

November 11-18, 2023

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ARCHAEOLOGY 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 archaeology of the Land of the Bible.

ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
	Nov. 10 (Friday)	Travel Day (if needed)	Enroute
1	Nov 11 (Saturday)	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport , outside of Tel Aviv. Meet your guide and the rest of the group.	Netanya, Residence Hotel or similar
2	Nov 12 (Sunday)	Attend Introductory Lectures at Israel College of the Bible: 1) <i>The History of the Archaeology of the Land of the Bible</i> 2) <i>Archaeology of the early periods (Neolithic, Chalcolithic, and Early Bronze periods)</i> A complimentary lunch will be provided this day. Visit Tel Aphek and Izbet Sarta (possibly Biblical Ebenezer), as well as Old Jaffa (New Testament Joppa) .	Judean Lowlands, Neve Shalom Guest House or similar
3	Nov 13 (Monday)	Tour sites in the Shephelah (Judean Lowlands) including Tel Gezer (1 Kings 9:15, 16), Tel Beth Shemesh (1 Sam 6), Tel Azekah (Josh 10:10-11, 2 Chron. 11:9), Khirbet Qeiyafa (overlooking the David and Goliath Valley). Evening Lecture: <i>Archaeology of the Middle Bronze and Late Bronze Periods.</i>	Judean Lowlands, Neve Shalom Guest House or similar
4	Nov 14 (Tuesday)	Continue to explore the Shephelah visiting: Tel Maresha / Beit Guvrin – tour and Dig for a Day. Tel Lakhish (Josh 10:3, 31-33; 2 Kings 18:14-17), Kh. Er-Rai (one of the suggested locations of Ziklag, 1 Sam 27:6, 30:1). Evening Lecture: <i>Archaeology of the Iron Age</i>	Arad Inbar Hotel or similar

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5	Nov 15 (Wednesday)	Explore excavations in the Negev: Tel Sheva (Gen 21 and 26), Ein Avdat (Wilderness of Zin, Num 34:3), Avdat (Nabatean spice route), Tel Arad (Num 21:1-3). Evening Lecture: <i>Archaeology of the Second Temple Period</i>	Arad Inbar Hotel or similar
6	Nov 16 (Thursday)	Climb the Roman Ramp at Masada , to explore one of Herod's wilderness fortresses, and setting of the last stand of Jewish rebels against the Romans in 73 CE. Explore the oasis of Ein Gedi with its pools and waterfalls, including hiking up to the Chalcolithic temple. Tour Qumran find spot of the Dead Sea Scrolls. End the day with a float in the Dead Sea and then, UP TO JERUSALEM! Evening Lecture: <i>Archaeology of the Life of Yeshua</i>	Jerusalem, Montifiore Hotel or similar
7	Nov 17 (Friday)	Participate in the Temple Mount Sifting Project . Tour the Israel Museum , viewing the model of Second Period Jerusalem, the Shrine of the book (where portions of the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, and a guided tour of the archaeology wing. In the afternoon, there will be an optional walking tour of the Old City or free time to browse the Old City bazaars.	Jerusalem, Montifiore Hotel or similar
8	Nov 18 (Saturday)	Day trip to the Galilee, visiting Beth Shean , one of the Decapolis cities, Susita (remains of the Decapolis city of Hippos) and Sepphoris , capital of the Galilee during the early Herodian period. In the late afternoon transfer to the airport for flights home. (Please choose flights that depart after 10 pm , to allow time for security procedures at the airport).	No hotel included this night, unless you are staying for the OPTIONAL extension
9	Nov. 19 -23 (Sunday-Thursday)	OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION	Three nights in a hotel in the Sea of Galilee area (TBA)

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 (not including flights)
Price per person in a shared, 2-person, room	\$2090 (or \$1990 for those registering before June 1)
Fee for 3 academic credit hours (optional)	For DTS Students: \$450 (\$150/credit hour) For students of other institutions: \$750 (\$250/ credit hour)
Single room supplement (extra for a room on your own)	\$510

Please note: The rates are based on a minimum of 15 passengers.
 For those interested in staying for 3 additional days of excavations, please contact us for pricing

The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Netanya	Residence
2	Shefela	Neve Shalom
2	Arad	Inbar
2	Jerusalem	Montifiori

RATE (LAND ONLY) FOR THE STUDY TOUR INCLUDES:

- ▶ Arrival & departure transfers to and from the airport **as a group.**
- ▶ Seven nights' accommodation in a two-person room (additional payment for those requesting rooms on their own)
- ▶ Israeli breakfast and dinner daily
- ▶ Lunch on Sunday Nov 12.
- ▶ Seven touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ▶ Air-conditioned tourist bus as per program
- ▶ Entrance fees to sites mentioned on the itinerary
- ▶ Luggage loaders at hotels

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RATE FOR THE ISRAEL STUDY TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to or from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv
- Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff (**\$140** – to be brought in cash and given to an ICB staff member on the first evening)
- Travel Cancellation Insurance for tour package and flights
- Medical insurance (mandatory), valid in Israel
- Passport and visa fees for Israel, if applicable (US citizens do not need to pay for Israeli visas, which are given upon entry to Israel)
- Lunches (except the one mentioned on the itinerary)
- Sodas and alcohol at the hotels and all expenses of a personal nature

BOOKINGS AND RATES

- This tour requires a minimum of 15 paying participants (for the main tour) for the quoted prices to be available. In case of less passengers, on the day registration closes (Aug. 11) notification will be given regarding the increase in price per passenger, or the itinerary and/or the hotels will be altered. Alternatively, the tour will with be cancelled and a full refund given.
- **Please do not book your flights until the minimum number of participants is reached and “guaranteed departure” for the tour is confirmed.**
- Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control
- Changes in price due to exchange rate fluctuations, up until the day of final payment.
- If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single room rates will apply.
- Registration can be done online, at this link: TBA
Please indicate in the comments if you would like to join the post-tour excavations

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- 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. If the tour needs to be cancelled due to lack of minimum participants on the day that registration closes, your deposit will be fully refunded.
- **Final Payment** should be made by Sept 11, 2023. A link will be provided
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after Sept 26, 2023.
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs after Oct 26, 2023.

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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. 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.

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.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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

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