



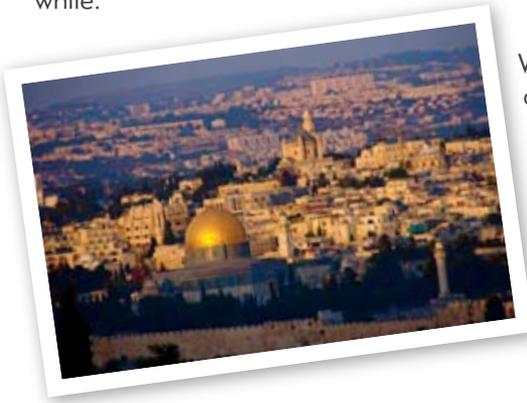
Day One:

From the moment that their feet touched the ground at Ben Gurion airport, magic started to happen. All participants were greeted by Olivia who handed them a welcome packet and who guided them to the shuttle bus that took them to our hotel in Jerusalem, an hour's drive from the airport. That evening we all went to a fabulous restaurant in the heart of modern Jerusalem, walking through cobbled streets and exciting shops and bazaars, and we had our first authentic Israeli meal...a variety of salads, special breads with home made sheep cheese & Zataar, olives, skewered lamb on the spit for the non vegetarians, fresh juices and more. Our guests came from Canada, the USA, Sweden, France, Australia and Israel. We bonded easily and quickly as a group, keen to experience and to contribute as much as possible.



Day Two:

The following day we started our day by walking to the Garden Tomb, where Jesus had ascended. A beautifully well preserved garden, where excavations have revealed a large walk in tomb, consisting of two rooms - a chamber that can easily fit 12-15 people next to another room, where Jesus is said to have been brought to rest after the crucifixion. The tomb was carved completely into the rock, something that only wealthy people could afford 2000 years ago. The energy in the chamber was very strong and already we were experiencing intense grace and love upon entering it and standing in it for a while.



We then continued to walk to the Old city of Jerusalem, past the Damascus gate and to the Lion gate, opposite the Mount of Olives. We entered this way, so that we could walk the Via Dolorosa, in the footsteps of the Christ, when he was carrying the cross. We first went to the Church of St. Anna, the mother of Mother Mary, and Mother Mary's birthplace, so that we could connect with the Divine Feminine energies of Amma and receive her blessings. To reach her cave, we descended deep into the rock, via a spiral staircase. It was a profound experience holding hands in a circle in the womb of the Mother, chanting the Moola Mantra and giving Oneness Blessing (OB) to and with all the energies present and to the ancient rock that had witnessed so much.

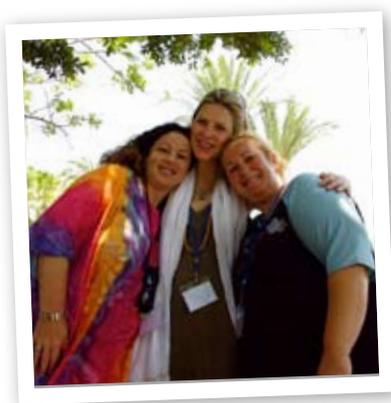
We then made our way walking the Via Dolorosa, conscious of the journey we were taking, in meditation and in reflection, past the 14 Stations of the Cross, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This large and beautiful church is sacred to the six Christian communities – the Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Armenians, Syrians, Copts and Abyssinians. It incorporates all aspects of Christ's sites of Crucifixion, Entombment and Resurrection. As we were waiting to enter one of the sites, we were witness to an initiation ceremony of a new cardinal to the Church. We happily sent him Oneness Blessing and prayed that he do good work for the church!



Hilia had helped plan the itinerary and guide us through the streets of the Old City, and she had arranged for us a special meeting with one of the locals. So, after lunch we went to the home of Sheik Buchari, a Sufi teacher who, with his wife, shared with us some of the philosophy and beliefs special to Sufism, and to him personally, that of smiling and laughter...as a way to express ones love of God.

We then made our way back to our hotel, to prepare for the trip to the special and historical event – the first live teleconference with Sri Anandagiriji, senior teacher of Oneness University. This Oneness event took place in the old Port City of Jaffa, next to the modern city of Tel Aviv, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. We chose this venue to energetically support the local population, mainly Arabs who have been living here for generations. The venue itself in which the conference took place was the Arab – Jewish community centre.

The event was a great success. Acharyaji connected with us live from Tokyo Japan, and bestowed upon us his intense love and grace and blessings. He asked us to set the intent of stepping out of the consciousness of being victims, to empower ourselves by discharging our old inner conflicts, our anger, guilt, hatred etc. so that we can be the ones who, filled with light and oneness consciousness, will help to spread and bring about peace to this part of the world. He then gave all of us Oneness Blessing for this purpose with this intention.





Day Three:

We made our way to the two most sacred places to Judaism and Islam in Jerusalem – The Wailing Wall and the El Aqsa mosque. We actually started our tour in the grounds of the El Aqsa mosque, a most serene and beautifully secluded area. The mosque is famous for its golden dome and its elaborate mosaic walls, but more so for housing the Dome of the Rock, believed to be the place where Mohamed ascended to heaven. Next to the mosque was another smaller beautiful building – Dome of the Ascension, where tradition says Mohamed prayed before his ascension.

