

June 10-24, 2024

BIBLICAL ISRAEL STUDY TOUR

Hosted by **Susanne Whitlock**

Israel College of the Bible invites you to join an in-depth Biblical studies tour focusing on the geography and history of the Land of the Bible, hosted by Susanne Whitlock. Study the scriptures together, in the locations where the Children of Israel, David and Jesus walked.

ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
0	June 10 Monday	Depart Nashville airport for your flight to Israel	In flight
1	June 11 Tuesday	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv. Your guide will meet you and assist you to transfer to your hotel on the coast by group bus. This evening begins the Jewish festival of Shavuot (the Feast of Weeks/Pentacost).	TBA
2	June 12 Wednesday Shavuot	Tour Caesarea Maritima , where the centurion Cornelius heard the gospel and Paul stood trial before governors Felix and Festus (Acts 24 and 26). Visit the traditional cave of Elijah and then continue along the Mt. Carmel ridge to Mukhraqa to remember Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal and Asherah. Tour Zippori , the capital city of the Galilee during Jesus' boyhood, followed by a visit to Nazareth Village , a recreation of village life at the time of Jesus. End the day at the Mount of the Precipice , overlooking the Jezreel Valley. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.	TBA, Sea of Galilee region
3	June 13 Thursday	At Tel Dan stroll along the stream to the ancient temple where the Jeroboam I set up one of the Golden Calves (1 Kings 12). Visit the region of Caesarea Philippi (Matt 16:13). Continue to the Golan Heights , for a view into Syria and of Mt. Hermon.	TBA, Sea of Galilee region
4	June 14 Friday	Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee . View the remains of the fishing boat from the first century AD . Visit Caperanaum , Jesus' base during his ministry years. Take time to read the scriptures together at the Mount of Beatitudes (remembering the Sermon on the Mount, Matt 5-7), at Tabgha (the breakfast on the beach after the resurrection, John 21, and the multiplication of the loaves and fishes) and at Korazin (Matt 11:21). As time permits visit sites on the east side of the lake such as Bethsaida (hometown of Andrew, Simon and Philip, as well as the primary town of	TBA, Sea of Galilee region

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Geshur in the Hebrew scriptures), **Kursi** (casting the demons into pigs). If time permits, end the day at the hot springs of **Hammat Tiberias**.

5	June 15 Saturday	Ascend Mt. Tabor to remember Yeshua’s transfiguration (Matt 17) and tour Megiddo , one of King Solomon’s key cities, often associated with Armageddon of the book of Revelations. Stop at the Harod Spring where Gideon tested his men, and then explore the ruins at Beth Shean , where the Philistine’s displayed Saul’s body; in New Testament times, it was the Decapolis city of Scythopolis. End the day with an opportunity for baptisms in the Jordan River . Then UP TO JERUSALEM!	Jerusalem, Grand Court or similar
6	June 16 Sunday	Visit the church at Bethpage , where Jesus set out on his triumphal entry on Palm Sunday. Enjoy a panoramic view over the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and then walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane . Tour the City of David , including an opportunity to walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel (or the Canaanite dry tunnel) and the Pool of Siloam . View the traditional location of Akeldama (Field of Blood). Ascend to the Southwall Excavations . In the afternoon, visit Bethlehem , where you’ll visit the traditional shepherd’s fields and discuss Migdal Eder, as well as the traditional location of Rachel’s Tomb .	Jerusalem, Grand Court or similar
7	June 17 Monday	Ascend to the Temple Mount , where the Temple once stood, now the compound of the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque. Spend time at the Western Wall and the Western Wall Tunnels . Visit the Pools of Bethesda and walk through the Old City to Damascus Gate. Visit Jeremiah’s Grotto . Tour and share communion at the Garden Tomb . In the Jewish Quarter you’ll view the golden Menorah and tour the Temple Institute in the Jewish Quarter. End the day at Christ Church visitor’s center .	Jerusalem, Grand Court or similar
8	June 18 Tuesday	Tour Tel Shiloh , where the tabernacle once stood, and Hannah prayed for a son. Visit Mount Gerizim , with its panoramic view into Shechem, and remnants of the Samaritans, living clustered around the site of their former temple. Tour the national park that contains the well-preserved remains of the Second Temple period Samaritan city. Visit the nearby community of Hayovel. Continue to Sebasteiya (the capital of the Northern Kingdom, Samaria). If time permits, stop at Bethel on the way back to Jerusalem.	Jerusalem, Grand Court or similar
9	June 19 Wednesday	Free Day in Jerusalem for shopping, resting, and visiting other sites of interest on your own, such as David’s Citadel Museum, Ramparts Walk, Mahane Yehuda Market, the Friends of Zion Museum and more.	Jerusalem, Grand Court or similar

