

April 27 – May 8, 2023

WEST EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH ISRAEL STUDY TOUR

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Israel College of the Bible invites you to join a study tour to Israel in which well-loved stories from the Bible will come alive as we explore the Land together from “Dan to Beersheba”. Enjoy ten days of rich fellowship encountering the land of God’s promises.

DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
1	April 27 Thursday	Depart Wichita at 3:11pm (UA 4487 to Chicago); Depart Chicago at 10:05pm (UA 140 to Tel Aviv).	En route
2	April 28 Friday	Upon arrival in Tel Aviv (5:20 pm), you’ll be met at the airport by your guide. Transfer by group bus and check into your hotel for a good night’s rest!	Netanya, Mediterra Hotel or similar

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<p>3 April 29 Saturday</p>	<p>Visit Caesarea Maritima to remember various stories from the Book of Acts: the conversion of Cornelius (Acts 10), Paul’s imprisonment (Acts 24) and his defense before the Roman governor and King Agrippa (Acts 26). Ascend Mt. Carmel, where Elijah faced-off against the Prophets of Baal. Tour the ruins of Megiddo, one of Solomon’s fortified cities (I Kings 9:15). Visit Gideon’s Spring (Judges 7). Our visit to Nazareth will include a tour of the famous “Nazareth Village”, which seeks to recreate the town from the time of Jesus, and the “Mt. of the Precipice”, with its spectacular view over the Jezreel Valley. Stop in Cana, where those who wish can renew their wedding vows. Continue to your hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee</p>	<p>Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Mansions or similar</p>
<p>4 April 30 Sunday</p>	<p>Ascend Mt. Arbel for a spectacular view over the Sea of Galilee. Those who feel adventurous can descend its cliff face via ladders. Tour the first century synagogue at Magdala. Take a boat ride on the lake, and a stop at the first century fishing boat found buried in mud by the lake shore, before returning to your hotel on the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy a lunch of “St. Peter’s Fish” (included). Visit other sites around the Sea of Galilee connected with Jesus’ ministry, such as Capernaum, the Mt. of Beatitudes (Matt. 5-7), “Peter’s Fishing Place” (John 21) and Kursi (Matt. 8:28-34). There will be an opportunity to stop at the Jordan River.</p>	<p>Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Mansions or similar</p>
<p>5 May 1 Monday</p>	<p>Journey to the northern border near Lebanon and take a nature walk at Tel Dan (Judges 18). Recall Jesus’ conversation with his disciples at Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16:13ff). Ascend to the Golan Heights. There will be an opportunity to learn about the complexities of the modern middle east overlooking the borders of Lebanon and Syria</p>	<p>Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Mansions or similar</p>

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| 6 | May 2
Tuesday | Stop at the impressive remains of the Decapolis city of Scythopolis/Beth Shean (1 Sam. 31). Stop in the Judean Wilderness for a panoramic view over the “Good Samaritan Road”. Tour Qumran , the area in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Hike through the oasis of Ein Gedi where David hid from Saul (1 Sam 24). The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy floating in the Dead Sea . | Dead Sea, David Hotel or similar |
| 7 | May 3
Wednesday | Ascend by cable car to Masada , Herod’s amazing wilderness palace and the site of a dramatic standoff against the Romans. Tour Tel Arad , with its Old Testament period fortress. 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. Those who wish will have the opportunity to take a short camel trek in the Judean Wilderness followed by a beduin style lunch (included) . Visit the archaeological remains of the ancient city of Beersheba , where Abraham made a covenant with the Lord (Genesis 15). Visit the valley where David fought Goliath . | Sergei Palace or similar |
| 8 | May 4
Thursday | Ascend to the Temple Mount , today the site of the Islamic Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque. 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. Visit Bethlehem , including a traditional shepherd’s cave. | Jerusalem – Sergei Palace or similar |

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<p>9 May 5 Friday</p>	<p>Visit the archaeology under the Jewish Quarter (the “Herodian Mansions”), Hezekiah’s “Broad Wall” (Isaiah 22:9) and the Byzantine Cardo. Tour the Temple Institute, and then pray at the Western Wall. Explore the underground excavation along the face of Herod’s temple platform (Western Wall Tunnels). Those who wish can welcome in the Sabbath at the Western Wall.</p>	<p>Jerusalem – Sergei Palace or similar</p>
<p>10 May 6 Saturday</p>	<p>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. 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. Those who wish can have an afternoon free to browse the colorful Old City markets.</p>	<p>Jerusalem – Sergei Palace or similar</p>
<p>11 May 7 Sunday</p>	<p>Visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum to hear the story of a Holocaust survivor. Tour 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. Continue to Jaffa (New Testament Joppa), Enjoy a farewell dinner before continuing to the airport to check in for your flight home.</p>	<p>No hotel this night</p>
<p>12 May 8 Monday</p>	<p>Depart at 12:50 am UA 141 to Chicago, UA 4561 to Wichita arriving at 10:50 am</p>	

The itinerary may be changed due to weather or security conditions, or at the discretion of the guide and the group leader, for the good of the group.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Israel 10-day / 9-night tour (+ 2 travel days) Land Only	Price per person in US\$
Per person in a shared room (for 2 people) WITH FLIGHTS from Wichita to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv	\$4800
Per person in a single room WITH FLIGHTS from Wichita to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv.	\$5820
Per person in a shared room (for 2 people) WITHOUT FLIGHTS	\$3150
Per person in a single room WITHOUT FLIGHTS	\$4170

Please note: The rates are based on a minimum of 20 passengers.

The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:

Number of Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Netanya	Mediterra Azimut
3	Sea of Galilee	Ohalo
1	Dead Sea	David
4	Jerusalem	Sergei Palace

RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Arrival & departure transfers to and from the airport in Tel Aviv **as a group**.
- ✓ Nine 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, Beduin-style lunch in the Negev, Farewell dinner.
- ✓ Ten 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
- ✓ Headsets to hear the guide from a distance
- ✓ Luggage loaders at the airport upon arrival, and at hotels
- ✓ Tips and gratuities for guide, driver and hotel staff

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THE RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- 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 and at group lunches
- All expenses of a personal nature

BOOKINGS AND RATES

- This tour requires a minimum of 20 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.)
- **If not traveling on the group flight, please do not book your flights until the tour reaches the minimum number of tour participants and “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**. The **price of the group flight** may increase due to fuel surcharges and additional taxes.
- 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 February 1, 2023**
- 75% of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel **after March 1, 2023**
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel **after March 30, 2023**.
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation **occurs after April 13, 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.*

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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 (currently only proof of medical insurance valid in Israel is required).

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, 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.

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- 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.*