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OF THE BIBLE

TOURS



## BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY STUDY TOUR MAY 23 – JUNE 3, 2021

*Israel College of the Bible invites you to join an in-depth study tour 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
	May 22 (Saturday)	Travel day for those coming from North America or Oceania	En route
<b>1</b>	May 23 (Sunday)	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, outside of Tel Aviv. 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.	Netanya, Residence Hotel or similar
<b>2</b>	May 24 (Monday)	Tour <b>Caesarea Maritima</b> , where the centurion Cornelius heard the gospel and Paul stood trial before governors Felix and Festus (Acts 24 and 26). Continue to <b>Mt. Carmel</b> , symbol of beauty in biblical poetry, where Elijah called a contest with the prophets of Baal and Asherah. Return to Netanya for lunch at <b>Israel College of the Bible</b> (included). In the afternoon there will be two introductory lectures: 1. Overview of the Geography of the Land of the Bible 2. Geography of the Patriarchs.	Netanya, Residence Hotel or similar
<b>3</b>	May 25 (Tuesday)	Travel to <b>Megiddo</b> , on the western fringe of the Jezreel Valley, and discuss its important roll throughout the biblical period and its connection with New Testament Armageddon. Continue to Tel Jezreel, site of Ahab and Jezebel's summer palace (I Kings 21), and Gideon's Spring (Judges 7), where he tested his men. <b>Nazareth</b> , is nestled below the hilly ridge on the north side of 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. Visit <b>Nazareth Village</b> , a reenactment of life in first century Nazareth. At the end of the day relax overlooking the Sea of Galilee. <b>Evening Lecture</b> : Geography of the Gospels.	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House or similar
<b>4</b>	May 26 (Wednesday)	Today we spend the day around the beautiful Sea of Galilee, focusing on the geography of Jesus' ministry. Hike down the traditional <b>Mt. of Beatitudes</b> to <b>Peter's Fishing Place</b> at Tabgha. Tour <b>Capernaum</b> (his ministry base), and <b>Magdala</b> (home of Mary Magdalene). Enjoy a <b>boat ride</b> on the Sea of Galilee and view the first century fishing boat excavated from the lake-bottom. In the afternoon visit <b>Kursi</b> and discuss the possible locations of the casting out of	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House or similar



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demons from the man who dwelt among the tombs. At the end of the day relax overlooking the Sea of Galilee. **Evening Lecture:** The Geography of the Conquest and Judges.

<b>5</b>	May 27 (Thursday)	Tour <b>Tel Hazor</b> , the northern Canaanite town that headed the opposition to Joshua (Joshua 11). 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 (1 Kings 12). Hike the region of <b>Caesarea Philippi</b> (Matt 16:13). Visit <b>Qatzrin Talmudic Village</b> on the Golan Heights. <b>Evening Lecture:</b> The United and Divided Monarchies	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House or similar
<b>6</b>	May 28 (Friday)	Follow the Jordan River to the Decapolis city of <b>Scythopolis</b> , called <b>Beth Shean</b> in the Hebrew scriptures. There the victorious Philistines displayed the bodies of King Saul and his sons (I Sam 31). Continue down the river to the area near Jericho where <b>Yeshua was baptized</b> by John. Stop in the <b>Judean Wilderness</b> to remember temptation of Yeshua, and the setting for his parable of the Good Samaritan. Then up to Jerusalem! Enjoy a panoramic view over the city from the <b>Mt. of Olives</b> and walk down to the <b>Garden of Gethsemane</b> . Welcome in the Sabbath together in the Holy City!	TBA
<b>7</b>	May 29 (Saturday)	There will be the option to attend a Messianic service in the morning. In the afternoon enjoy a guided walking tour through the four quarters of the Old City, including the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, followed by free time in the Old City.	TBA
<b>8</b>	May 30 (Sunday)	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. Sites will include the <b>City of David</b> excavations, the <b>Southwall Excavations/Davidson Center</b> and the <b>Herodian Quarter</b> . In the afternoon, travel to Bethlehem and visit the traditional area of the "shepherd's fields".	TBA
<b>9</b>	May 31 (Monday)	Today the focus is on the Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem. Visit <b>Temple Mount</b> , the <b>Western Wall</b> , the <b>Western Wall Tunnels</b> , <b>Pools of Bethesda</b> and the <b>Garden Tomb</b> . In the afternoon, tour the <b>Israel Museum</b> , with archaeological treasures that shed light on life in Bible times in the Ancient Near East, as well as the <b>Second Temple Period model</b> of Jerusalem and the <b>Dead Sea Scrolls</b> exhibit. <b>Evening Lecture:</b> the Herodian Dynasty	TBA



