

April 13 – 27, 2023

LAND OF THE BIBLE ISRAEL TRIP

HOSTED BY PASTOR ERIC WOHNER

Well-loved stories from the Bible will come alive as we explore the Land together from “Dan to Beersheba”. Enjoy eleven days of rich fellowship and encounter the Land of God’s promises.

DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
Day 1 April 15 Saturday	Depart from the USA	En route
Day 2 April 16 Sunday	Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, you’ll be met at the airport by your guide. Transfer by group bus to your hotel in the Negev. Depending on the time of your arrival, there may be time to stop for a view over the valley where David fought Goliath .	Iris Desert, Yeruham or similar
Day 3 April 17 Monday	Travel south to Ein Avdat , part of the Wilderness of Zin, in which the Children of Israel wandered for many years. Zin is a landmark for the southern border of the Promised Land (Num. 34). We’ll hike through a spectacular desert canyon. Visit the archaeological remains of the ancient city of Beersheba , where Abraham made a covenant with the Lord (Genesis 15). Continue to Tel Arad , with its Old Testament period fortress. and then enjoy a Middle Eastern style lunch in a Bedouin tent (included). Those who wish will have the opportunity to ride a camel .	David Resort Dead Sea or similar
Day 4 April 18 Tuesday	Ascend by cable car to Masada , Herod’s amazing wilderness palace and site of a dramatic standoff against the Romans. Hike through the oasis of Ein Gedi where David hid from Saul (I Sam. 24). The late afternoon is free to float in the Dead Sea and enjoy the spa.	David Resort Dead Sea or similar
Day 5 April 19 Wednesday	Tour Qumran , the area in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. There will be an opportunity to stop at the Jordan River , close to the spot where Jesus was baptized (Qasr el-Yehud). Tour the archaeological remains at the mound in Jericho and enjoy lunch there (included). Tour the impressive	Nof Ginosar Hotel (Deluxe Rooms)

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	remains of the Decapolis city of Scythopolis/Beth Shean (I Sam. 31). End the day on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.	or similar Sea of Galilee
Day 6 April 20 Thursday	Tour Tel Hazor , the head of all the kings of the north at the time of Joshua (Joshua 11). Journey to the northern border with Lebanon and take a nature walk at Tel Dan (Judges 18). Recall Jesus’ conversation with his disciples at Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16:13ff). There will be an opportunity to learn about the complexities of the modern Middle East overlooking the borders of Lebanon and Syria .	Nof Ginosar Hotel (Deluxe Rooms) or similar Sea of Galilee
Day 7 April 21 Friday	Visit sites around the Sea of Galilee connected with Jesus’ ministry, such as Capernaum , the Mt. of Beatitudes (Matt. 5-7) and “Peter’s Fishing Place” (John 21). Tour the first century synagogue at Magdala , perhaps the town of Mary Magdalene. Enjoy a lunch of “St. Peter’s Fish” (included) and a boat ride on the lake. Stop at the first century fishing boat found buried in mud by the lake shore.	Nof Ginosar Hotel (Deluxe Rooms) or similar Sea of Galilee
Day 8 April 22 Saturday	Our visit to Nazareth will include a tour of the famous “Nazareth Village” , which seeks to recreate the town from the time of Jesus. Visit Gideon’s Spring (Judges 7) and the ruins of Megiddo (I Kings 9:15). Ascend Mt. Carmel , where Elijah faced-off against the Prophets of Baal. Join a local congregation for worship .	Haifa Bay View or similar
Day 9 April 23 Sunday	Tour Caesarea Maritima to remember various stories from the Book of Acts: the conversion of Cornelius (Acts 10), Paul’s imprisonment (Acts 24) and his defence before the Roman governor and King Agrippa (Acts 26). Visit the Israel College of the Bible , to learn about the current believers in Jesus in Israel, from both Arab and Jewish backgrounds. Continue up to Jerusalem! Explore the earliest layers of its history, with a visit to the City of David including the 3-D audio visual, Warren’s shaft , Hezekiah’s water tunnel (optional) and the Pool of Siloam (John 9). Continue to the South-wall Excavations (Davidson Center) to view the streets and steps from the time of Jesus.	Grand Court, Jerusalem or similar

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Day 10
April 24
Monday

Enjoy a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem from **the Mount of Olives**. Descend by foot along the “**Palm Sunday**” path to **Dominus Flevit** (the “Church of Jesus Weeping” – Luke 19). Pray in the **Garden of Gethsemane**, before continuing to the **Church of Peter in Gallicantu**, a proposed site for Jesus’ trial before Caiaphas. Visit **Bethlehem**, including the Church of the Nativity and the traditional Shepherds’ Fields. End the day at the **Mahaneh Yehuda** market.

