



**ISRAEL COLLEGE
OF THE BIBLE**

TOURS



**BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY STUDY TOUR
OCTOBER 3-12, 2018**

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Shalom!

Israel College of the Bible Tours is dedicated to providing in-depth study tours of the Land of Israel. Travel from the southern border of the Promised Land to the modern border with Lebanon – from “Dan to Beersheba” and beyond. Well-loved stories from the Bible will come alive as we explore together the physical settings of the scriptures.

ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
1	Oct. 3 (Wednesday)	Transfer from the airport to Netanya (time of transfer to be announced according to participant flight times). The afternoon is free to enjoy the beautiful Mediterranean. In the mid-afternoon you will be after to check into your guest house, and enjoy dinner with other study tour participants.	Netanya Orit Hotel or similar
2	Oct. 4 (Thursday)	Enjoy a leisurely morning touring Caesarea Maritima , where the centurion Cornelius heard the gospel and Paul stood trial before governors Felix and Festus. Arriving at the Israel College of the Bible by noon for a tour of the facilities and lunch with the Year-in-Israel program students. Afternoon lecture: Introduction to the Geography of the Land of the Bible and the Geography of the Patriarchs	Netanya Orit Hotel or similar
3	Oct. 5 (Friday)	Today's tour takes us to the Lowlands (shefela) of Judah – visiting Tel Gezer , Tel Beit Shemesh , Kh. Qeiyafa (overlooking the Valley of David and Goliath) and Tel Lakhish , one of the most important city in Judah in the First Temple period. Evening Lecture: the Geography of the Exodus	Sde Boker or similar
4	Oct. 6 (Saturday)	Travel to the Judean Negev (south country), to experience the desert. A short hike through Ein Avdat introduces the Biblical Wilderness of Zin, the southern border of the Promised Land. The nearby city of Avdat will give a glimpse into the centuries of Nabatean spice traders who once moved valuable goods through the desert to the ports of the Mediterranean. Visit Tel Beersheba , where Abraham dug a well and built an altar to the Lord. Stories of Hagar, Ishmael and Isaac come alive. Stop at Tel Arad where we'll discuss the controversies surrounding the route of the children of Israel through the wilderness.	Inbar Hotel, Arad or similar
5	Oct. 7 (Sunday)	We'll get an early start this morning, ascending by foot the Roman ramp at Masada . Learn about the life of Herod the Great who built his cascading palace on the north end of the cliff and discuss the relations between Jews and Romans that led to the Jewish revolt in 70 AD. Time permitting, visit the museum which houses the highlights of Masada's archaeological treasures. In the afternoon hike through the oasis at Ein Gedi to David's falls. Continue to	Jerusalem, Tower Hotel or similar

