

November 24- December 1, 2024  
**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. Participants are invited to join 2 introductory lectures on zoom prior to the tour:

**ITINERARY**

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
	Nov. 23 (Saturday)	Travel Day (if needed)	Enroute
<b>1</b>	Nov 24 (Sunday)	Arrive at <b>Ben Gurion Airport</b> , outside of Tel Aviv and transfer to Jerusalem. In the evening there will be an <b>orientation meeting</b> to meet the rest of the group.	Jerusalem, Caesar Hotel or similar
<b>2</b>	Nov 25 (Monday)	Participate in the <b>Temple Mount Sifting Project</b> . Tour the <b>Israel Museum</b> , 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 <b>walking tour</b> of the Old City <b>or free time</b> to browse the Old City bazaars <i>Evening Lecture: Archaeology of the Second Temple Period</i>	Jerusalem Caesar Hotel or similar
<b>3</b>	Nov 26 (Tuesday)	Tour sites in the Shephelah (Judean Lowlands) including <b>Tel Gezer</b> (1 Kings 9:15, 16), <b>Tel Beth Shemesh</b> (1 Sam 6), <b>Tel Azekah</b> (Josh 10:10-11, 2 Chron. 11:9), <b>Khirbet Qeiyafa</b> (overlooking the David and Goliath Valley). <b>Evening Lecture:</b> Neolithic, Chalcolithic and Early Bronze periods.	Jerusalem Caesar Hotel or similar
<b>4</b>	Nov 27 Wednesday	Continue to explore the Shephelah. Visit <b>Tel Maresha /Beit Guvrin</b> – tour and participate in “ <i>Dig for a Day</i> ”. <b>Continue to Tel Lakhish</b> (Josh 10:3, 31-33; 2 Kings 18:14-	Judean Wilderness, Kfar Nokdim or similar

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17). Pass **Kh. Er-Rai** (one of the suggested locations of Ziklag, 1 Sam 27:6, 30:1), Explore **Tel Arad** (Num 21:1-3) if time permits.

**Evening Lecture:** *Archaeology of the Middle Bronze and Late Bronze Periods.*

5	Nov 28 (Thursday)	Climb the Roman Ramp at <b>Masada</b> , 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 <b>Ein Gedi</b> with its pools and waterfalls, including hiking up to the Chalcolithic temple. <b>Tour Metzad Hezeva (Biblical Tamar)</b>	Ein Hezeva Field School or similar
<b>Evening Lecture: Evening Lecture:</b> <i>Archaeology of the Iron Age</i>			
6	Nov 29 (Friday)	Visit Timna, a center for copper production in the southern Levant. Tour a life-size replica of the Tabernacle and the Midianite Temple. Cross into Jordan, Wadi Rum.	Wadi Rum – Al Sultana /Rum Oasis camp or similar
7	Nov 30 (Saturday)	Morning – explore Wadi Rum, and then travel to Petra – Archaeology museum and site tour. Return to Israel.	Eilat Nova Like or similar
8	Dec 1 (Sunday)	Travel north, stopping at several excavations in the Negev: <b>Avdat</b> (Nabatean spice route), <b>Ein Avdat</b> (Wilderness of Zin, Num 34:3), <b>Tel Sheva</b> (Gen 21 and 26). <b>Farewell dinner and a tour of Old Jaffa, including the visitor's center.</b> Those leaving this evening will transfer to the airport for flights departing at 11:00 pm or later.	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.*

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Israel 8-day / 7-night tour	Price in USD
Price per person in a <b>shared room for 2 people (land only)</b>	<b>\$2,580</b>
<b>Special discount</b> for those also joining the Biblical Geography tour (Nov 17-24, 2024)	<b>- 200</b>
<b>Single room</b> supplement (for a room on your own)	<b>\$ 540</b>

Fee for 3 **academic credit** hours (optional)

**Price for DTS Students:**  
**\$450 (\$150/credit hour)**

**Price for students of other institutions:**  
**\$750 (\$250 / credit hour)**

**Please note:** The rates are in US Dollars and do NOT include flights

**The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:**

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
<b>3</b>	Jerusalem	Caesar
<b>1</b>	Judean Wilderness	Kfar Nokdim (private rooms)
<b>1</b>	Arava	Ein Hezeva Field School
<b>1</b>	Wadi Rum	Al-Sultana / Rum Oasis Camp
<b>1</b>	Eilat	Nova Like

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### **RATE (LAND ONLY) INCLUDES:**

- ▶ Arrival & departure transfers from the airport **as a group**. Please wait to book your flight until a staff member confirms that the trip has gathered the 15 participants necessary.
- ▶ Seven nights' accommodation in double rooms (There is an additional payment required for those requesting a room on their own). Israeli breakfast and dinner daily (except for dinner on the last day)
- ▶ Seven touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ▶ Visa for Jordan, and border crossing fees
- ▶ 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
- Medical insurance (mandatory), valid in Israel
- Visa fees **for Israel if applicable** according to the nationality of your passport (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**

- This tour is still gathering the minimum 15 participants needed for it to be “guaranteed departure”.
- Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control. 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 August 10, 2024 (or earlier, if the tour is full).

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- 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.

### PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- **Final Payment** should be made by August 17, 2024
- 25% of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel 90-60 days before departure
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel 60-30 days before departure
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel 30-0 days before departure

### 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). 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. Israel College of the Bible Tours offers no coverage or compensation of any kind in cases stated above, nor for cancellations or inability to travel.

In addition, please check that your medical insurance covers you while you are in Israel.

### 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.



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