***In the Steps of Jesus***

**A tour to the Holy Land**

**for the parishes of the Itchen Valley**

**(Alresford Deanery in the diocese of Winchester)**

**April 2024**

**(8 nights: Galilee, Bethlehem & Jerusalem)**

**Itinerary**

**Wednesday 3 April 2024: Departure and Arrival**

* Depart from UK (*flight times to be arranged*)
* Afternoon arrival at Tel Aviv airport & transfer to our hotel in Tiberias (for 3 nights)

**Thursday 4 April 2024: The North and Caesarea Philippi**

* Bethsaida & the River Jordan
* Tel Dan
* Lunch in Banias (Lebanese restaurant)
* Caesarea Philippi & hike to Banias Waterfalls

**Friday 5 April 2024: Jesus’ Ministry around the Sea of Galilee**

* ‘Jesus boat’ museum & boat ride
* Capernaum
* Tabgha (Peter’s Primacy; Loaves and Fishes)
* Lunch in Tanoureen Restaurant (nr Magdala)
* Magdala
* Mount of Beatitudes

**Saturday 6 April 2024: Travelling up to Jerusalem**

* Church of Annunciation
* ‘Sisters of Nazareth’ excavations
* Lunch in Nazareth [Nazareth Village likely closed: thus Casa Nova?]
* Old Testament Jericho
* Qumran
* Arrival at our hotel in Bethlehem (for 2 nights)

**Sunday 7 April 2024: Exploring Bethlehem**

* Worship in a local church
* Church of the Nativity
* Felafel lunch in Manger Square
* Shepherds’ Fields
* Shopping
* Dinner with local Christians (*optional*)

**Monday 8 April 2024: Walking around Jerusalem**

* Israel Museum: Model & Dead Sea Scrolls
* Byzantine ‘Mount Zion’ & St Peter’s in Gallicantu
* Take-away lunch in Jewish Quarter
* Temple Steps & Western Wall
* City of David & Hezekiah’s tunnel
* Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem (for 3 nights)

**Tuesday 9 April 2024: Jerusalem, Jericho & the Mt of Olives**

* Church of the Holy Sepulchre
* Breakfast snack in Muristan (Christian Quarter): at own expense?
* Reflection in the Judean desert (near St. George’s Khoziba)
* River Jordan Baptismal site
* Lunch in Jericho (Al-Rawda)
* Mount of Olives: devotional walk from Bethphage to Gethsemane

**Wednesday 10 April 2024: Enjoying the Dead Sea**

* Masada
* Bagged lunch in Ein Gedi
* Dead Sea swim

**Thursday 11 April 2024: Return Home**

* Garden Tomb
* Reflection on the ‘road to Emmaus’ in Canada Park
* Imwas (Byzantine ‘Emmaus’)
* Bagged lunch in Canada Park
* Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for late afternoon flight home

Or Optional extension: Day FREE (On Thursday 11) in Jerusalem followed by extra night(s) continuing in our hotel