.org **by August 6, 2013.** (at least 90 days prior to the Assembly)

APPENDIX D

How many Delegates can be sent to the Assembly?

For service bodies that are not sure exactly how many delegates they are entitled to, the following is taken from our bylaws and defines membership of the Assembly:

Article IV - Section 2

The voting membership of this Assembly shall consist of

- a) Representatives from Intergroups who are registered with the World Service Office and who are within the geographical boundaries of Region 9.
- b) Representatives from National /Language/Virtual Service Boards, who are registered with the World Service Office and who are within the geographical boundaries of Region 9. National/Language/Virtual Service Boards shall not represent Intergroups which have sent representatives to the Assembly, however if all Intergroups are represented the National/ Language/Virtual Service Boards will still be entitled to one representative.
- c) Region 9 Board Members.
- d) The Chair shall not have a vote at the Assembly, except to break a tie and for elections.
- e) Committee Chairs, who are not Intergroup or National Service Board representatives.
- f) In the event of a Region 9 representative from a registered unaffiliated group receiving a voice as per Article IV Section 2 (II) c) of these bylaws, they may also be given a vote, subject to majority approval of the voting body.

Article IV - Section 4 - Delegates.

- a) Each member Intergroup/National/Language Service Board shall be entitled to one representative at the Region 9 Assembly. Intergroups/National/Language Service Boards serving more that 10 groups shall be entitled to two representatives. Intergroups/National Service Boards serving more than 50 groups shall be entitled to three representatives.

As you know, it is important for the planning of the Assembly to know how many delegates will be able to attend, so please, do send the Region 9 Secretary (Mette) your registration form as soon as possible. Mette's address and email is on the form.

OA ISRAEL is happy and proud to host the 2013 Region 9 Assembly and Convention 2013 will mark the 5th Region 9 Assembly to be held in Israel. We invite all OA members in Region 9 and worldwide to participate in our international sharing of strength, hope and recovery. The theme of this year's convention is: **ABSTINENCE COMES FIRST**.

We invite you to take this opportunity to tour our wonderful country which has much to offer tourists of all faiths and interests. November is the perfect time to travel to Israel. You can expect mild and pleasant weather. Enclosed is some information on typical tours run by EGGED TOURS. You can book in advance or at the hotel. If there is enough interest, we could arrange for custom tailored trips with a private guide at a slightly higher cost.

Home hospitality will also be available to OA members before/after the Assembly-Convention.

The Shefayim Kibbutz Hotel is located in Kibbutz Shefayim on the coast just North of Herzelia, in the centre of the country. This location is ideal for OA events, having both excellent meeting facilities as well as a pastoral ambience. The facility is suitable for physically challenged visitors as well. Check out their web site at <http://www.shefhotel.co.il/en/index.php> for full details of the facility and attractions nearby.

The Region 9 Assembly will commence on the afternoon of Wednesday November 6th, 2013. Region delegates please ensure you arrive at the hotel before then. The assembly will close on Friday evening, November 8th. Full details of the assembly including registration forms, agenda and other material will be issued directly by the Region 9 Board.

The Region 9 Convention will open on the evening of Friday November 8th and close at 16.00 hours on Saturday November 9th. The theme for the convention is: **ABSTINENCE COMES FIRST**. A special "abstinence workshop" will be held from the early afternoon prior to the convention opening. OA members are also welcome to attend the assembly as guests. The convention program will include sharing of strength, hope and recovery of OA members around the world, panels, workshops, and lots of fun and entertainment! Meetings will be held in English and Hebrew with translations.

The cost of the hotel is as follows:

Twin room : \$175 € 135 per room (2 people) per night including bed and breakfast.
Price per person: \$87.50/ € 65.50 per night.

Third person in same room (pull out bed): \$74.00/ € 58 per night including bed and breakfast.

Single room: \$175 / € 135 per night including bed and breakfast.

Cost of lunch and dinner: \$20 / € 15 per person per meal.

Other costs:

Region 9 Assembly delegate fee – to be paid to the Region 9 Treasurer:

Region 9 Convention fee: \$20/ € 20 to be paid at the Convention Registration desk in foreign currency only.

ALL CONVENTION INCOME AFTER DEDUCTING EXPENSES WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO REGION 9 TO FUND THEIR ACTIVITIES!

Room reservations are to be made **directly to the hotel** on the enclosed reservation form. Please print on the form to avoid errors. It is not necessary to reserve meals in advance. You may reserve meals on arrival, on a daily basis or purchase a meal ticket whenever you like.

Credit card details **must** be provided when making reservations although no payment will be applied at that time. Actual payment to the hotel will be made at checkout from the hotel. Payment may be made via credit card, Travelers cheques or cash. The deadline for cancellation is 45 days prior to arrival date. After that cancellation or no shows will be charged 1 night's B&B rate on your credit card. Reduction in the number of nights may not be made after arrival.

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY TO ENSURE YOUR HOTEL AND CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED CORRECTLY.

There are various transportation options and web site links to information on transportation. Full details will be sent to you by email once registration is received.

