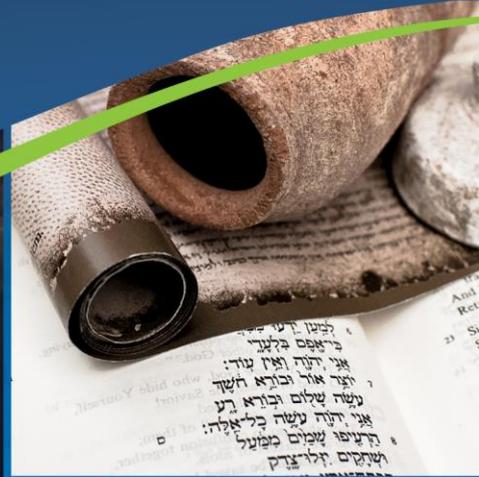




ISRAEL COLLEGE  
OF THE BIBLE | TOURS



## BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY STUDY TOUR JULY 18-30, 2020

*Israel College of the Bible invites you to join an in-depth study tours of the Land of Israel. Travel from the modern border with Lebanon to the southern border of the Promised Land – from “Dan to Beersheba” and beyond. Well-loved stories from the Bible will come alive as you explore the physical settings of the scriptures.*

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### ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
1	July 17 (Friday)	Travel day for those coming from North America or Oceania	En route
2	July 18 (Saturday)	Transfer from the airport to Netanya. Depending on the flight time there may be time to stroll along the beautiful Mediterranean. Enjoy dinner with other study tour participants, followed by orientation.	Residence Hotel or similar Netanya
3	July 19 (Sunday)	Spend the morning at <b>Israel College of the Bible</b> for introductory lectures: 1. Introduction to the Geography of the Land of the Bible 2. Geography of the Patriarchs. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon touring <b>Caesarea Maritima</b> , where the centurion Cornelius heard the gospel and Paul stood trial before governors Felix and Festus.	Residence Hotel or similar Netanya
4	July 20 (Monday)	Today's tour takes us to the Lowlands (Shefela) of Judah – visiting <b>Tel Gezer, Tel Beit Shemesh, Khirbet Qeiyafa</b> (overlooking the Valley of David and Goliath) and <b>Tel Lakhish</b> , one of the most important city in Judah in the First Temple period. <b>Evening Lecture:</b> Geography of the Exodus.	Mashabe Sadeh Guest House, Negev or similar
5	July 21 (Tuesday)	Travel to the Judean Negev (south country), to experience the desert. A short hike through <b>Ein Avdat</b> introduces the Biblical Wilderness of Zin, the southern border of the Promised Land. The nearby <b>city of Avdat</b> 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 <b>Tel Beersheba</b> , where Abraham dug a well and built an altar to the Lord. Stories of Hagar, Ishmael and Isaac come alive. Stop at <b>Tel Arad</b> where we'll discuss the controversies surrounding the route of the children of Israel through the wilderness.	Mashabe Sadeh Guest House, Negev or similar
6	July 22 (Wed)	We'll get an early start this morning, ascending by foot the Roman ramp at <b>Masada</b> . 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 <b>Ein Gedi</b> to David's falls. Continue to the area of the	Jerusalem, Eyal Hotel or similar



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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.

