

The Holy Land - A Biblical Seminar

First Baptist Church of Conroe, with Dr. Jeff and Carrie Berger

February 17 - March 3, 2025



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

2025 HOLY LAND TOUR

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- FEB. 17 — 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]

- FEB. 18 — 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 and short orientation. Enjoy the quaint streets and restaurants.

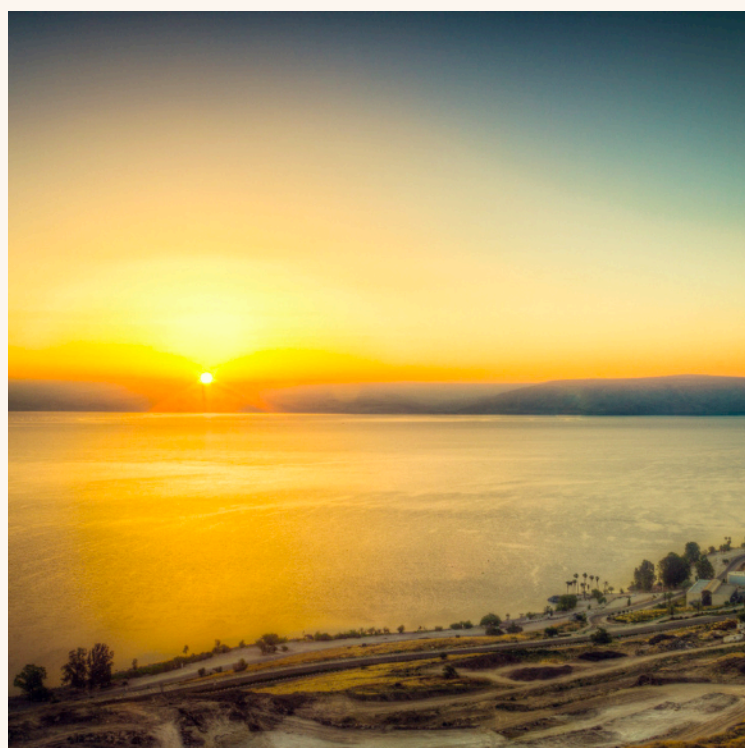
- FEB. 19 — OLD TOWN JAFFA

After a delicious traditional breakfast spread, at 9:30 AM, we enjoy 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]

- FEB. 20 — CAESAREA & JEZREEL

Ein Gev Resort, Galilee ****

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. Precipice, 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, 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.

- FEB. 21 — 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]

- FEB. 22 — NAZARETH & TZIPORIS

At 9:30am we will enjoy a guided walking tour of the quaint old town of Nazareth. We will visit Tziporis, an archeological site 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. 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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- FEB. 23 — 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, followed by 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]

- FEB. 24— 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, and ascend to Jerusalem where we will check-in to the Gloria Hotel, located by the Jaffa Gate in the Christian Quarter. Breakfast and dinner is included every morning, and evening at our hotel in the Old City. [B,L\$20,D]

- FEB. 25 — BETHLEHEM

Enjoy a traditional breakfast in our hotel. We begin our day with an orientation of the old city of Jerusalem, and the neighborhood of our hotel. We load our coach and travel to Bethlehem, where we will see Shepherd's Field and the traditional birth place of Jesus, which is located in a cave underneath the church of the Nativity. Lunch is served at a restaurant in Bethlehem. We visit a local olive woodworking factory, where you will have time for shopping. Afterwards, we will visit the palace that Herod built, and where he later was buried: the Herodium. We return to our hotel where dinner is served. [B,L\$20,D]

- FEB. 26 — JERUSALEM

Today we will drive to the top of the Mount of Olives where we behold the breath-taking panorama of the Holy City. Then we descend (walking) to Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove, where Jesus prayed prior to his arrest and crucifixion. We take time for lunch. We visit the Western Wall, and learn the significance of the Temple. We see the Pool of Bethesda, and walk to the Hill of Calvary, which is located inside the church of the Holy Sepulchre. [B,L\$20,D]

- FEB. 27 — JERUSALEM

We tour the Israeli Museum from 9 AM - 1 PM. In the afternoon we will enjoy 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. Shabbat begins at dusk, and you might want to observe the festivities by the Western Wall this afternoon. You might also want to explore the City of David excavation site today as well, Western Wall tunnels, and/or the Davidson Center. [B,D]



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- FEB. 28 — 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

- MARCH 1 — 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]

- MARCH 2 — 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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