

Tiberias



What is on the logo: A monument in Tiberias that shows the harp-like outline of the Sea of Galilee that it's situated on.

No doubt, lakes are very important to northeast Oklahoma. But we Oklahomans can hardly treasure them as much as

Israel, a small and arid country, treasures the Sea of Galilee. Galilee, also known as Kinneret, is the one and only large-size freshwater lake, and the source of a third of Israel's annual water requirement.

Tulsa's sister city Tiberias is the urban gateway to this harp-shaped body of water fed by the Jordan River and underground springs. The shore outline is captured on an iconic water level marker on the Tiberias Promenade – and on the sister city partnership logo.

Both the Sea of Galilee and Tiberias lie about 660 feet *below* sea level in a rift between tectonic plates. As such, the city of Tiberias has been through many earthquakes. But it has preserved varied layers of historic legacy spanning more than 2,000 years. It welcomes Christian visitors who make pilgrimages to Lake Galilee where Jesus Christ performed a number of miracles. It is one of the four Jewish cities considered holy. Its name comes from a Roman emperor, Tiberias, who ruled all of Judea in the 1st century AD.

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