



**ISRAEL COLLEGE
OF THE BIBLE** | TOURS



ISRAEL STUDY TOUR OCTOBER 2-14, 2021 HOSTED BY KYM VARNER

Israel College of the Bible invites you to join a study tour of the Land of Israel hosted by Kym Varner. This is a rare opportunity to both tour the land of the Bible and meet with various sectors of society in modern Israel. Both your understanding of the Bible and your perspectives on the current Middle East will be enriched by this life-changing tour.

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DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
1	Saturday Oct 2	Leave Phoenix for your transatlantic flight	En route
2	Sunday Oct 3	Arrive in Tel Aviv at. Transfer to your hotel in Samaria.	Eshel Hashomron Hotel, Ariel or similar
3	Monday Oct 4	Visit a factory in the nearby industrial zone to learn about Israeli-Palestinian coexistence in the workplace. Visit Shiloh (including the audio-visual), where the tabernacle stood in the days of the Judges and Hannah prayed for a son (I Sam 1-3). Tour Mt. Gerizim (John 4), stopping at the Samaritan Museum (John 4) and enjoying a panoramic view over the Palestinian city of Nablus (biblical Shechem). In the late afternoon enjoy a stroll through the Biblical Garden at the hotel, to remember the Biblical events that happened in Samaria. After dinner there will be an opportunity to view the night show at the model of the Tabernacle in the hotel garden.	Eshel Hashomron Hotel, Ariel or similar
4	Tuesday Oct 5	Begin the day with a panoramic view over the coastal plain from the hills of Samaria, to learn about the strategic advantage of holding the heights above Tel Aviv. Tour the Israel College of the Bible and ONE FOR ISRAEL media studios. Hear the testimonies of Jewish and Arab staff members. Head north along the Mediterranean coast to visit Caesarea – Herod’s magnificent port city, where the centurion Cornelius heard the good news (Acts 10) and Paul gave his defense before the Roman rulers and King Agrippa II (Acts 24 and 26).	Haifa, Colony Hotel or similar
5	Wed Oct 6	Visit the ICEJ home for Holocaust Survivors . Continue to Mt. Carmel where the Prophet Elijah had a contest with the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). Tour the archaeological ruins of the ancient town of Megiddo , which gave its name to “Armageddon” of the New Testament (Rev 16:16). Stop in Nazareth for a panoramic view over the city and a meeting with a local Arab pastor .	Ohalo Mansions, Sea of Galilee or similar
6	Thursday Oct 7	Visit sites connected with the ministry of Jesus around the Sea of Galilee, such as the archaeological excavations at Magdala , a Jewish town with a synagogue from the first century; Tabgha , to remember the breakfast on the beach following the resurrection (John 21) and Capernaum , a Jewish fishing town which became Jesus’ ministry base. Share a fish lunch together by the Sea of Galilee (included) and then sail on the Sea of Galilee . View the remains of the 1 st century AD fishing boat that has become known as the “ Jesus Boat ”. Enjoy a panoramic view of the lake from the Mount of Beatitudes .	Ohalo Mansions, Sea of Galilee or similar



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7	Friday Oct 8	Visit the northern border, with a stop at Misgav Am , with its impressive view into Lebanon. Meet with soldiers guarding the border there. Tour Tel Dan , one of the two alternative sites of worship built by King Jeroboam. for a view into Lebanon. Tour Caesarea Philippi (Matt 16:13ff) and then ascend the Golan Heights for a view into Syria and time of teaching/prayer.	Ohalo Mansions, Sea of Galilee or similar
8	Sat Oct 9	Travel down the Jordan Valley, stopping at the Decapolis city of Scythopolis (Biblical Beth Shean), with its impressive Roman/Byzantine ruins. Attend service at a local congregation led Dr. Seth Postell of the Israel College of the Bible. Descend to the Judean Hill Country to Emmaus (Acts 24). Travel to the Valley of David and Goliath . Stop at Yad Hashmonah , a Messianic Jewish community in the Hill country. Then UP TO JERUSALEM! We'll have our first view over the city from Mt. Scopus .	Grand Court, Jerusalem, or similar
9	Sunday Oct 10	Visit Yad Vashem , the Holocaust Memorial Museum, where we'll be privileged to have a local guide show us through the main museum. Visit the model of Second Temple Period Jerusalem at the Israel Museum and the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. Have a time of prayer over the city at a one of Jerusalem's prayer centers. In the evening, there will be an optional evening excursion to the amazing Sound and Light Show at the Tower of David.	Grand Court, Jerusalem, or similar
10	Monday Oct 11	Ascend Temple Mount , the site of the two temples. Tour the excavations around the Southern Steps of Temple Mount and the learn about pilgrimage to Jerusalem at the time of Jesus in the Davidson Center . Visit the City of David , including Hezekiah's water tunnel [or the (dry) Canaanite Tunnel], the Pool of Siloam , and the audio visual. Travel to Bethlehem where we'll visit the "Shepherds' Fields" and also meet with a Palestinian pastor to learn about his ministry and pray for his congregation. Time permitting there will be a visit to a local olive wood shop .	Grand Court, Jerusalem, or similar
11	Tuesday Oct 12	Descend to the Dead Sea the lowest point on earth. This route is the setting for the story of the Good Samaritan. Pass Jericho and the area of the Judean Wilderness where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Visit the oasis of Ein Gedi (1 Sam 24 – David hides from Saul) and explore Herod's spectacular mountain fortress, Masada . There will be an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea .	Grand Court, Jerusalem, or similar