If you have any questions or special needs not clarified herein please don't hesitate to contact: Adele at asseoadele@gmail.com or info@oa.org.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL IN ALL ITEMS BELOW. CIRCLE YOUR SELECTIONS WHERE RELEVANT.

First Name	
Last Name	
Full Address	
Nationality	
I will be attending:	<input type="checkbox"/> Assembly only <input type="checkbox"/> Convention only <input type="checkbox"/> Assemble and Convention
Accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> I have reserved a room at the hotel <input type="checkbox"/> I have made other accommodation arrangements
Service - are you willing to do service at the convention?	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead a meeting/workshop. If so, please specify length of abstinence and some of your recovery story (add approx half a page.) <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment
Home hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like home hospitality YES/NO
If yes	From (date) _____ To (date) _____ Number of nights _____ Number of people _____
Are you bringing any guests?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes/No
If yes, name:	

Email this form to: asseoadele@gmail.com or fax to: 972-3-6762494 or mail to:
 OA Israel, P.O. Box 7250, Ramat Gan 52172 Israel

Region 9 Convention fee \$20/€20 to be paid at the Convention Registration desk (cash only, in foreign currency please).

THIS FORM DOES NOT CONSTITUTE HOTEL REGISTRATION. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO FAX OR EMAIL YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL.

REGION 9 ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM				
HOTEL KIBBUTZ SHEFAYIM				
Shefayim 6099 Israel				
Tel: 972-9-9595595			Fax: 972-9-9595555	
Website: http://www.shefhotel.co.il/en/index.php			Email: info@shefhotel.co.il	
Date				
First Name				
Last Name				
Full address including zip code				
Telephone number				
Fax number				
Email address				
Arrival date				
Departure date				
Total Number of nights				
Name of room-mate				
RATES PER PER PERSON, BED & BREAKFAST				
Room type	Rate £	Rate \$	# of nights	Total rate
Twin room, 2 people, bed & breakfast (price per person)	67.5	87.5		
Twin room, 3rd person, bed & breakfast (pull out bed)	58	74		
Single room, bed & breakfast	135	175		
Lunch or Dinner (each meal)	14	20		
TOTAL COST	CURRENCY:			0

Special requirements:

Handicap access YES / NO

Meals:

Other special requirements:

TERMS & CONDITIONS

CREDIT CARD DETAILS REQUIRED TO ENSURE BOOKING.

RESERVATIONS MAY BE CANCELLED 45 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL DATE.

FAILURE TO ARRIVE OR CANCEL ON TIME WILL RESULT IN CHARGE OF 1 NIGHT.

NO REDUCTIONS TO THE NUMBER OF NIGHTS MAY BE MADE AFTER ARRIVAL.

PRICES VALID FOR NON-ISRAELI NATIONALS ONLY.

Name on credit card

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Credit Card type: Visa/ Mastercard/Diners/American Express/ Others:

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Credit card number

Expiration date

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NATIONALITY / PASSPORT

PASSPORT NO.

DATE ISSUED

DATE OF EXPIRY

TYPICAL TOURS POSTED ON EGGED TOURS WEB
**SITE, BASED ON CURRENT PRICES AND
CONDITIONS. OA HAVE NO AFFILIATION WITH
EGGED TOURS OR TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY
REGARDING THESE TRIPS WHATSOEVER.**

Jerusalem Old and New- Day Tour

Departure:

Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed., Thr., Fri., Sat.

Duration:

10-12 Hours

Finish point:

Return to pick up points

From us: **\$68**

Tour Description

This exciting one day tour of both the old and new sections of Jerusalem lets you see all of the city's highlights in one day, making it a perfect city tour for travelers without a lot of time. The day tours highlights include the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Wailing or Western Wall, the Stations of the Cross (Via Dolorosa), Chch of the Holy Sepulchre, Mt. Zion and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Our daily Jerusalem bus tour begins with pick up in major hotels in Netanya, Herzeliyah, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The trip continues with a panoramic overview of the old and new city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The Mount of Olives offers a breathtaking view of the Temple Mount and the entire old city of Jerusalem.

We then travel along the Kidron Valley to visit the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus and his disciples prayed the night before his crucifixion. We then proceed to enter the old city via the Armenian Quarter. Our first stop will be the Wailing (Western) Wall.

We will then stroll through the local Bazaar to the Christian Quarter to follow the Stations of the Cross, otherwise known as the Via Dolorosa. Our tour guides explain and bring to life every stop along the way to the memorable Church of the Holy Sepulchre, site of the crucifixion.

From the Chruch of the Holy Sepulchre, we walk along the 1700 year-old Byzantine main street, until we reach the Roman Cardo and the renovated Jewish Quarter. We then ascend to Mount Zion and on Saturdays visit the Hall of the Last Supper and David's Tomb.

Leaving the Old City we proceed to tour the new city by car en route to the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum, and then back to your hotels for the rest of your Israel trip.

