



**ISRAEL COLLEGE
OF THE BIBLE** | TOURS



LAND OF ISRAEL STUDY TOUR
hosted by Dr. Jim Sibley
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Shalom!

Israel College of the Bible Tours is dedicated to providing in-depth study tours of the Land of Israel. Well-loved stories from the Bible will be coming alive as we explore the Land together from “Dan to Beersheba.” Enjoy thirteen days of rich fellowship as we encounter the land of God’s promises. Dr. Jim and Kathy Sibley will be our host. The Sibleys lived in Israel for almost 14 years in the past, and have just completed a two-year assignment on the faculty of Israel College of the Bible. They have hosted tours to Israel for many years and have a deep passion for introducing Christians to the Land “at the center of the earth,” Israel!

ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
1	Feb. 2 Saturday	Depart Dallas to Newark on flight AA 2736 at 12:35pm. Overnight <i>en route</i> .	
2	Feb. 3 Sunday	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv on flight LY 026 at 2:20pm. After passport control and baggage claim, we’ll meet our guide, Reuben, and travel to Netanya. We can rest and enjoy the beautiful beach front on the Mediterranean.	Netanya, Ramada or similar
3	Feb. 4 Monday	We’ll begin the day with a brief stop at Israel College of the Bible to learn about the current Messianic movement in Israel. Continue to the impressive port of Caesarea . Here Cornelius received the gospel (Acts 10), Roman governors such as Pilate, Felix (Acts 24) and Festus (Acts 26) ruled, and Paul made his defense before King Agrippa. Visit Mt. Carmel , site of Elijah’s contest with the prophets of Baal, and eat lunch at a Druze restaurant (not included). Passing the Old Testament city of Megiddo , from which we get “Armageddon” of Rev. 16:16, we will visit the Harod Spring , where Gideon tested his men (Judges 7). We will continue to Nazareth , and visit the “Synagogue Church,” to discuss Jesus’ presentation of Himself as Messiah (Luke 4:14ff). Time permitting, we’ll end the day with a visit to Cana on our way to the Sea of Galilee.	Tiberias, Emily’s Boutique Hotel or similar
4	Feb. 5 Tuesday	Begin the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and view the ancient fishing boat from the time of Yeshua, found by the shore of the plain of Gennesaret. Spend the rest of morning around the Sea of	Tiberias, Emily’s Boutique Hotel or



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		Galilee: visiting Tabgha , Peter's fishing place; Capernaum , Jesus' ministry base; and the Mount of Beatitudes , traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7). Enjoy a fish lunch together near the Sea of Galilee (included). In the afternoon, visit Magdala , Mary Magdalene's hometown, and end the day with an ascent of Mt. Arbel , for a panoramic view over the lake.	similar
5	Feb. 6 Wed.	Today, we head north and begin the day with a nature hike at Tel Dan , arriving at one of the altars where Jeroboam set up the golden calf (1 Kings 12), and will see the city gates from the time of Abraham and of King Ahab. Continue to Caesarea Philippi , site of Jesus' question to his disciples: "Who do men say that I am?" (Matt. 16). In the afternoon, ascend the Golan Heights where we will have a view into Syria. If time permits, stop for a birds-eye view over the historic ruins at Gamla , the "Masada of the North."	Tiberias Emily's Boutique Hotel or similar
6	Feb. 7 Thursday	Explore the remains of Beth Shean , one of oldest cities in Israel, on whose gates the bodies of Saul and his sons were hung (1 Samuel 31). Later, it became one of the great Decapolis cities, Scythopolis . Farther south, visit the fords of the Jordan River . Explore Qumran , where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Continue along the Dead Sea shore (the lowest elevation on earth) and take a short hike at the oasis of Ein Gedi , where David hid from Saul. In the late afternoon you'll have a chance to float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea , the lowest point on earth.	Dead Sea region, Prima Oasis or similar
7	Feb. 8 Friday	Ride the cable car up to Masada , where the last Jewish defenders held out against the Romans. After an explanation of the site, we will descend the Roman Ramp on foot and travel through the Negev, with its varied ethnic communities. We'll stop at the "Fountain of Tears," an artistic juxtaposition of the Crucifixion and the Holocaust created by a Messianic sculptor living in Arad . Explore Tel Sheva , the ancient mound of Biblical Beer Sheva, where Abraham made his home and planted a tamarisk tree (Genesis 21:33). Continue to the Judean lowlands, stopping at the Elah Valley, where David fought Goliath , and then ascend to Jerusalem , for our first glimpse of the Holy City. "Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:2).	Jerusalem, Prima Kings Hotel or similar



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8	Feb. 9 Saturday	From the top of the Mount of Olives we will begin the day with a breathtaking panorama over the Old City of Jerusalem. As you descend, remember that Jesus often travelled this route and taught his disciples along the way (Matt 24, 25). We'll pause in the gardens of " Dominus Flevit " and remember his weeping over the city in the midst of his triumphal entry. We'll also take some time to meditate in the Garden of Gethsemane . Entering the Old City, visit the Pools of Bethesda (John 5), where Jesus healed the man who had been paralyzed for 38 years. Take a walking tour of the Old City, both the Muslim and Christian quarters , including the "Via Dolorosa" and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. End the day at the Garden Tomb , a peaceful place for our group to reflect on the Lord's death and resurrection.	Jerusalem, Prima Kings Hotel or similar
9	Feb. 10 Sunday	Tour the City of David , the earliest part of Jerusalem, which David conquered from the Jebusites. After viewing the audiovisual introduction, we will consider the account of Jeremiah in the cistern (Jeremiah 38) and explore the ancient water system, the Pool of Siloam , as well as the Royal Cemetery, where the Kings of Judah were buried. Next, we will see a little of "underground" Jerusalem on a tour of the Western Wall Tunnel . In the afternoon, we'll visit Bethlehem .	Jerusalem, Prima Kings Hotel or similar
10	Feb. 11 Monday	Today, we'll visit Temple Mount , where the Temples of Solomon and Herod once stood, where the church was birthed, and where now the Muslim shrines of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque stand. Visit the Jewish Quarter , viewing the extensive archaeological excavations that have unearthed a wall built by King Hezekiah, mansions from the time of Jesus (housed in the Wohl Museum), and the Davidson Center , Herod's monumental entranceway to the Temple. Spend time on the location of the " Upper Room ." Lunch in the Jewish Quarter, and in the afternoon you'll have the opportunity to explore the Mahane Yehuda market , for a delightful taste of modern Jerusalem.	Jerusalem, Prima Kings Hotel or similar
11	Feb. 12 Tuesday	On our last day we'll visit the Israel Museum , which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and a scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. In addition, the archaeological wing holds most of the important artifacts unearthed since the establishment of the State. We'll also tour Yad	Jerusalem, Prima Kings Hotel or similar

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Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner together at the hotel and a good night's rest.

12 Feb, 13 Early morning we'll transfer to the airport for your 9:30 am flight home
Wed (LY 007 via New York JFK). Arriving in Dallas on AA 2423 at 9:08pm.

General Information

Israel 10 day / 10 night tour	Price US\$
Per person in double room including airfare from Dallas	\$3790
Single supplement (adult in single room instead of a double)	\$770
Land only	\$2380

Please note:

- All rates are in **US Dollars and are based on a minimum of 20 paying people in the group.**
- Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control.
- Changes in the price may occur, due to exchange rate fluctuation and airfare supplements and taxes, up to 45 days prior to departure
- The itinerary is subject to change according to weather and security conditions, or for the good of the group.

The proposal is based on the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel
1	Netanya	Seasons Hotel or similar
3	Sea of Galilee	Emily's Boutique Hotel or similar
1	Dead Sea	Prima Oasis or similar
5	Jerusalem	Prima Kings or similar

RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Ten nights' accommodation in a double room.
For those wishing a single room, single supplement rates will apply.
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily, as per program. Fish Lunch near the Sea of Galilee.
- ✓ Nine touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ✓ Air conditioned luxury tour bus as per program
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in itinerary
- ✓ Tips for guides/drivers/hotel staff
- ✓ Airfare from Dallas



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- ✓ Map

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ✓ Transportation to Dallas to join the group flight
- ✓ Medical and Travel Insurance for the entire tour, including airfare costs.
- ✓ Passport and visa fees, if applicable
- ✓ Lunches (except on day 4), and other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Dinners at the hotels do not usually include beverages.

BOOKINGS AND RATES

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PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES:

- The deposit of **\$200** is due at the time of registration is **non-refundable**. Registration closes Nov. 1, 2018 (or earlier if the tour is full).
- Final Payment is due by Dec. 1, 2018
- 25 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs 30-45 days prior to departure
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs 15-30 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 is required with an expiry date at least **six months** after date of returning home. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain, at their own expense, the documents required to enter Israel according to citizenship.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

You should purchase **medical insurance** valid in Israel for the duration of your tour. In addition we recommend that you purchase **travel insurance**, which should cover your expenses in case of cancellation due to health and other issues.

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 disturbances or 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 tour itinerary requires each participant to be in good health and be able to walk. Unfortunately, some sites are not accessible to people who have limited mobility. If there are any issues pertaining to your health or physical fitness, we ask that you consult with us prior to registration.



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