

January 31-February 12, 2023

GEOGRAPHY OF THE BIBLE TOUR

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Israel College of the Bible invites you to join an in-depth study tour focusing on the geography of the Land of the Bible.

ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
0	Jan 31 (Tuesday)	Depart from the USA for overnight flights to Israel	enroute
1	Feb 1 (Wednesday)	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where your guide will meet you. Please choose flights that arrive in Israel before 2pm (Israel time) in order to join the group transportation to our first destination. Visit Israel College of the Bible for a welcome to Israel. Tour the college to learn about the vision of ONE FOR ISRAEL for evangelism, discipleship and leadership training. Transfer to your hotel in Netanya for dinner and a good night's rest on the shores of the Mediterranean.	Netanya, Seasons Hotel of Similar
2	Feb 2 (Thursday)	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. 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. Visit Nazareth Village , a reenactment of life in first century Nazareth. At the end of the day relax overlooking the Sea of Galilee.	Sea of Galilee, Maagan Eden Holiday Village, or similar
3	February 3 (Friday)	Explore the region of Caesarea Philippi (Matt 16:13) on the slopes of the Golan Heights. Visit Tel Dan on the border with Lebanon and walk to the site of Jeroboam's temple to the golden calf.. In the afternoon, spend the morning 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).	Sea of Galilee Maagan Eden Holiday Village, or similar
4	February 4 (Saturday)	Travel through the Jezreel Valley the scene of many Biblical events: 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	Dead Sea Region – Kalya Guest House

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Nain. Stop at **Tel Jezreel**, site of Ahab and Jezebel’s summer palace (I Kings 21), and **Gideon’s Spring** (Judges 7), where he tested his men. Follow the Jordan River to the area near Jericho where **Yeshua was baptized** by John. Pass Jericho and stop in the **Judean Wilderness** to remember temptation of Yeshua, and the setting for his parable of the Good Samaritan. Descend to the **Dead Sea** the lowest point on earth. There will be an opportunity to float in the **Dead Sea**.

5	February 5 (Sunday)	Tour Qumran , in the area of the Judean Wilderness where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Visit the oasis of Ein Gedi (1 Sam 24 – David hides from Saul) and explore Herod’s spectacular mountain fortress, Masada . Continue south along the Arava Valley to Eilat. In the evening meet with John and Judy Pex , who will give their testimony of their pioneering ministry over 40 years in this town.	Eilat, Caesar Hotel or similar
6	February 6 (Monday)	Free morning in Eilat to snorkel in the Red Sea, or visit the Underwater Observatory to view the multi-colored fish that live on the coral reef (on your own). Leaving Eilat drive north to Timna , a major center for copper production in antiquity. Tour the full-size model of the Tabernacle there. Travel north through the Negev wilderness to the Ramon Crater.	Mizpeh Ramon, Even Derech (with meals at Ramon Suites), or similar
7	February 7 (Tuesday)	Enjoy a short hike at En Avdat (part of the Biblical Wilderness of Zin, the southern border of the Promised Land). Tour Tel Beersheba , where Abraham dug a well and cut a covenant with the Lord. Travel through the Shephelah, stopping in the Elah Valley where David fought Goliath. Then, up to Jerusalem	Jerusalem, Prima Royale or similar
8	February 8 (Wednesday)	Enjoy a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives. Descend the hill to the traditional Garden of Gethsemane . Stop at the Western Wall and then take a guided tour of the Western Wall Tunnels . Visit the Sorhwall Excavations and then tour the City of David excavations, Hezekiah’s tunnel (alternatively, the Canaanite Tunnel) and the Pool of Siloam .	Jerusalem, Prima Royale or similar
9	February 9 (Thursday)	Travel to Shiloh , where Hannah prayed for a son at the Tabernacle (I Sam 1) and to Mt. Gerizim , with its amazing view over Biblical Shechem and remnants of the Samaritan temple (John 4).	Jerusalem, Prima Royale or similar
10	February 10 (Friday)	There will be 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) and to Bethlehem to visit the traditional area of the “ shepherd’s fields ”. Welcome Shabbat together with hallah and wine.	Jerusalem, Prima Royale or similar

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11	February 11 (Saturday)	Free day in Jerusalem. Option to attend a Messianic Jewish Congregation. If you have an evening flight transfer to the airport for flights home; if your flights are on Sunday, spend one more night in Jerusalem.	Jerusalem, Prima Royale or similar
12	February 12 (Sunday)	Arrive home (or to your next destination)	No hotel 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Israel 10-day / 11-night tour (land only)	Price per person in US\$
Per person in a shared room (for 2 people)	\$2930
Per person in a single room	\$3860

Please note: The rates are based on a minimum of 13 passengers.

The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Netanya	Seasons
2	Sea of Galilee	Maagan Eden
1	Dead Sea	Kalya
1	Eilat	Caesar
1	Mitzpe Ramon	Even Derech
5	Jerusalem	Prima Royale

RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Arrival & departure transfers **as a group.**
- ✓ 11 nights' accommodation in a shared room (double or twin), additional payment for those requesting single rooms (a room on their own)
- ✓ Israeli breakfast and dinner daily
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Luggage loaders at the airport upon arrival, and at hotels
- ✓ Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff

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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.
- 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

BOOKINGS AND RATES

- Registration is closed – but there may still be a few places available
- Please register at this link <https://college.oneforisrael.org/bjoraker-tour-registration/>. At the end of the registration form you will be asked to confirm your registration with a \$200 non-refundable deposit.
- This tour requires a minimum of 15 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 itinerary and/or hotels will be altered, or the tour will be cancelled)
- 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 is required to secure 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 December 15, 2022.
- 50% or total tour cost will be refunded if you cancel before January 15, 2022
- 0 % of total tour cost will be refunded if cancellation occurs after January 15, 2022

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

We strongly advise you to purchase **travel cancellation insurance** for your trip to Israel. The purpose of travel insurance is to cover your expenses in case of cancellation due to unforeseen health emergencies 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. *ICB Tours shall not be liable or responsible for any injury, sickness, loss or damage to any person or property cause by 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 (currently no testing or documentation is required).

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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.
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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.*