Grand Court Jerusalem or similar

Day 11
April 25
Tuesday

Israeli Memorial Day and Independence Eve

Ascend to the **Temple Mount**, today the site of the Islamic Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque. Visit the archaeology under the Jewish Quarter (the “**Herodian Mansions**”), Hezekiah’s “Broad Wall” (Isaiah 22:9) and the Byzantine **Cardo**. Pray at the **Western Wall**. Explore the underground excavation along the face of Herod’s temple platform (**Western Wall Tunnels**). There will be free time to browse the colorful Old City markets. In the evening, join in the festivities, dancing and fireworks to **celebrate Israel’s Independence Day**.

Grand Court Jerusalem or similar

Day 12
April 26
Wednesday
Israeli Independence Day

Enjoy a guided tour through **the Old City**, including the **Pools of Bethesda** (John 5), the **Via Dolorosa**, and the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** (the traditional crucifixion / resurrection site). Tour **Gordon’s Calvary** and share communion together at the **Garden Tomb**. Visit the **Israel Museum** with its amazing **50:1 model of Jerusalem** in the first century AD, and the **Dead Sea Scrolls** display at the Shrine of the Book. Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

En route

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Eleven days in Israel (13 days with travel)

Price per person in a shared room for 2 people (double or twin)	\$2,900 USD
Price per person in a single room	\$3,900 USD

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ▶ All rates are in **US Dollars**
- ▶ Changes in the price may occur, due to exchange rate fluctuation, up until 45 days before departure
- ▶ The **schedule is subject to change** according to weather, security conditions & directives from the Israeli Ministry of Health
- ▶ The proposal is based on the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Yeruham	Iris Desert
2	Dead Sea	David Resort
3	Sea of Galilee	Nof Ginosar
1	Haifa	Haifa Bay View
3	Jerusalem	Grand Court

- ▶ **If you desire to be in a shared room (2 people per room)** and do not have a roommate, a roommate will be assigned if one is available
 - If a roommate cannot be assigned, the single room cost will apply
- ▶ **Changes can occur in hotels** due to factors beyond control

RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Transfers to and from Ben Gurion airport as a group
- ✓ Ten nights in a shared room (extra cost for those wanting a single room)
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily (sodas and alcoholic beverages are not included in the meals provided)
- ✓ Lunch on three days as per itinerary (Days 3, 5 and 9)
- ✓ All tips and gratuities for guides, drivers and hotel staff
- ✓ Professional, licensed English-speaking guide
- ✓ Transportation by air-conditioned bus on all days
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in itinerary
- ✓ Map

Rate does not include:

- Flights to/from Tel Aviv.
- Cancellation insurance (policy to refund the money paid for the trip and airline ticket if it is necessary to cancel due to a medical emergency)
- Health insurance (a policy to cover medical expenses for health issues that develop while in Israel)
- Passport and visa fees if applicable (US citizens do not require advanced visas)
- Lunches and other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES:

- Registration closes **January 15, 2023**
- Final Payment is due by **February 15, 2023**
- The deposit of **\$200 paid with registration is non-refundable**. However, if the trip is cancelled due to lack of the minimum number of participants or Covid-19 restrictions which make group travel impossible, the deposit may be put toward participation in a future Israel College of the Bible Study Tour, or a refund may be requested.
- *If you must cancel your trip registration for personal reasons, then the payments (other than the deposit) will be refunded as follows:*
 - ▶ 75 % of total trip cost will be refunded if cancellation occurs 31-45 days prior to departure
 - ▶ 50 % of total trip cost will be refunded if cancellation occurs 16-30 days prior to departure
 - ▶ 0 % of total trip cost will be refunded if cancellation occurs 0-15 days prior to departure
- We recommend that you purchase travel insurance to cover cancellation due to unforeseen medical emergencies or other issues that might prevent you from traveling.

DOCUMENTS:

A passport valid 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. In addition, the Israeli government or the US government may require a health declaration and other documents related to COVID19 regulations (the requirements will be updated closer to the time of travel.)

INSURANCE:

It is mandatory to purchase **medical insurance** that will cover you in case medical treatment is necessary while in Israel. Please ensure that your medical coverage includes treatment for COVID19. We also recommend that you purchase **travel insurance**, which covers expenses in case of cancellation due to health and other issues. After the trip is confirmed, please email a copy or photo of your insurance card(s) to your group leader.

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PARTICIPANT MOBILITY:

This itinerary requires each participant to be in good health and able to walk. Many sites are not accessible to people in wheelchairs or those who have limited mobility. If there are any issues pertaining to health or physical fitness, please consult with us prior to registration.

COVID-19 ADDENDUM:

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