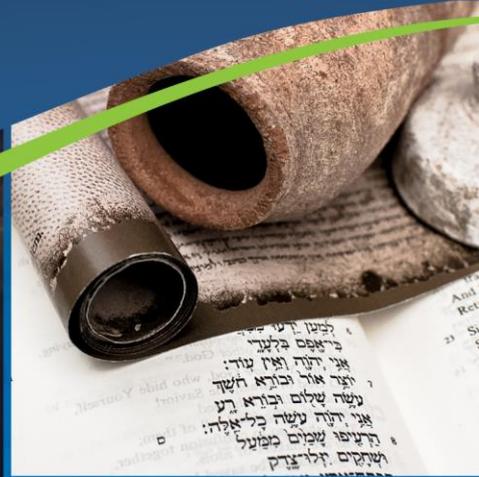




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**MACARTHUR BLVD BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 7-20, 2023
(FOLLOWED BY AN OPTIONAL 3-DAY EGYPT EXTENSION)**

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| | DATE | PROGRAM | OVERNIGHT |
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| 1 | Mar 7 (Tues) | Depart Texas | En route |
| 2 | Mar 8 (Wed) | Arrive in Israel. Visit the port of Jaffa, from where Jonah set sail for Tarshish, and Peter had a vision of unclean animals. Hike in the Valley of Elah where David fought Goliath . If time permits (depending on arrival time), explore the underground caves at Beth Guvrin . Travel through the Negev with its varied ethnic communities. | Negev, Kibbutz Mashabim Guest House, or similar |
| 3 | Mar 9 (Thurs) | Visit the wilderness oasis of Ein Avdat the southern border of the promised land, and hike through the canyon. Explore the ruins of Avdat , one of the stops on the route of the Nabatean Spice traders. Tour ancient Beersheva , where Abraham dug a well and planted a tamarisk tree. Have a beduin-style lunch (included), Enjoy a short camel trek in the Judean Wilderness. | Dead Sea, David Resort or similar |
| 4 | Mar 10 (Fri) | Ascend by cable car to Masada , Herod's magnificent palace and the fortress where the last Jewish defenders held out against the Romans. Take a short hike at the oasis of Ein Gedi , where David hid from Saul. Float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea , the lowest point on earth. | Dead Sea, David Resort or similar |
| 5 | Mar 11 (Sat) | Tour Qumran a fascinating opportunity to learn about the Dead Sea Scrolls. Stop at the Jordan River , in the area where Yeshua was baptized. Follow the Jordan River north. Tour the amazing ruins at the Decapolis city of Scythopolis (Old Testament Beth Shean) . Visit the Spring of Harod where Gideon tested his men, below Mt. Gilboa where Saul died in battle against the Philistines. Continue to Nazareth , the boyhood home of Jesus. Learn about life in a Jewish agricultural village 2000 years ago by visiting " Nazareth Village ". | Sea of Galilee, Nof Ginosar Hotel, or similar |
| 6 | Mar 12 (Sun) | Spend the morning around the Sea of Galilee, visiting Jesus' ministry base at Capernaum , the traditional Mount of Beatitudes and Peter's Fishing Place . Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and a fish lunch | Sea of Galilee, Nof Ginosar Hotel, or similar |

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near the shore of the Sea of Galilee (included). In the afternoon visit **Chorasin**, a town where Jesus frequently visited, and Kursi, the traditional site of the demons cast into pigs.

