Gates to Israel
Personalized Tourism Services

The Marriage Design in Israel trip May 26-June 5, 2027
Revised version as of October 23, 2026

Day 1 – Wednesday, May 26, 2027
Depart from the US for Tel Aviv, Israel.

Day 2 – Thursday, May 27, 2027
Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) in Tel Aviv. We'll take our bus from the airport to the hotel. We'll host a meeting with all group members at the hotel and continue for dinner, before we return to the hotel for overnight.

Hotel: Herods Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 3 – Friday, May 28, 2027
Our day today will start along the coastal area of Israel. We'll visit **Caesarea**, the port city built by King Herod the Great 2,000 years ago, and the place where Simon Peter shared the gospel with Cornelius, the Roman centurion who became the first Gentile convert (**Acts 10**). We'll continue to the top of **Mt. Carmel**, where the prophet Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal and proved to the people that the God of Israel is the one true God (**1 Kings 18:17-40**). Next, we'll drive through the Valley of Jezreel where we'll visit **Megiddo**, the city of King Solomon and King Ahab. Here, 20 different layers of civilization were excavated. This area is also known as the valley where the kings of the earth will gather for the battle commonly referred to as the Battle of Armageddon (**Revelation 16:12-16**). We will finish the day with a visit to the **Nazareth Village** for an explanation about Jewish life in the time of Jesus. we'll head to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Hotel: Sofia Hotel, Tiberias

Day 4 – Saturday, May 29, 2027
Today we travel through the regions of the Galilee. We'll start the day with a visit to **Mount Beatitudes**, the area where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount (**Matthew 5-7**), We'll head to **Mensa Christi**, where Jesus met with His disciples on the beach after His resurrection (**John 21**). We'll make the drive up to **Caesarea Philippi**, where Jesus took His disciples to ask "Who do you say I am?" (**Matthew 16:13-20**) and see the **Golan Heights**, before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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Day 5 – Sunday, May 30, 2027
Today we'll follow the footsteps of Jesus in the land of Galilee. We'll start our day with a **Boat Ride** on the Sea of Galilee, the same waters where Jesus walked (**Mark 6:48-50**). We'll continue to **Capernaum**, Jesus' hometown during His years of ministry, where we'll visit an ancient Synagogue and Peter's House. We'll stop for a visit to the newly excavated site of **Magdala**, home of Mary Magdalene. After a nice lunch, our day will end with a baptism in the **Jordan River** (**Luke 3:21-22**).

Hotel: Sofia Hotel, Tiberias

Day 6 – Monday, May 31, 2027
Before we will drive through the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem, we will raft on the **Jordan River** and enjoy floating on the water. Before arriving to Jerusalem, we will make a short stop at the **Genesis Land** camp side to ride Camels and learn about life in the days of Abraham. As we enter the city of Jerusalem, we'll have a panoramic view from **Mt. Scopus** before we head to our hotel for dinner.

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Day 7 – Tuesday, June 1, 2027

We'll start our day driving down to the **Dead Sea**. We will stop at the **Ein Gedi** oasis to talk about King David and Saul and see the Eni Gedi waterfalls. Arriving to the Dead Sea area, we'll have some time to relax at the lowest place on earth and experience "floating" on the waters. For those who want Dead Sea products, salt, or mud, you'll be able to find them here. We'll drive back up to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

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Day 8 – Wednesday, June 2, 2027

We will begin our day at the top of **Mt. Olives** and walk down the **Palm Sunday Road** to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus "often met with His disciples" (**John 18:2**) and where He spent His last hours in solitude before being captured by the Romans (**Luke 22:47-53**). Rest of the day will be free to visit the Western Wall Tunnels, walk the Rampart Wall or visit the Jewish Quarter on your own. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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Day 9 – Thursday, June 3, 2027

We will start our day at the **City of David** (believed to be the ruins of his headquarters or palace) and the **Pool of Siloam**. We will walk the **Pilgrimage Road** leading to the Temple and stop to sit on the original **Southern Steps**, where Jesus taught at the age of 12 and where Peter likely preached his first sermon (**Acts 2**). We will continue to the famous **Machane Yehuda Market** in Jerusalem, where we can experience the local flavors and see the different faces of Jerusalem. We'll end the day in **Bethlehem**, where we'll visit **Shepherd's Fields**, where angels appeared to herald the birth of Christ (Luke 2:8-20). While in Bethlehem, we'll stop at an olive wood shop for those who want to purchase hand-carved olive wood nativities, ornaments, or souvenirs. We'll return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

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Day 10 – Friday, June 4, 2027

We'll begin our day with a visit to the **Pool of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the man paralyzed for 38 years (**John 5:1-18**) and the **Church of St. Anne**. We'll walk to the Mt. Zion area and visit the Jewish Quarter and the Roman Cardo (the main street in the Byzantine period of Jerusalem). Rest of the day is free for these who want to go to the **Western wall,** the holiest place for Jews. If you'd like, you can put a note in the wall while we're there. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

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Day 11 – Saturday, June 5, 2027

Our day today will start with the **Garden Tomb** (the Christian site of Golgotha/Calvary). Many believe Jesus was crucified, died on the cross, was buried, and raised from the dead here (**Matthew 27:33-61**). At the site, we'll have a special devotional time and a communion service. We'll continue to the **Israel Museum**, where we'll see a scale model (1:50 ratio) of Jerusalem during the Second Temple period and we'll learn about the topography of the city in the time of Jesus. We'll also visit the **Shrine of the Book** where we can see the Dead Sea Scrolls. We'll end our day with a farewell dinner in Jerusalem before we head back to the airport for our flights home.

Day 12 – Sunday, June 6, 2027

We will arrive back home with lots of good memories!

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