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		the area of the Judean wilderness where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and end the day with an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea . From there, up to Jerusalem! Evening Lecture: Jerusalem through the ages.	
6	Oct. 8 (Monday)	Study the geography of Jerusalem, from its beginnings as a small Canaanite city state until the time it became David's capital. Learn about destructions, resettlement and subsequent growth, to understand the first century AD city which was the backdrop for Jesus' ministry. Sites will include the City of David excavations, the Southwall Excavations/Davidson Center and the Herodian Quarter . There will be free time today in Jerusalem's Old City. Evening Lecture: The Geography of the Gospels	Jerusalem. Tower Hotel or similar
7	Oct. 9 (Tuesday)	Today the focus is on the Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem, his crucifixion and resurrection: visiting the Temple Mount , the Pools of Bethesda , the Mt. of Olives , the Garden of Gethsemane , the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher . We'll also have a time of reflection at the Garden Tomb . In the afternoon, visit the Bible Lands Museum , with archaeological treasures that shed light on life in Bible times in the Ancient Near East. Evening Lecture: The Period of the Conquest and the Judges	Jerusalem, Tower Hotel or similar
8	Oct. 10 (Wed)	Leaving Jerusalem, pass Jericho on the way to the Jordan River . Follow the Jordan Valley up to the beautiful Sea of Galilee, where we'll focus on the geography of Jesus' ministry. In the afternoon we'll visit Kursi , to discuss the possible locations of the casting out of demons from the man who dwelt among the tombs, Capernaum , Peter's Fishing Place and Magdala . At the end of the day relax by the Sea of Galilee. Evening Lecture: The United and Divided Monarchies	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House, or similar
9	Oct. 11 (Thursday)	Our first stop will be Hazor , the northern Canaanite town that headed the opposition to Joshua. At Tel Dan enjoy a pleasant stroll along the stream to the ancient temple where the Jeroboam I set up one of the Golden Calves. In the afternoon, hike the region of Caesarea Philippi (Matt 16:13).	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest house or similar
10	Oct. 12 (Friday)	Travel to Nazareth , nestled below the ridge that borders the Jezreel Valley. So many well-known bible stories took place in the surrounding area: the wedding at Cana, the battle between Deborah, Barak and the Canaanite forces (Judges 5), the raising of the Shunamite woman's son and the son of the Widow of Nain. On the valley's western fringe visit Megiddo , and discuss its important roll throughout the biblical period and its connection with New Testament Armageddon. Mt. Carmel is next, symbol of beauty in biblical poetry and site of the contest with the prophets of Baal. At the end of the day, you will be dropped off at the airport for late evening flights home (or opt to stay in Israel to explore more on your own).	No hotel provided this night

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Israel 9 day tour	Price per person in double room
Per person in double room	\$1,890
Single supplement (adult in single room instead of double)	\$600
Fee for 3 academic credit hours (optional)	\$450 (\$150/credit hour)

Please note:

- All rates are in **US Dollars**
- Prices are subject to change due to exchange rate fluctuations up until the time of final payment.

The proposal is based on the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Netanya	Orit Guest House or similar
1	Negev	Sde Boker Hostel or similar
1	Arad	Inbar Hotel Arad or Similar
3	Jerusalem	Tower Hotel or similar
2	Sea of Galilee	Ohalo Guest House or similar

RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Eight nights accommodation as per program
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily, as per program. Lunch on the first day.
- ✓ One afternoon lecture at the Israel College of the Bible, and evening lectures during the tour.
- ✓ 8 touring days with an professional and licensed **English speaking guide**
- ✓ Air conditioned tourist bus as per program
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in itinerary
- ✓ Map and stationary

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to/from Tel Aviv
- Tips for guides/drivers/hotel staff – \$12 per person per day, to be collected in USD on first evening of the tour by the tour guide.
- Cancellation Insurance for entire tour, including airfare costs. Health insurance to cover medical emergencies while in Israel
- Passport and visa fees if applicable
- Lunches and other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary. Drinks are not usually provided with dinners.

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BOOKINGS AND RATES

Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control. Important note: **If you desire to be in a double room** and do not have a roommate, a roommate will be assigned to you. If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single supplement rates will apply.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

The Deposit of **\$100** is **non-refundable**. Registration closes on July 5. After that time, registration may be possible if space is available.

Final Payment is due by Aug. 15, 2018

50 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs 15-45 days prior to departure

100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs 15-0 days prior to departure

DOCUMENTS

A valid passport for at least **six months** after returning home is required. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain, at their own expense, the documents required to enter Israel according to citizenship.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly advise you to purchase travel insurance for your trip to Israel. Travel insurance usually covers your expenses in case of cancellation due to health and other issues. We also advise that you purchase medical insurance for the duration of your time in Israel

ICB Tours shall not be liable or responsible for any injury, sickness, loss or damage to any person or property as a consequence of natural disasters, strikes, civil other factors over which the company has no control and cannot influence to change them. ICB Tours offers no coverage or compensation of any kind in case stated above, nor for cancellations or inability to travel.

PASSENGER FITNESS

The itinerary for the Study Tour requires each participant to be in good health and be able to walk moderate distances, including uphill. If there are any issues pertaining to your health or physical fitness, we ask that you consult with us prior to registration.