

# The Holy Land ~ A Biblical Seminar

First Baptist Church of Brenham, with Pastor Ross Shelton

**April 30 - May 13, 2024**



*Roundtrip Airfare*

*Deluxe Hotels*

*Daily Breakfast*

*Executive Coach*

*Transportation*

*Group Dinners*

*Aviv Herzlich  
Tour Guide*

*Eric & Laura  
Tour Managers*

*Tel Aviv*

*Caesarea*

*Nazareth*

*Sea of Galilee*

*Capernaum*

*River Jordan*

*Jerusalem*

*Bethlehem*

*Dead Sea*

*Qumran*



JERUSALEM'S DOME OF THE ROCK AND WESTERN WALL, ABOVE, AND AN AQUEDUCT IN CAESAREA

## 2024 HOLY LAND TOUR

### ITINERARY

#### - APRIL 30 — TRAVEL

We fly from Houston IAH to Tel Aviv. We check-in for our flight three hours before departure. We arrive Israel the following day. [Flight TBA]

#### - MAY 1 — OLD TOWN JAFFA

Suma Hotel Jaffa \*\*\*\*

Upon arrival we will be greeted by our tour guide, Aviv. Our coach takes us to our hotel where we will enjoy a welcome beverage, light refreshments, and short orientation. Enjoy the quaint streets and restaurants.

#### - MAY 2 — OLD TOWN JAFFA

After a delicious traditional breakfast spread, at 9:30 AM, we will have a guided walking tour of historic Jaffa. We learn of Peter raising Tabitha from the dead, Jonah, and the importance of Joppa as a trade town. [B]

#### - MAY 3 — CAESAREA & MT. CARMEL

Hotel in Nazareth or by Sea of Galilee \*\*\*\*

At 9am we load our coach and drive to Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in honor of Augustus Caesar and considered the traditional site of Paul's imprisonment before his trial in Rome. We will visit Mt. Carmel, where we enjoy a great view of the Jezreel Valley, Mt. Carmel, and Nain. We take time to remind ourselves of the Biblical accounts of these places. We check into our hotel in Nazareth or by the Sea of Galilee, freshen up, and enjoy a traditional Israeli dinner in the hotel restaurant. [B,L\$20,D]



SUNRISE OVER THE SEA OF GALILEE, WHERE YOU WILL ENJOY A RELAXING BOAT RIDE OFFERING TIME TO PONDER THE STORIES OF JESUS CALLING FISHERMEN TO FOLLOW HIM, PREACHING FROM A BOAT, AND CALMING THE STORMY WAVES.

#### - MAY 4 — TEL DAN & CAESAREA PHILIPPI

We coach to Caesarea Philippi and see the ancient town where Jesus and his disciples ministered. We visit Abraham's gate. We learn of the twelve tribes of Israel at Tel Dan. We visit a local olive orchard, enjoy a tour, and take time for shopping before we return to our hotel. [B,L\$20,D]

#### - MAY 5 — NAZARETH

At 9:30am we will enjoy a guided walking tour of the quaint old town of Nazareth. We will visit archeological sites that inform us of the infrastructure in Nazareth at the time of Jesus. We'll sit down with a local shopkeeper who will demonstrate Middle Eastern traditions and cultures through word and song. In the afternoon, we go to Nazareth Village, an incredible outdoor museum that depicts the daily life and business of Nazareth during the time of Jesus. [B,D]



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### - MAY 6 — THE SEA OF GALILEE

At 9am we drive through Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We will enjoy a beautiful boat tour on the Sea of Galilee. We will enjoy a catch of the day fish lunch. After lunch, we will visit Capernaum, the site of Jesus' teachings and the remains of a second-century synagogue. We will visit Magdala, the newest, and perhaps most important first century archeological site. It is also the site of a modern church built on the remains of a first-century Synagogue, where we celebrate communion. We will also visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount', overlooking the Sea of Galilee [B,L\$20,D]

### - MAY 7 — RIVER JORDAN TO JERUSALEM

Gloria Hotel in the Christian Quarter \*\*\*

We begin our day at the River Jordan, where we remember the baptism of our Lord. We continue to Mt. Tabor, one of the presumed sites for the Transfiguration. We take time for lunch before we visit Megiddo, one of the most important archeological excavations in Israel. We continue our drive through the Judean Desert. We ascend to Jerusalem, where we will check-in to the Gloria Hotel, located in the Christian Quarter by the Jaffa Gate. Breakfast and dinner is included every morning and evening at our hotel inside the walls of the Holy City. [B,L\$20,D]

### - MAY 8 — JERUSALEM

Enjoy a traditional breakfast in the city of Jerusalem. At 9am, we begin our day with a guided walking tour of Jerusalem. We will see the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock, and we walk sections of the Stations of the Cross that leads us to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where we sit and ponder for a few minutes. Lunch is on our own and we leave a little time for shopping. Afterwards, we will visit to the church of the Holy Sepulchre, if the lines are long into the sepulchre, you may wait and go early in the morning when the lines are shorter. The rest of the day will be at your own leisure and pace. [B,D]

### - MAY 9 — JERUSALEM MUSEUMS

We tour the Israeli Museum from 9 AM - 1 PM In the afternoon we will enjoy a little free time to shop in the Holy City. Walk through the narrow streets at your own pace and take in the various sounds and smells. You might also want to explore the City of David excavation site today as well, or the Davidson Center. [B,D]

### - MAY 10 — JERUSALEM

At 9am, we begin the day with a drive to the beautiful Mount of Olives to behold the breath-taking panorama of the Holy City. Then we descend (walking or coach) to Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove, where tradition holds that Jesus prayed prior to his arrest and crucifixion. We drive to Bethlehem where we have lunch by Shepherd's Field, we visit the Church of the Nativity. We take time to shop at the olive wood factory in Bethlehem, before returning to our hotel in Jerusalem. [B,L\$20,D]



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### - MAY 11 — QUMRAN, THE DEAD SEA & MASADA

At 8am, our coach-driver will take us to the Dead Sea Basin where we will visit Qumran to explore the area where the Dead Sea sect established a community and we'll see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We'll drive to Masada and ascend this wilderness mountain fortress in a cable car, walk through the remains of the palace, water cisterns and fortifications built by King Herod and hear about the Zealots who lived here until the bitter end. There is a food court at Masada where we will have lunch. Bring a swim suit if you want to float on the Dead Sea. We will celebrate our tour with a group dinner at our hotel restaurant at 6pm. [B,L\$20,D]



THE DEAD SEA



QUMRAN

### - MAY 12 — JERUSALEM

At 9am, we'll have a short hike to Mount Zion where we see King David's Tomb, the site of The Upper Room. We visit the church of St. Anne by the Pool of Bethesda. We conclude our walking tour by visiting the Garden of the Empty Tomb, where we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. [B,D]

### - MAY 13 — FLIGHT HOME

Our fabulous tour of the Holy Land must unfortunately come to an end. At 8AM, our coach will take us to Tel Aviv Airport where we will board flight home to Houston. [B]



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