<b>7</b>	July 23 (Thursday)	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 <b>City of David</b> excavations, the <b>Southwall Excavations</b> /Davidson Center and the <b>Herodion Quarter</b> . There will be free time today in Jerusalem's Old City. <b>Evening Lecture:</b> The Geography of the Gospels.	Eyal Hotel, Jerusalem, or similar
<b>8</b>	July 24 (Friday)	Travel to Samaria and tour <b>Shiloh</b> , where Joshua divided the land among the tribes and Hannah prayed for a son. Continue to <b>Mount Gerizim</b> , home of the remnant of the Samaritans. Visit the museum of Samaritan culture and the excavations of the former Samaritan Temple (John 4). Continue to the ruins of <b>ancient Samaria</b> , capital of the northern Kingdom. Return to Jerusalem to welcome in the Sabbath day at the <b>Western Wall</b>	Eyal Hotel, Jerusalem, or similar
<b>9</b>	July 25 (Saturday)	Attend worship at a local Messianic congregation and explore the city on your own. In the afternoon, travel to Bethlehem where we'll <b>meet with a local pastor</b> and visit the traditional area of the " <b>shepherd's fields</b> ".	Eyal Hotel, Jerusalem, or similar
<b>10</b>	July 26 (Sunday)	Today the focus is on the Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem, his crucifixion and resurrection. Visit <b>Temple Mount, Pools of Bethesda, Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa</b> and the <b>Church of the Holy Sepulcher</b> . We'll also have a time of reflection at the <b>Garden Tomb</b> . In the afternoon, visit the <b>Israel Museum</b> , with archaeological treasures that shed light on life in Bible times in the Ancient Near East. <b>Evening Lecture:</b> The Period of the Conquest and the Judges.	Eyal Hotel, Jerusalem or similar
<b>11</b>	July 27 (Monday)	Leaving Jerusalem, pass Jericho on the way to the <b>Jordan River</b> . Follow the Jordan Valley up to the beautiful Sea of Galilee, where we'll focus on the geography of Jesus' ministry. In the afternoon visit <b>Kursi</b> , and discuss the possible locations of the casting out of demons from the man who dwelt among the tombs, as well as <b>Capernaum, Peter's Fishing Place</b> at Tabgha and <b>Magdala</b> (home of Mary Magdalene). At the end of the day relax by the Sea of Galilee. <b>Evening Lecture:</b> The United and Divided Monarchies.	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House, or similar



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12	July 28 (Tuesday)	Our first stop will be <b>Tel Hazor</b> , the northern Canaanite town that headed the opposition to Joshua. At <b>Tel Dan</b> 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 <b>Caesarea Philippi</b> (Matt 16:13). <b>Evening Lecture:</b> The Geography of the New Testament.	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House, or similar
13	July 29 (Wed)	Travel to <b>Nazareth</b> , 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 both the Shunamite woman's son and the son of the Widow of Nain. On the valley's western fringe visit <b>Megiddo</b> , and discuss its important roll throughout the biblical period and its connection with New Testament Armageddon. <b>Mt. Carmel</b> is next, symbol of beauty in biblical poetry and site of the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal.	TBA
14	July 30 (Thursday)	Transfer to the airport for flights home.	

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Israel 12 day / 12 night tour (plus travel days) with evening classes and on-site teaching	Price per person – US \$
Per person in a shared room (land only)	<b>\$2800</b>
Per person in a single room (rather than a shared room)	add <b>\$750</b>
Academic Credit (3 credit course)	add <b>\$600</b>

**Please note:**

- The rate is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants
- All rates are in US Dollars

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### RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Airport meet and greet for the group
- ✓ Headsets (for groups of 20 or more) to hear the guide in busy public places
- ✓ Arrival & departure group transfers (time of the group transfers will be set when the minimum of 20 participants have registered. Please DO NOT book flights)
- ✓ accommodation in double rooms (extra cost for single rooms)
- ✓ Israeli breakfast and dinner daily. A light lunch on all days.
- ✓ Special meals: fish lunch by the Sea of Galilee
- ✓ 12 touring days with a professional and licensed English speaking guide
- ✓ Lectures by Israel College of the Bible faculty
- ✓ Air conditioned luxury tourist bus as per program
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in itinerary
- ✓ Porterage at airport and hotels
- ✓ Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff, and restaurant staff (at fish lunch)

### RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights
- Travel Cancellation Insurance for entire tour, including airfare rates if applicable
- Medical Insurance valid in Israel
- Passport and visa fees (if applicable) – those traveling on US Passports do not need to pay visa fees
- Sodas and alcohol with meals
- All expenses of a personal nature

### BOOKINGS AND RATES

This tour requires a minimum of 20 paying participants in order for the quoted prices to be available. Therefore, do not book flight tickets until notified that the group is “guaranteed departure”, meaning, the minimum of 20 people have registered. Changes can occur in hotels, along with changes in price should cancellations occur before departure date. If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single supplement rates will apply.

### PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

The deposit of **\$150** is required to secure registration (nonrefundable).

Last registration by **Feb 7, 2020**.

Final payment is due: **March 7, 2020**

25 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs at least 30 days prior to departure

50 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs 29-15 days prior to departure

100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs less than 15 days prior to departure.





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### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend that 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. In addition, participants should purchase medical insurance valid for travel to 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 cases stated above, nor for cancellations or inability to travel.*

### PASSENGER FITNESS

Travelling in Israel requires each participant to be in good health and be able to walk, as many sites are unfortunately not accessible to people in wheelchairs or those who have difficulty walking. If there are any issues pertaining to your health or physical fitness, we ask that you consult

