

# Aussie Guide in Israel

Sample

Travel all over the countryside...

## Christianity in Jerusalem – Jesus's last days

- **Mt of Olives** – Beginning at what is probably the most famous view of Jerusalem, we start the day overlooking the Old and New City of Jerusalem in all its glory. From here we'll point out the major buildings and areas in the skyline and take a moment to breath in and enjoy all that is Jerusalem.
- **Dominus Flevit** – As we descend by foot, down the Mt of Olives, our first stop is this poignant tear shaped church designed by Antonio Barluzzi. His design incorporates the grief and prophecy of Jesus about the future destruction of the city of Jerusalem.
- **Church of St Mary Madgalene** – This Church and convent were built by Czar Alexander III, in 1888. It's typical Moskovite design is one of the dominating buildings on the Mt of Olives. It was built in memory of the Czar's mother, who's patron saint was Mary Magdalene.
- **Garden of Gethemane / Church of All Nations** – The New Testament names this garden as the location where Jesus went with his disciples to pray on the night before he was crucified. These olive trees have stood for many centuries and are adjacent to the Church of All Nations (Church of Agony). This church is built over the rock on which it is believed Jesus prayed in agony on the same night.
- **Lion's Gate-Way of the Cross-Via Dolorosa** – As our tour crosses the Kidron valley, we enter the Old City via the Lion's Gate. Here we begin to traverse the Via Dolorosa and the 14 Stations of the Cross. This is without a doubt; the holiest route of any Christian tour and we'll stop at every station on our way to the most venerated Church in the world.
- **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** – This Church covers what Christians believe to be the most important event in human history – the location of Jesus's crucifixion on the rock of Calvary (Golgotha). The last four stations of the 'Way of the Cross' are located at the Church and we'll visit and tour the Church as we also learn of it's history and the current 'status quo' of it's ownership.

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