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12	Wed Oct 13	Say farewell to the city with a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives , the location of Jesus' ascent and return, and Dominus Fleuit where He wept over the city of Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44). Spend time at the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed His last prayer with His disciples. Tour the archaeological remains in St. Peter in Gallicantu to remember the trial of Jesus before Caiaphas and then visit the Garden Tomb , a peaceful place to reflect of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord. The rest of the afternoon is free to visit Mahane Yehuda market or browse the Old City Bazaars . We'll have a farewell dinner together and then transfer to the airport for your flight home	No hotel this night
13	Thurs Oct 14	Arrive in Phoenix	

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Israel 11-day / 10-night tour (plus 2 travel days)	Price US\$
Per person in a shared room (double or twin) land only	\$2850
Single supplement (adult in single room instead of a shared room)	Extra \$900

REGISTRATION: <https://college.oneforisrael.org/kym-varner-2021/>

Please note:

- **SPECIAL Land Price FOR THOSE FLYING ON THE GROUP FLIGHT FROM PHOENIX: \$2650 (NOT including the price of flights).** Those wanting to join the group flight should contact **Kym Varner** looking4theblessedhope@gmail.com to sign up for the group flight.
- Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control.
- Changes in the price may occur, due to exchange rate fluctuation up to the date of final payment.
- 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 or similar
2	Ariel	Eshel HaShomron
1	Haifa	Colony
3	Sea of Galilee	Ohalo Mansions
5	Jerusalem	Grand Court

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RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Eleven nights' accommodation in a double room
- ✓ **For those wishing a single room (no roommate)**, single supplement rates will be added.
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily, as per program. Fish lunch near the Sea of Galilee.
- ✓ Ten touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide.
- ✓ Air-conditioned luxury tour bus as per program, including airport transfer as a group on arrival and departure days.
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Tips for guides/drivers/hotel staff.
- ✓ Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control. In addition, there could be changes in price, due to exchange rate fluctuations prior to the final payment date.

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ✓ Flights to Tel Aviv.
Those who wish to join the group flight from Phoenix (approximate cost \$1250) will book through your tour leader (Kym Varner). Information on how to do so will be provided upon registration.
If you are not planning on traveling on the group flight, please **DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS** until we notify you that the group has gathered the minimum number of participants necessary and that the Israeli government has lifted all relevant COVID19 restrictions.
- ✓ Medical Insurance while in Israel and Travel Insurance for the airfare and tour package.
- ✓ Passport and visa fees, if applicable.
- ✓ Lunches (except on day 6), and other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Beverages are not usually included with dinners at the hotels or with the fish lunch.
- ✓ Expenses of a personal nature, **including COVID19-related tests that may be required before flights, or when entering Israel or returning to your home country.**

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES:

- The **deposit of \$200** is due at the time of registration is **non-refundable**, unless ICB has to cancel the tour due to COVID19 restrictions or lack of the minimum number of participants needed (in which cases the deposit will be refunded in full).
- **Registration closes June 30** (or earlier if the tour is full).
- **Final payment** is due by **July 15**. 25% of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs 45-75 days prior to departure. 50% of total cost will be charged if cancellation occurs 44-15 days prior to departure. 100% of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs 14-0 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. (US citizens do not require special visas to enter Israel).



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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 (depending on the terms of the insurance purchased).

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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Currently, all tourists entering Israel are required to be vaccinated for COVID19. If you are not vaccinated, and do not plan to be vaccinated before October 2021, we recommend that you wait to register until the Israeli government rescinds this requirement. In the near future, it may also be possible to take a serology test to demonstrate antibodies after recovering from COVID19.

Israel College of the Bible Tours ("ICB", a department of **DERECH EL**, Israeli Association for Awareness of Biblical Roots, Registration Number 580-241-438) *shall not be liable or responsible for any injury, sickness, loss or damage to any person or property as a consequence of natural disasters, pandemics, 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 cases stated above, nor for cancellations or inability to travel.* ICB acts as agent for independent suppliers of services which are not directly provided by ICB, such as hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises and other related services. ICB cannot assume any liability for any actions taken on the part of the suppliers, or the government of Israel or other countries, which results in any loss, accident, delay, irregularity, damage, or injury to you or your traveling companions or group members for any reason whatsoever, including measures taken to contain the spreading of the COVID-19 virus. Furthermore, ICB cannot assume any liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which is caused directly or indirectly by the COVID-19 virus, or any foreseen or unforeseen developments.

ICB Tours recommends that each participant of the tour frequent the Israel Ministry of Health website (English) for relevant updates concerning health and travel information: <https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/corona/corona-virus-en/>

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





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desirable – in accordance with 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.

I hereby dismiss, release, and waive Israel College of the Bible Tours (**DERECH EL, Israeli association for awareness of biblical roots, Registration number 580-241-438**), from all responsibility and/or liability and/or any legal action and/or demands of any kind for cancellations or any kind of additional expenses related to the flights to Israel and/or the tour and/or infection of COVID19 or other pandemic and/or any costs associated thereby.