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| 7 | Mar 13 (Mon) | Travel to the northern border with Lebanon for a nature hike at Tel Dan and a visit to Caesarea Philippi , site of Jesus' question to his disciples: "Who do men say that I am?" (Matt. 16). Ascend to the Golan Heights , for a view into Syria. | Sea of Galilee, Nof Ginosar Hotel, or similar |
| 8 | Mar 14 (Tues) | Explore the Old Testament city of Megiddo , overlooking the plain of Jezreel. Continue to Mt. Carmel , to remember Elijah's contest against the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Tour Herod's impressive port of Caesarea . Here Roman governors such as Pontius Pilate, Felix (Acts 24) and Festus (Acts 26) ruled, the Roman Centurion Cornelius received the gospel, and Paul made his famous defense before King Agrippa. Stop at the Yad Hashmonah to learn about the current Messianic movement in Israel, and tour the Biblical Garden . | Ariel, Eshel Hashomron or similar |
| 9 | Mar 15 (Wed) | Spend the day exploring the Biblical heartland of Samaria, including Shiloh , where Hannah prayed for a son, and the boy Samuel heard the voice of the Lord. Visit Mt. Gerizim and view the remains of the once-vibrant religious center of the Samaritans. Visit a life-size model of the Tabernacle . | Ariel, Eshel Hashomron or similar |
| 10 | Mar 16 (Turs) | From the top of the Mount of Olives there is a breathtaking panorama over the Old City of Jerusalem. As you descend the hill, remember that Jesus often travelled this descent and taught his disciples along the way (Matt 24, 25). Pause in the gardens of " Dominus Flevit " and remember his weeping over the city during his triumphal entry. Take some time to meditate in the Garden of Gethsemane . There will be time at archaeological sifting project , to learn hands-on about the archaeology of Jerusalem. Visit the City of David , the earliest part of Jerusalem, which David conquered from the Jebusites, exploring the Canaanite water system and the water tunnel King Hezekiah dug at the time of the Assyrian siege, and well as the Pool of Siloam . | Jerusalem, Prima Kings or similar |

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| 11 | Mar 17 (Fri) | Explore the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Jewish Quarter , viewing the extensive archaeological excavations that have unearthed a wall built by King Hezekiah and the Wohl Museum , with the remains of homes from the time of Jesus. Continue to the Davidson Center , Herod's monumental entranceway to the Temple. Take time to pray at the Western Wall . Travel to Bethlehem , with a stop at the "Shepherd's Fields". | Jerusalem, Prima Kings or similar |
| 12 | Mar 18 (Sat) | There will be an opportunity to attend a service at a Messianic congregation . Tour the Garden Tomb , a peaceful place for our group to reflect on the Lord's death and resurrection and share communion together. The rest of the afternoon is free to browse in the Old City bazaars. | Jerusalem, Prima Kings or similar |
| 13 | Mar 19 (Sun) | Ascend Temple Mount , once the site of the Jewish Temple, and now the site of the Muslim Dome of the Rock and the El-Aqsa Mosque. Tour the Western Wall Tunnels and then continue through the Muslim and Christian Quarters to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher . Spend time at the Israel Museum , with its wonderful model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus , and the Dead Sea Scroll display . There will also be an opportunity of a guided tour of the highlights of the Archaeology Wing , with the major treasures unearthed in Israel over the last 100 years. If time permits before your flight, visit Yad Vashem , the Holocaust Memorial Museum. Transfer to the airport for your flight home. | In flight |
| 14 | Mar 20 (Mon) | Arrive home | |

EGYPT EXTENSION (OPTIONAL)

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| 14 | Mar 19 | Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for the flight to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, you'll be met and assisted at the airport. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight. | Cairo (all 3 nights) Radisson Blue Heliopolis or similar |
| 15 | Mar 20 | Morning visit to the Giza Pyramids and the Sphinx. After lunch, visit Memphis and Sakkara. | Cairo |

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- 17 Mar 22** Full day tour of Cairo visiting the Egyptian Museum in the morning. In the afternoon, visit the Old Cairo churches (the hanging Church, St. Simon the Tanner), the Cairo Giza (in the Ben Ezra Synagogue) and the Khan el-Halili bazaars. **Cairo**
- 18 Mar 23** **TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT FOR FLIGHTS HOME**

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Israel 12-day / 11-night tour (land only) | Price per person in US\$ |
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| Per person in a shared room (for 2 people) | \$2950 |
| Per person in a single room | \$4030 |
| Egypt optional 3 days / 4-nights extension (international flight from Israel to Egypt excluded) | Additional cost for optional extension per person in US\$ |
| Extra per person in a shared room | \$575 |
| Extra per person in a single room (a room alone) | \$730 |

Please note: The rates are based on a minimum of 20 passengers (Israel portion) and 12 passengers (Egypt optional) and are in **US Dollars**.