* Modest dress required: Covered shoulders / No shorts

** On Fridays, Saturdays and Jewish High Holidays the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum is closed. On those days the tour visits King David's Tomb, Hall of the **Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane in lieu of Yad Vashem.**

Masada and the Dead Sea

Departure:

Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed., Thr., Fri., Sat.

Duration:

09-10 Hours

Finish point:

at all major hotels in Jerusalem and tel aviv

From us: **\$100**

Tour Description

This one day tour takes you to Masada, the site of one of the most passionate historical stories in the region. The drama of Masada is followed by relaxation at the therapeutic Dead Sea.

Our daily tour begins with pick up at major Tel Aviv, Herzeliyah, Netanya and Jerusalem hotels, and continues by descending to the Judean Desert via the inn of the Good Samaritan. This 19th century Turkish building now houses one of the world's largest Mosaic museums. It

includes mosaics and archeological artifacts of Jewish, Samaritan and Christian sites throughout Israel.

Arriving at Masada, we ascend the mountain by cable car, to tour the 2000-year old palace built by King Herod. It was here that the Jews came to defy the Romans and in this remote spot are reported to have committed mass suicide in defiance after a long and drawn-out siege by the Roman army. We will take you through the important archeological sites bringing this dramatic historical moment to life for you.

We leave Masada and head out to the Dead Sea. The tour concludes with time to enjoy basking in the sun at the beach or floating in the mineral-rich Dead Sea, located at the lowest place on earth (400m below sea level). You can also cover yourself from head to toe in the natural Dead Sea mud, which has unique therapeutic qualities and will leave your skin feeling soft and fresh.

Leaving the Judean desert, we return to Jerusalem with an overview of Jericho and the Old Roman Road.

Recommendations:

Please bring hats, bathing suits, towels, comfortable shoes and beach thongs

Jerusalem and the Dead Sea

Departure:

Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed., Thr., Fri., Sat.

Duration:

09-10 Hours

Finish point:

at all major hotels in Jerusalem and tel aviv

From us: **\$99**

Tour Description

This day trip takes you from the amazing historical sites of Jerusalem to the stunning desert views of Masada- two of Israel's highlights in one day! This is a perfect option for travelers with limited time in Israel.

We begin this exciting day with a panoramic overview of both the old and new city from the Mount of Olives. From here you will be able to see the Temple Mount Esplanade, as well as the entire old city and its surroundings. The Mount of Olives offers one of the most breathtaking views of Jerusalem.

We then travel along the Kidron Valley to visit the Garden of Gethsemane, on the sight where Jesus and his disciples prayed the night before his crucifixion. We then proceed to enter the old city via the Armenian Quarter. Our first stop will be the Wailing Wall and the square in front of it.

We will then stroll through the local Bazaar to the Christian Quarter, to follow the Stations of the Cross, otherwise known as the Via Dolorosa, a professional guide explaining and bringing to life every stop along the way to the memorable Church of the Holy Sepulchre, sight of the crucifixion

From the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, we walk along the 1700 year-old Byzantine main street, until we reach the Cardo and the renovated Jewish Quarter.

We return to our bus in order to descend to the northern coast of the Dead Sea through the beautiful Judean hills. Spending several hours in the Dead Sea we enjoy the distinctive experience of floating in the world's southernmost body of water, heavily concentrated in salts. You may also immerse yourself in a mineral-rich all-natural Dead Sea mud bath, leaving your skin soothed and soft, and giving you an experience you won't forget.

Our return route to Jerusalem will stop at a viewpoint to see the city of Jericho.

Recommendations:

Please bring a bathing suit, a towel, a hat, and sun protection.

Nazareth , Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee

Departure:

Mon., Wed., Sat.

Duration:

09-10 Hours

Finish point:

Return to pick up points

From us: **\$85**

Tour Description

All of the Christian highlights in northern Israel in one amazing day tour. Our journey begins with a ride along Israeli's scenic coastal road, overlooking the stunning Mediterranean Sea and then over the Plain of Armageddon to holy Nazareth.

The first stop in Nazareth is at the Church of the Annunciation. Originally a Byzantine and then Crusader-era church, it was beautifully re-constructed in 1969. According to Catholic tradition, the annunciation was held at this spot, and inside, the Church's lower level contains the Grotto of the Annunciation, which is believed by Catholics to be the remains of Mary's childhood home.

The tour then visits the Church of St. Joseph's Carpentry, believed to be the sight of Joseph's carpentry workshop. Beneath the church lies a cave used by the early Roman dwellers for storage of food and water.

From Nazareth we proceed via Kafer Cana for a view of the Mount of Beatitudes, where, according to tradition, Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Then, at nearby historical Tabgha, located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, we visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish. The Church stands on the site of a 4th century church, and preserves a beautiful early Christian mosaic, in addition to the traditional stone where that special meal was consumed.

Onwards, we visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue of Capernaum and the city of Christ. Overlooking Tiberias, we proceed to the site of baptismal on the Jordan River – the Yardenit, where there is an optional baptismal service.

We end our day, returning back to central Israel via a scenic view of Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration.