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Places of Interest

1 Nazareth is the boyhood home of Jesus (Matthew 21:11). Explore the winding market streets and the largest church in the Middle East.

2 Zippori was an important Roman administrative city at the time of Jesus. Wander ancient ruins and admire unparalleled Byzantine mosaics. There is a fee to enter Zippori National Park.

3 Mash'had is said to be the city where Jonah was born.

4 Cana is the traditional site of Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine (John 2:11). Renew your wedding vows at the Wedding Church of Cana.

5 The Horns of Hittin is a volcanic hill where a famous Crusader battle took place, when Saladin defeated the Crusader forces in 1187. The views of Arbel Valley and the Sea of Galilee are stunning.

6 Nebi Shu'eib is the most important shrine for the Druze religion. It holds the tomb of the greatest Druze prophet, Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, whom the Druze believe to be the father of monotheism.

7 Arbel Cliffs give a bird's-eye view of the region of Jesus' ministry. On the trail down, explore ancient caves from the Maccabean Revolt. There is a fee to enter Arbel National Park.

8 Magdala was the hometown of Mary Magdalene and is known for its dried fish.

9 The Jesus Boat museum houses a 1st-century wooden fishing boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee around the time of Jesus.

10 Tabgha is the traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (John 6). A church marks the spot with ancient mosaics. A popular spot for fishing, several of the disciples may have been from this area of the sea.

11 The Mount of Beatitudes is the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus spoke the beatitudes (blessings) including, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew: 5:1-12).

12 The Church of the Primacy of St. Peter is built over a rock traditionally thought to be where Jesus shared a meal with his disciples after the resurrection (John 21:13-14).

13 Capernaum was the base of Jesus' ministry (Matthew 4:13). Today you can see the ruins of the synagogue, the church at St. Peter's house, and other archeological remains.

14 Most of Jesus' ministry took place around the Sea of Galiee, the largest freshwater lake in Israel (Matthew 4:18).

15 Tiberias was an important city for rabbinical Judaism (John 6:23). Its attractions include archeological ruins, beaches and hot springs.

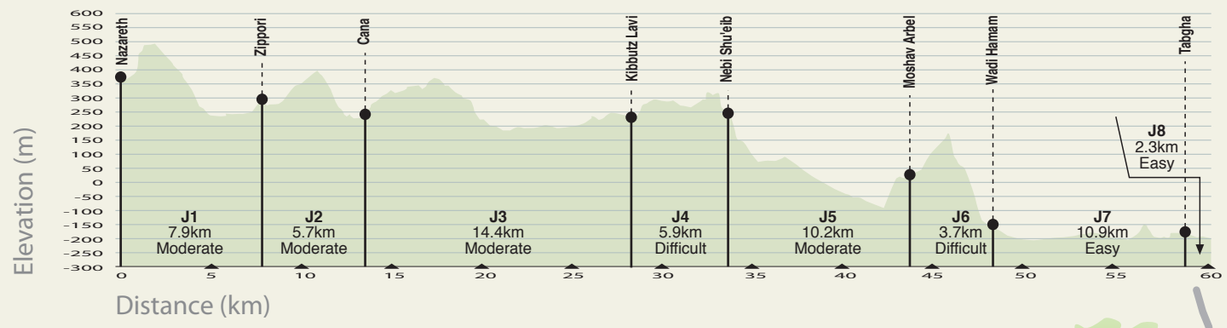
16 Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River (Matthew 3:13-17). Today, visitors can be baptized at Yardenit on the Jordan River.

17 Mt. Tabor is the traditional site of the transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17). Today the mountain features two churches and a view of the Jezreel Valley.

18 Mt. Precipice is the traditional place where the people of Nazareth tried to throw Jesus off a cliff (Luke 4:29). Today there is a small park and views of the Jezreel Valley and Mt. Tabor.

Elevation chart

Nazareth to Capernaum



Be sure to carry at least 3L of water!

The longest section without water refill is from Nebi Shu'eib to Arbel (10.2 km).

Jesus Trail Marks

Figure 1: Jesus Trail goes straight

Figure 2: Jesus Trail turns right

Figure 3: Jesus Trail (orange dot) and blue trail turn right

Figure 4: Jesus Trail (orange dot), red trail and Israel National Trail turn right together. Green trail joins from left

The Jesus Trail is marked with paint blazes in the same style as other Israeli hiking trails, with three stripes of color indicating the direction of the path.

The Jesus Trail blaze colors are white/orange/white (fig. 1). Stripes will bend at a 90º angle to the left or right to indicate left or right turns (fig. 2). Sometimes the trail follows along other marked trails. In this case, the Jesus Trail blazes will alternate with the blaze of the other trail, or an orange dot will be indicated above the other trail blaze (fig.3). Other trails may intersect with the Jesus Trail (fig. 4).

As you pass each blaze, the next blaze should be visible from where you're standing. It may take time to train your eyes to look for these symbols on rocks, trees, walls, curbs and fences.

Be aware that occasionally paint blazes are altered or destroyed by weather, animals, or local graffiti artists. We do our best to make sure the trail and its blazes are well-maintained, so please inform us if you find a section with missing or damaged blazes.

Free GPS tracks for the Jesus Trail, trails in development, and other trails in the Galilee can be downloaded for free from www.jesustrail.com/maps

The Jesus Trail Map is not a substitute for a 1:50,000 scale topographical hiking map and the use of common sense. By providing this information, map producers do not assume any liability for the use of this information by readers.

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Lg Luggage storage

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I Internet access
W Wifi access
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Buses do not run from Friday afternoon to Saturday night except between Nazareth-Haifa and Nazareth-Golani Junction.

Transportation between places on the Jesus Trail:
*Schedules at www.egged.com

Route	bus #
Nazareth> Cana> Golani Junction> Tiberias	431
Tabgha Junction> Karei Deshe> Ginosar> Tiberias	841*, 963*
Nazareth>Cana>Golani Junction	24, 28, 29, 30, 31

Transportation in small mini-vans goes frequently between Nazareth, Cana, and Tur'an.
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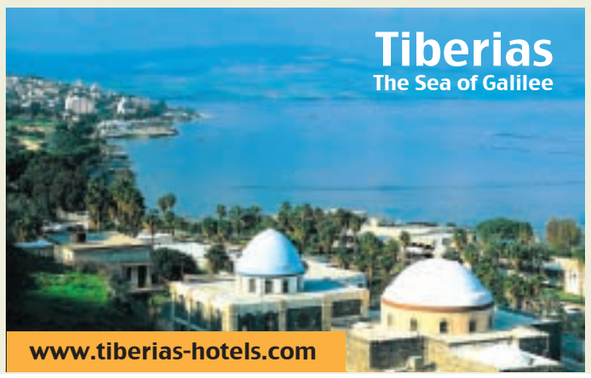
> Leaving Nazareth, [Jesus] went and lived in Capernaum. Matthew 4:14a
>
> These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Mark 6:8-9



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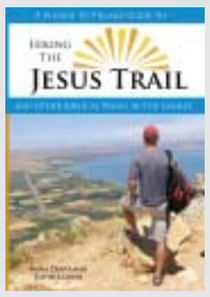

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