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<b>10</b>	June 1 (Tuesday)	Leaving Jerusalem, descend to the area of the Judean wilderness where the <b>Dead Sea Scrolls</b> were discovered. Hike through the oasis at <b>Ein Gedi</b> (I Sam 24) to David's Falls. Ascend <b>Masada</b> by cable car. Herod the Great built a 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. End the day with an opportunity to <b>float in the Dead Sea</b> . <b>Evening Lecture:</b> Geography of the Exodus	Arad, Inbar Hotel or similar
<b>11</b>	June 2 (Wed)	Stop at <b>Tel Arad</b> and discuss the controversies surrounding the route of the children of Israel through the wilderness. A short hike through <b>Ein Avdat</b> introduces the Biblical Wilderness of Zin, the southern border of the Promised Land. 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.	Negev, Kramim Guest House or similar
<b>12</b>	June 3 (Thurs)	Today's tour takes us to the Lowlands (Shefela) of Judah – visiting <b>Tel Lakhish</b> , one of the most important cities in Judah in the First Temple period, <b>Beth Guvrin</b> , the <b>Valley of Elah</b> (David and Goliath), <b>Tel Beth Shemesh</b> (where the ark was returned from the Philistines, I Sam 6) and <b>Tel Gezer</b> , one of Solomon's fortified cities (I King 9:15). End our tour at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for <b>flights home</b> .	No hotel included this night
<b>June 5 – 11</b> <b>7-Day Optional</b> <b>Extension: Intensive</b> <b>Seminar 1</b>		<b><i>Reading David, Seeing Jesus</i></b> Lecturer: Dr. Seth Postell Including 4 days in class and 3 days field trips for onsite instruction  Extra cost for Seminar 1: \$1950 person in a shared room \$2290 in a room alone Seminars include breakfast and dinner daily, plus a light lunch. For the night of June 4 if needed: add \$80 per person in a shared room or \$140 per person in a room alone	Contact us for course details.  Extra cost for Academic Credit
<b>June 12 – 19</b> <b>8-Day Optional</b> <b>Extension: Intensive</b> <b>Seminar 2</b>		<b><i>The History of Jewish and Arab Believers in Yeshua in the Land of Israel</i></b> Lecturers: Dr. David Mishkin, Israel College of the Bible faculty and guests Extra cost for Seminar 2: \$2245 per person in a shared room \$2685 in a room alone Seminars include breakfast and dinner daily, plus a light lunch. Extra charge for the night of June 11 if needed: add \$80 pp in a shared room or \$140 per person in a room alone	Contact us for course details  Extra cost for Academic Credit



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**June 19 – 25**

Optional Extension:  
**Intensive Seminar 3**

**Participation in an Archaeological Excavation (Site TBA)**

Extra cost for Seminar 3: \$1050 person in a shared room  
 (discounts for those in triples or quads)  
 No single rooms are available for this week.  
 All meals are included

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 Credit

**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDY TOUR MAY 23 – JUNE 3**

Israel 12-day / 12-night tour (plus arrival day) with evening classes and on-site teaching	Price per person – US \$
Per person in a shared room (land only)	<b>\$2400</b>
Per person in a room alone (rather than a shared room)	add <b>\$650</b>
Academic Credit (optional)	Contact us for costs and requirements for academic credit

**Please note:**

- The rate is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants
- All rates are in US Dollars
- If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single supplement rates will apply.

**The proposal is based on the following accommodations or similar:**

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
2	Netanya	Residence
3	Sea of Galilee	Ohalo
4	Jerusalem	TBA
1	Arad	Inbar
1	Negev	TBA

**RATE FOR STUDY TOUR (ONLY) INCLUDES:**

- ✓ 12 touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ✓ 11 nights accommodation in double rooms (extra cost for single rooms)
- ✓ Israeli breakfast and dinner daily. A light lunch at ICB on Day 1.
- ✓ Lectures by Israel College of the Bible faculty
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in itinerary
- ✓ Air-conditioned luxury tourist bus as per program
- ✓ Headsets (for groups of 20 or more) to hear the guide in busy public places
- ✓ Arrival & departure group transfers. The time of the group transfer will be set when the minimum of 20 participants have registered. Please **DO NOT book flights until the tour is “guaranteed departure”**.

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- ✓ Porterage at airport and hotels
- ✓ Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff
- ✓ Map

### RATE FOR STUDY TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights
- Travel Cancellation Insurance for entire tour, including your airfare
- Medical Insurance valid in Israel
- Passport and visa fees (if applicable – many nationalities, including the US, Canada, Europe and Australia – are exempt from 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 (changing the group size) before departure date.

### PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

The deposit of **\$200** is required to secure registration (nonrefundable).

Last registration by **Feb 23, 2021**.

Final payment is due: **March 23, 2021**

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.

### 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 with us before you register.



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**ACADEMIC CREDIT**

Israel College of the Bible is accredited by the European Council for Theological Education (ECTE). Participants in this tour who are studying at an academic institution can apply to their institution to be able to transfer credits for the study tour. An extra fee for the credits and extra assignments apply.


**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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By embarking on the tour, you assume all risks involved in such travel, whether foreseen or unforeseen. ICB Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour, or make changes to the itinerary, as it deems necessary or desirable – in accordance to Israeli government regulations, instructions, and recommendations. In such cases, ICB will honor any refunds to participants after payment of its existing agreements with the above-mentioned suppliers. It is recommended that each member of the tour purchase appropriate insurance coverage to the extent available with respect to risks associated with your travel to Israel at this time. Your registration shall constitute an acceptance of and consent to the above terms and conditions of this disclaimer.

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