

March 12-19, 2023
DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
GEOGRAPHY OF THE BIBLE STUDY TOUR

Dallas Theological Seminary and Israel College of the Bible invite you to join an in-depth study tour focusing on the geography of the Land of the Bible.

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DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
1	March 12 (Sunday)	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to our hotel in Netanya. In order to join the group bus, please choose a flight that arrives at Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv before 3pm.	Netanya, Residence Hotel or similar
2	March 13 (Monday)	Attend an Introductory Lecture at the Israel College of the Bible: <i>Overview of the Geography of the Land of the Bible</i> . A complimentary lunch will be provided this day. Tour Caesarea Maritima , where the centurion Cornelius heard the gospel and Paul stood trial before governors Felix and Festus (Acts 24 and 26). Continue to Mt. Carmel , symbol of beauty in biblical poetry, where Elijah called a contest with the prophets of Baal and Asherah.	Netanya, Residence Hotel or similar
3	March 14 (Tuesday)	Travel to Megiddo , on the western fringe of the Jezreel Valley, and discuss its important roll throughout the biblical period and its supposed connection with New Testament Armageddon. Continue to Tel Jezreel , site of Ahab and Jezebel's summer palace (1 Kings 21), and Gideon's Spring (Judges 7), where he tested his men. Nazareth 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 Nazareth Village , a reenactment of life in first century Nazareth. At the end of the day relax overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Evening Lecture : The Geography of the Conquest and Judges.	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House
4	March 15 (Wednesday)	Tour Tel Hazor , the northern Canaanite town that headed the opposition to Joshua (Joshua 11). At Tel Dan 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 Caesarea Philippi (Matt 16:13). Evening Lecture : <i>Geography of the Gospels</i> .	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House or similar

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5	March 16 (Thursday)	Today we spend the day around the beautiful Sea of Galilee, focusing on the geography of Jesus’ ministry. Visit the traditional Mt. of Beatitudes and Peter’s Fishing Place at Tabgha. Tour Capernaum (his ministry base), and Magdala (home of Mary Magdalene) In the afternoon visit Kursi and discuss the possible locations of the casting out of demons from the man who dwelt among the tombs. Evening Lecture: <i>The United and Divided Monarchies</i>	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House or similar
6	March 17 (Friday)	Follow the Jordan River to the area near Jericho where Yeshua was baptized by John. Stop in the Judean Wilderness to remember temptation of Yeshua, and the setting for his parable of the Good Samaritan. Then, up to Jerusalem! Tour the City of David excavations, Hezekiah’s tunnel (alternatively, the Canaanite Tunnel) and the Pool of Siloam . Visit Bethlehem to visit the traditional area of the “ shepherd’s fields ”. Welcome in the Sabbath together. Evening Lecture: Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period	Jerusalem, Eyal Hotel, or similar
7	March 18 (Saturday)	Enjoy a panoramic view over the city from the Mt. of Olives and then begin our study of the geography of Jerusalem, from its beginnings as a small Canaanite city state until the time it became Visit the traditional Garden of Gethsemane , and then take a walking tour through the Old City , stopping at the Pools of Bethesda (John 5), the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Garden Tomb . In the afternoon, travel to Herodion (Herod the Great’s palace and burial place). Free evening.	Jerusalem, Eyal Hotel or similar
8	March 19 (Sunday)	Learn about destructions, resettlement and subsequent growth of Jerusalem. Sites will include Tour the “ Herodian Mansions ” (the Wohl Museum) - the remains of first century homes, the Southwall Excavations and the Davidson Center . Stop at the Western Wall and then explore the Western Wall Tunnels . The afternoon is free for shopping in the Old City markets, walking on the Old City walls or visiting other sites of interest. Transfer to the airport for flights home. If planning to join the group transfer, please choose a flight that departs from Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv after 10pm (flights that leave just after midnight – on March 20 – are also good choices).	No hotel or dinner are included this night

The itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions, unforeseen events or at the discretion of the group leader for the good of the group.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Israel 8-day / 7-night tour	Price in USD
Price per person in a shared room for 2 people (land only)	\$1,990
Single room supplement (for a room on your own)	\$ 500
Fee for 3 academic credit hours (optional)	Price for DTS Students: \$450 (\$150/credit hour) Price for students of other institutions: \$750 (\$250 / credit hour)

Please note: The rates are based on a minimum of 15 passengers and are in US Dollars.
 The rates do NOT include flights

The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
2	Netanya	Residence
3	Sea of Galilee	Ohalo Manor (classic rooms)
2	Jerusalem	Eyal Hotel

RATE (LAND ONLY) INCLUDES:

- ▶ Arrival & departure transfers from the airport **as a group**. (Please choose a flight that arrives at Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv before 3pm of March 12, and departs from Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv after 10pm of March 19 (flights that leave just after midnight – on March 20 – are also good choices...).
- ▶ Seven nights’ accommodation in double rooms (additional payment for those requesting single rooms). Israeli breakfast and dinner daily (no dinner on the last day)
- ▶ Seven touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ▶ Four optional evening lectures
- ▶ Air-conditioned luxury tourist bus as per program
- ▶ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- ▶ Luggage loaders at hotels

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- ▶ Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to or from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv
- Travel Cancellation Insurance for tour package and flights
- Medical insurance (mandatory), valid in Israel
- Passport and visa fees if applicable (US citizens do not need to pay for Israeli visas, which are given upon entrance to Israel)
- Lunches
- 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 (currently no tests are required for entering Israel).

BOOKINGS AND RATES

- This tour is now guaranteed departure.
- Changes can occur in hotels. Changes in price may also be necessary, due to exchange rate fluctuations, up to 60 days before departure.
- If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single-room rates will apply.
- Registration should be done online at this link: <https://college.oneforisrael.org/biblical-geography-israel-study-tour-dts-2023/>
- Registration closes January 12, 2023.
- 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.

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PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- **Final Payment** should be made by December 24, 2023 at this link <https://app.icount.co.il/m/39e38>.
- 25% of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after January 24, 2023.
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after February 10, 2023.
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs after February 24, 2023.

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 and other issues (depending on the type of policy purchased). In addition, please check that your medical insurance covers you while you are in Israel, and specifically 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 a health declaration, proof of vaccination/recovery and a COVID19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of your flights, upon arrival in Israel and before departure from Israel (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 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

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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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