The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:

| Nights | Location | Hotel or similar |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Negev | Mashabim Guest House |
| 2 | Dead Sea | David Resort |
| 3 | Sea of Galilee | Nof Ginosar |
| 2 | Ariel | Eshel Hashomron |
| 3 | Jerusalem | Prima Kings |
| Egypt Optional Extension | | |
| 4 | Cairo | Radisson Blue Heliopolis |

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- ✓ Arrival & departure transfers **as a group**.
- ✓ Eleven nights' accommodation in a shared room (double or twin), additional payment for those requesting single rooms
- ✓ Israeli breakfast and dinner daily
- ✓ Special meals: Fish lunch on day 3, Beduin-style lunch on day 6.
- ✓ Twelve touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ✓ Air-conditioned luxury tourist bus as per program
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Luggage loaders at the airport upon arrival, and at hotels
- ✓ Tips and gratuities for guide, driver and hotel staff

OPTIONAL EGYPTIAN EXTENSION - RATE INCLUDES:

- Domestic flight ticket from Cairo to Luxor return – rate subject to change
- Entry visa to Egypt – rate subject to change
- All transfers and sightseeing by private, air-conditioned bus, as per above program
- Entrance fees for sites on the itinerary
- 4 nights accommodation in Cairo
- Meals on a Full Board basis (breakfast, lunch, dinner) starting with dinner and ending with breakfast
- English-speaking guide throughout
- **The rate is based on 12 paying participants; the cost of the domestic flight (within Egypt) and the visa for Egypt are subject to change until booked and confirmed with payment**

ISRAEL PORTION – THE RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to or from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv
- Travel cancellation insurance for tour package and flights (highly recommended)
- Medical insurance (mandatory), valid in Israel, which includes coverage for all COVID19-related treatment.
- Passport and visa fees if applicable (US citizens do not need to pay for Israeli visas, which are given upon entrance to Israel)
- Lunches (except the two mentioned in the itinerary)
- Sodas and alcohol at the hotels
- All 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.

OPTIONAL EGYPTIAN EXTENSION - RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International flight from Israel to Cairo
- Tips for guide/driver/escort and restaurants and portorage at hotels
- Covid-19 tests (if still required)

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BOOKINGS AND RATES

- This tour requires a minimum of 20 paying participants (Israel) and 12 paying participants (Egypt optional extension) for the quoted prices to be available. In case of less passengers, notification will be given regarding the increase in price per passenger (alternatively, the tour will be cancelled or the itinerary and/or hotels will be altered.)
- **Please do not book your flights until “guaranteed departure” for the tour is confirmed.**
- Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control, as well as changes in price due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single-room rates will apply.
- A non-refundable deposit of **\$200** per person, paid online, to Israel College of the Bible is required to secure registration. You will be directed to the payment site at the end of registration. In the case that the tour needs to be cancelled due to lack of minimum participants (on the day that registration closes) or COVID19-related government restrictions, your deposit will be fully refunded.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- **Final Payment** should be made by Jan. 7, 2023
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after Jan. 21, 2023.
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs after Feb. 21, 2022.

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

We strongly advise you to purchase **travel cancellation insurance** for your trip to Israel. Travel insurance usually covers your expenses in case of cancellation due to unforeseen health or other issues (depending on the type of policy purchased). In addition, please check that your **medical insurance** (mandatory) covers you while you are in Israel, and includes all COVID19-related treatments. *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, 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.*

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 may require COVID19-related documentation and testing (exact requirements to be updated closer to the date of departure).

PASSENGER FITNESS

Travelling in Israel requires each participant to be in good health and 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 prior to registration.

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COVID-19 ADDENDUM:

- **Israel College of the Bible Study Tours** (a department of *Derech-El, Israeli Association for Awareness of Biblical Roots, Registration Number 580-241-438*) acts as an agent for independent suppliers of services which are not directly provided by *Derech-El*, such as hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises and other related services. *Derech-El* 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, *Derech-El* 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.
- *Derech-El* 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. *Derech-El* will not be liable to perform obligations under this trip agreement or liable for any loss or hardship arising from the delay or cancelation of scheduled tours resulting from acts beyond its reasonable control including, without limitation, acts of God, national disasters, embargoes, national closures, pandemics, epidemics, or other viral outbreak, shortage of supply, interruptions or malfunction of computer facilities, labor difficulties, wars or terrorist acts. *Derech-El* will provide trip participants with reasonable notice of delays or failure to perform that occurs by reason of force majeure.
- *Derech-El* reserves the right to cancel tours, or make changes to the itineraries, as it deems necessary or desirable – in accordance with Israeli government regulations, instructions, and recommendations. *Derech-El* will honor any refunds pending under its existing agreements with 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.
- Participating in an Israel College of the Bible Study Tour from the point of registration **constitutes my agreement with the following statement:** *I hereby dismiss, release, and waive 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 the coronavirus or other pandemic and/or any costs associated thereby.*

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