

Sample VIM Team Itinerary

(Trip may be reoriented south to north depending on Volunteer Project Location)

Day 1 Depart from U.S.

Day 2 Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer north to hotel in the Galilee. (Overnight in Nazareth)
Evening Orientation with UM Liaison

Day 3 Sea of Galilee Area

Morning:

- **Tabgha** - Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes
- **Church of the Primacy of St. Peter**
- **Capernaum:** Home of St. Peter and center of Jesus' activities in the Galilee
- **Mount of Beatitudes:** (Communion Service available upon request)

Afternoon options: (Select one)

- Visit destroyed village of Bir'im hosted by the Committee for the Right of Return.
- Visit Sindyanna of Galilee, Advance Project (Shopping opportunity)
- Visit to Mar Elias Educational Institutions (Advance Project), Meet with Archbishop Elias Chacour (subject to availability)

Day 4 Nazareth/Haifa

Morning in Nazareth:

- **Basilica of the Annunciation**
- **Church of St. Joseph**
- **St Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well)**
- **Mount Tabor**, traditional sight of the Transfiguration
- **Lunch in Bedouin Restaurant**

Afternoon in Haifa:

- **Stella Maris**
- **Mt. Carmel**

Day 5 Depart for Jerusalem via Jordan Valley

- **Beit Shan;** site of Roman archeological site and depopulated village of Beisan
- **Lunch in Jericho**
- **Mt. of Temptation**
- **Check into hotel in Jerusalem or Bethlehem**

Day 6 Jerusalem Walking Tour

- Overlook view of city from Mt of Olives
- Chapel of **Dominus Flavit**
- **Garden of Gethsemane**
- Walk the Via Dolorosa: includes **Church of the Flagellation, Ecce Homo, Church of the Resurrection** (Holy Sepuchre)
- **Western Wall**

Evening Option:

Presentation by Partner Organization or Advance Project

Day 7 Bethlehem/Hebron

- **Shepherd's Fields**, Beit Sahour
- **Church of the Nativity**, Manger Square
- **Ibrahimi Mosque**, Hebron
- **Old City Tour of H1**, (hosted by partner organization)

Day 8 Optional Tour/Free Day (or transfer to Volunteer Project depending on location)

- **Dead Sea:** with stops at Wadi Qelt, Qumran,
- **Bethlehem District:** Artas/Solomon's Pools/Herodian/Wadi Foukin

Check into housing for volunteer assignment.
Dinner and Volunteer Orientation

Days 9 – 13 Volunteer Project

- **Farewell Dinner with local coordinators and hosts**

Day 14 Departures