

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1 Welcome to Israel

Land at the Ben Gurion Airport. Meet your guide. Attend the Passages opening dinner and orientation, where students meet one another and hear about what they will experience over the next nine days.



DAY 2 Hometown of Jesus

Head north to Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus, where you'll stop at Mt. Precipice, a breathtaking overlook of the Jezreel Valley. You'll also explore the mystery of the incarnation at Mary's Well and the Basilica of Annunciation, the largest church in the Middle East.



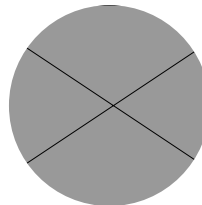
DAY 3 Ministry of Jesus

Visit the excavations of the synagogue of Magdala, Mary Magdalene's hometown. Continue to Tabgha and the Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter (John 21), the Mt. of Beatitudes, and Capernaum—the headquarters of Jesus's movement and his home during his Galilean ministry. Take a cruise on the Sea of Galilee.



DAY 4 Neighbors North

Travel to the Golan Heights and ascend Mt. Bental, a former IDF outpost, for a briefing and an overview of Israel's border. From this point it is less than 40 miles to Damascus and the road where Saul encountered Jesus in Acts 9. Continue to Caesarea Philippi and then to Jish, where you'll hear from a local Maronite Christian leader about life in Israel as a minority.



DAY 5 The Desert

Take the cable car to the top of Masada, an ancient fortress in the Judean Desert, before swimming in the Dead Sea. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered. Explore the Ein Gedi nature preserve, the sight where David and his men took shelter when fleeing from King Saul (1 Samuel 23-24).



DAY 6 Borders, Bethlehem & Gaza

Travel to Bethlehem to hear from Palestinian speakers and tour the church built in the location where many believe Jesus was born. Head south to Sderot, a town near Israel's border with Gaza. Visit an overlook of the Gaza region and receive a briefing on the geopolitics of the area.



DAY 7 Patriarchs, Kings & Prophets

Visit the Southern Steps of the Temple Mount and the site where Jesus overturned the money changers' tables (Matthew 21). See the ancient City of David before touring Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem. Welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall before enjoying a traditional Shabbat dinner with a Jewish host family.



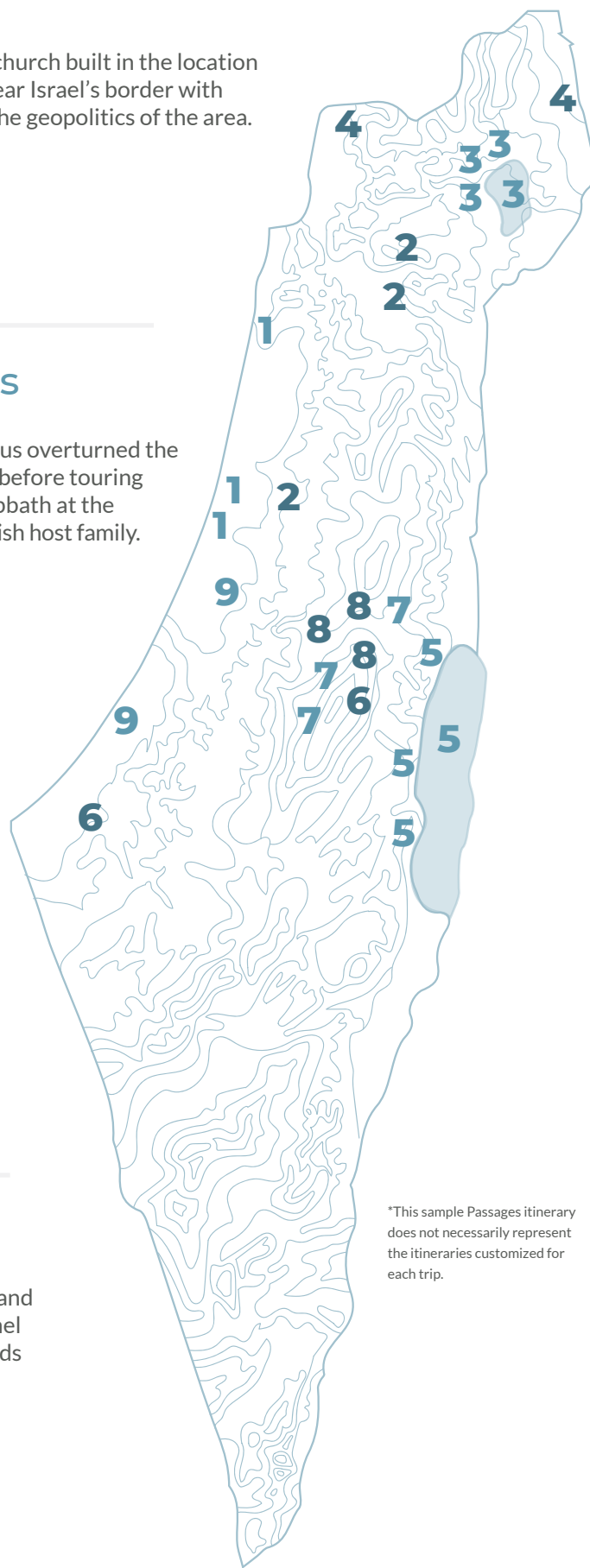
DAY 8 New Covenant

Walk down the Palm Sunday Road on the Mt. of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Christian Quarter and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, before ending with a devotional at the Garden Tomb.



DAY 9 A Modern State

Enjoy your last day near the Mediterranean coast by exploring Jaffa and Caesarea. Spend some time in Tel Aviv, where you'll shop in the Carmel Market. Attend the Passages closing dinner and reflect with new friends on your time in Israel.



*This sample Passages itinerary does not necessarily represent the itineraries customized for each trip.