After blessing out in these surreal surroundings, we then made our way to the Wall, sacred to the Jews due to the fact that it is the last standing wall of King the time that he ruled Jerusalem and Israel. Here we were given the opportunity to pray and to leave our written prayers in the wall, according to the custom. Many miracles have occurred after praying at this wall, and apart for our own personal lives, we all prayed for peace and also gave OB to the wall. After lunch, we made our way to the newly opened mysterious Zedkiah's cave... "9000sq.m. of secrets and legends beneath the old City" of Jerusalem. Wow! This is a cave that actually runs underneath the Old City. It is a place of purity and of pristine energies, uncontaminated by war and conflict, forever holding the intention and promise of Jerusalem – to be a city of peace and light to the nations. Here we anointed ourselves and prayed, sang the Moola Mantra, and gave OB to the ancient rock that is part of the foundation of Old Jerusalem.

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Solomon's temple, from

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Thus prepared, we were ready to emerge back to the 'real' world to participate in the International peace event – Hug Jerusalem. The purpose of the Hug Jerusalem event is to take action and demonstrate our intent of creating peace in the world, by way of all peoples coming together with love and peace in our hearts, holding hands and praying together as one, for peace, outside and around the Old City of Jerusalem, to help her fulfil her destiny. By showing her our love and our faith in her, we strengthen her and help her be what she is destined to be – the city of light to all nations. For our group this was one of the highlights of the Journey, and it was a great success. For more details and pictures about this event, go to www.loversofjerusalem.org.



Day Four:

As you can imagine, by this day, we were very saturated by all that had happened and thankfully this was a day to actually travel outside of the Old City to the Mt. of Olives, The Church of All Nations, Garden of Gethsemane, Pater Noster Church, Ein Karem and the Church of St. John the Baptist. Here we meditated in nature and gave OB and prayers for healing and peace.

Later in the day we went to a small authentic bookshop in the German Colony to listen to and purchase cd's of cutting edge local music. This was a wonderful & culturally enriching experience and another way to integrate the energies of the land – through the local music. What a nice way to connect to the people.

Day Five:

Total change of scenery - a day trip to the Dead Sea and to the Qumran caves. We travelled south to two very famous places. The Dead Sea is known all over the world for its healing properties, via its waters, mud and minerals. Many resorts are built on both sides of the Sea, on the Israeli and the Jordanian side, where people flock to enjoy its ancient cures and the hot desert climate, year round. In 1947, in these mountains, the 7 Dead Sea scrolls were found in a cave, by Bedouin Shepherds. These scrolls are believed to be written by the Essenes who lived for 2 centuries in the area both before and after the time of the Christ. In them, many clues have been found not only as to their way of life, but also to events concerning the life of Jesus, the Old Testament and more. We visited these places, and immersed ourselves first in the powerful energies of the spirit and followed up by immersing ourselves in the energies of the water and the mud! The Essenes were big on bathing rituals for purification and we followed suit...



In the afternoon we made our way up north, driving to the Galilee and to the Sea of Galilee, to the baptism site of John the Baptist. Here again we sang the Moola Mantra and prayed, dipping our feet and anointing our heads with the blessed waters of the Jordan River. We were so full of grace at this stage, that a few of the staff at the souvenir shop scored some OBs... we just HAD to share....



Day Six:

Whilst some of us were trying to catch up on some much needed sleep, a few excited participants decided that they wanted to wake up early to witness the sunrise over the Sea of Galilee. For those keen people, the day started very early, and they had some fun adventures on the shores of the famous lake...the whole group met up after breakfast and continued journeying to the Mount of Beatitudes and the Church of the Loaves and the Fishes.

After these visits we made our way to the Old City of Nazareth, where we had the most incredible lunch/feast in a traditional Arab restaurant. As we rested, ate and shared, we also prepared ourselves for the evening event – a OB event organized by a local OB giver, Nisreen, who had invited the Arab community to come and to experience the oneness blessing.

This event was most successful in the fact that the OB community from all over Israel and even from overseas, came to give support. And, not only did the OB givers come, some of those who have been receiving OB for years, drove for hours to the event, specially to lend their support for it's success. They came with a strong passion in their hearts to do whatever they could to help bring peace to the land. This event was another highlight of the tour. Thank you!!!!

We returned very happy & satisfied to our hotels, preparing for the following day – departure day.

Day Seven:

We took our time coming back down south, to Tel Aviv, and stopped on the way for lunch on the Mediterranean Sea. We had yet another typical Israeli experience of sitting in a café/restaurant, on the beach, and enjoyed our last communal meal together. As always, the food was fresh and delicious, and our love and joy overflowed to each other. We shared our food, in laughter, and made plans for future gatherings, sharing and contributing and the next Oneness Journey! Then some went to dip in the sea, whilst others enjoyed the sun and the fresh ocean air.



We then dropped our guests off to hotels and to the airport, to catch their evening flights out...one by one we departed from each other. But, not for long. Being part of the global Oneness Community, we know that we will meet again, many times, and that our lives are linked forever.

Thank you Amma Bhagavan for initiating our peace work and thank you for giving us the inspiration and the ability to work together in oneness to bring about our mutual vision!!!! Thank you to all the participants and to all those who have helped make this journey happen, and to all who have contributed behind the scenes...all my love, Shreshta

The next Oneness Journey dates... will be coming soon.....
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