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9	June 20 Thursday	Tour Herodion , Herod the Great’s magnificent palace and burial site. Visit Hebron , where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were buried. Return to Jerusalem to visit Ein Kerem (traditional birthplace of John the Baptist), Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Memorial Museum) and the Israel Museum , with its amazing model of Jerusalem at the time of Yeshua, and the display of some of the Dead Sea Scrolls .	Jerusalem, Grand Court or similar
10	June 21 Friday	Visit Qumran in the area where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Hike in the beautiful oasis of Ein Gedi where David hid from Saul (1 Sam 24). Tour Masada , Herod the Great’s magnificent palace-fortress. On our way, discuss the location of Sodom and Gomorrah. At the end of the day there will be an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea .	Royal, En Bokek, Dead Sea Region or similar
11	June 22 Saturday	Travel south to the Arava Border crossing into Jordan. There your Jordanian guide will meet you and take you to the amazing Nabatean city of Petra. Explore the ruins and then return to Eilat. Enjoy an evening stroll down the beach-front promenade.	Eilat, Nova Like, or similar
12	June 23 Sunday	Today you’ll explore the Negev wilderness and the Judean Lowlands, with stops at Tel Beersheba (where Abraham planted a tamarisk tree), the valley of Elah (David and Goliath), Tel es-Safi (Gath of the Philistines), and Jaffa (New Testament Joppa – Acts 10).	Prima City, Tel Aviv, or similar
13	June 24 Monday	Transfer to the airport for flights home	

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 13-day / 12-night tour	Price in USD
Price per person in a shared room for 2 people (land only)	\$ 4140
Single room supplement (additional cost for a room on your own)	\$ 1500

Please note: The rates do NOT include flights. The rates are based on a minimum of 15 paying participants and are in US Dollars. **Please do not book flights** (other than signing up for the group flight) until the tour has gathered the minimum number of participants.

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The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Coast	TBA
3	Sea of Galilee	TBA
6	Jerusalem	Grand Court
1	Dead Sea	Royal
1	Eilat	Nova Like
1	Tel Aviv-Yafo	Prima City

RATE INCLUDES:

- ▶ Arrival & departure transfers from the Tel Aviv airport **as a group**. (Individuals arriving or departing at other times will be responsible to pay for their own transportation to and from the airport).
- ▶ Thirteen nights’ accommodation in double rooms (additional payment for those requesting single rooms). Israeli breakfast and dinner daily.
- ▶ Eleven touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide (plus one day free to explore on your own).
- ▶ Air-conditioned luxury tourist bus as per program
- ▶ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- ▶ Luggage loaders at hotels
- ▶ Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff (to be brought in cash)

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

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BOOKINGS AND RATES:

- 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](#)
- Registration closes February 10 (or earlier, if the tour is full).
- A non-refundable deposit of **\$300 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, or you will be given the option of paying an increased price for the tour.
- Please do not book non-refundable flights until the group has reached its minimum number of participants and is “guaranteed departure”

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- **Final Payment** should be made by March 10, 2024
- 25% of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after April 10
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after April 26
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs after May 26, 2024.

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

We strongly advise you to purchase **travel cancellation insurance** for your trip to Israel.

Cancellation insurance for the cost of your tour package should cover 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 if not, purchase additional coverage. Israel College of the Bible 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.

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:

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