

April 22 – May 2, 2023
THE GATHERING & THE LORD'S CHILD
LAND OF ISRAEL STUDY TOUR
(with optional extension to Petra)

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
1	April 22 (Sat)	Depart USA to Tel Aviv. Overnight enroute	
2	April 23 (Sun)	Arrive in Israel in the late morning. Explore Jaffa , the ancient port city from which Jonah set sail, and which Peter visited – raising Tabitha from the dead and receiving the vision of the descending sheet (Acts 10). Rest up after the transatlantic flight and enjoy the beautiful Mediterranean beach front in Netanya.	Netanya, Mediterra Hotel or similar
3	April 24 (Mon)	Visit the Israel College of the Bible to learn about the current Messianic movement in Israel, and here testimonies from Arab and Jewish believers in Yeshua. Visit 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. Continue to Mount Carmel , site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal. Explore the Old Testament city of Megiddo , which gives its name to "Armageddon" of Revelation 16:16.	Sea of Galilee – Nof Ginosar or similar
4	April 25 (Tues) Memorial Day	Spend the morning around the Sea of Galilee, visiting the Mount of Beatitudes , traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7) and Jesus' ministry base at Capernaum . Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and view the ancient fishing boat from the time of Yeshua, found by the shore of the plain of Gennesaret. Lunch is traditional St. Peter's fish (included). End the day with a visit 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 or similar
5	April 26 (Wed)	Independence Day . Begin the day with a nature hike at Caesarea Philippi , site of Jesus' question to his disciples: "Who do men say that I am?" (Matt. 16). Ascend the Golan Heights where we will visit the Ben-Tal lookout over the Syrian border and discuss the battles in the area	Sea of Galilee – Nof Ginosar or similar

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during the 1967 and 1973 wars. End the day at the **Jordan River** where there will be an opportunity for baptisms.

6	April 27 (Thurs)	Follow the Jordan River down to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and then continue south to take a short hike at the oasis of Ein Gedi , where David hid from Saul. Ride the cable car up to Masada , where the last Jewish defenders held out against the Romans. There will be an opportunity to float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea .	Dead Sea, Prima Oasis Superior or similar
7	April 28 (Fri)	Travel through the Negev, with its varied ethnic communities. We will explore Tel Sheva , the ancient mound of Biblical Beer Sheva. Abraham planted at tamarisk tree during his sojourn there. Continue to the Judean lowlands, stopping at the Valley of Elah where David fought Goliath , and then continue to Bethlehem and the nearby shepherds' fields. Ascend to Jerusalem, for our first glimpse of the Holy City from the Haas Promenade. <i>"Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem"</i> (Psalm 122:2).	Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza, (Deluxe Rooms with New City View) or similar
8	April 29 (Sat)	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 . Visit the Pools of Bethesda (John 5), where Jesus healed the man paralyzed 38 years, and then explore the Old City. There will be free time in the bazaars of the Old City, or to visit some additional sites. Continue to the Israel Museum , which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and a marvelous 1:50 scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus.	Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza, (Deluxe Rooms with New City View) or similar
9	April 30 (Sun)	Ascend Temple Mount , where the holy temple once stood, now the site of the Muslim shrines of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Visit the Jewish Quarter , viewing the extensive archaeological excavations that have unearthed a wall built by King Hezekiah, mansions from the time of Jesus (housed in the Wohl Museum), and the Davidson Center , Herod's monumental entranceway to the Temple. Take time to pray at the Western Wall . Visit the City of David ,	Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza, (Deluxe Rooms with New City View) or similar

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. Tour the **Garden Tomb**, a peaceful place for our group to reflect on the Lord's death and resurrection and share communion together before our departure home. There will also be an opportunity to visit the **Friends of Zion Museum**.

9 **May 1 (Mon)** There will be an optional excursion to Yad VaShem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum. In the early afternoon, our bus will take us to the airport for flights home, with amazing memories of Israel and the Land of the Bible. **No hotel included this night**

10 **May 2 (Tues)** Arrive Home

Optional Extension to Jordan

9 **May 1 (Mon)** Transfer to **Allenby border** for border crossing formalities. Meet your Jordanian guide and driver and travel to Petra for dinner and overnight. **Petra, Grand View or Quattro or similar**

10 **May 2 (Tues)** Tour the majestic site of **Petra**. After lunch, continue to **Wadi Rum** (Siq um Tawaqi, via the sand dunes and Alameleh). Transfer to **Arava Border** to cross back to Israel from Aqaba to **Eilat**. **Eilat TBA**

11 **May 3 (Wed)** Enjoy a **free morning in Eilat**. Visit **Timna National Park, and the model of the Wilderness Tabernacle**. Transfer to **Ben Gurion airport** in Tel Aviv for flights back home. **No hotel provided this night**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Israel 9-day / 8-night tour (land only)	Price per person in US\$
Per person in a shared room (for 2 people)	2860
Per person in a single room	3900
Jordan optional 3 days / 2-nights extension	Additional cost in US\$
Extra per person in a shared room	990
Extra per person in a single room (a room alone)	1190

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Please note: The rates are based on a minimum of 25 passengers (Israel tour) and 15 passengers (Jordan optional) and are in **US Dollars**. If you are not traveling on the group flight, please **DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS** until informed by OFI staff that the trip has reached the minimum 25 passengers registered.

The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Netanya	Mediterre
3	Sea of Galilee	Nof Ginosar (Deluxe Rooms)
1	Dead Sea	Prima Oasis (Superior Rooms)
3	Jerusalem	Leonardo Plaza (Deluxe Rooms/New City Vies)
Jordan Optional Extension		
1	Petra, Jordan	Grand View or Petra Quattro
1	Eilat, Israel	Caesar

PORTION RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Arrival & departure transfers **as a group**.
- ✓ Eight 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 by the Sea of Galilee.
- ✓ Nine 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

THE ISRAEL PORTION 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 one mentioned on the itinerary)
- Sodas and alcohol at the hotels
- All expenses of a personal nature

JORDAN EXTENSION PRICE INCLUDES:

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- ✓ Transportation from Jerusalem to the border crossing into Jordan as a group on the first day of the extension and drop off at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv on the final day.
- ✓ Two nights' accommodation in a shared room (double or twin), additional payment for those requesting single rooms
- ✓ Breakfast each day, and dinner on the first and second days
- ✓ Lunch on the first and second days
- ✓ three touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ✓ Air-conditioned luxury tourist vehicle as per program
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Visa fees to enter Jordan and border taxes
- ✓ Luggage loaders at the hotels

JORDAN EXTENSION PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Tips and gratuities for guide, driver and hotel staff
- Lunch and dinner on the last day
- Sodas and alcohol at the hotels and with lunches
- All expenses of a personal nature

BOOKINGS AND RATES

- This tour requires a minimum of 25 paying participants 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) your deposit will be fully refunded.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- **Final Payment** should be made by Feb. 21, 2023
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after March 8, 2023.
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs after April 8, 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 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, or the government of your home country, may require COVID19-related documentation and testing (currently the Israeli government only requires proof of medical insurance valid in Israel).

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.

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,

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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.*