

The Holy Land ~ A Biblical Seminar Israel

Spring or Fall 2028



Roundtrip Airfare

Deluxe Hotels

Daily Breakfast

Executive Coach

Transportation

Group Dinners

*Aviv Herzlich
Tour Guide*

*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

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- DAY 1 — 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]

- DAY 2 — OLD TOWN JAFFA

Market House Hotel - Jaffa

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv we will be greeted by our tour guide, Aviv Herzlich. Our coach takes us to our hotel where we will enjoy a welcome dinner, before we get some rest. [D]

- DAY 3 — OLD TOWN JAFFA

After a traditional breakfast spread on the rooftop of our hotel, we will have an orientation meeting and distribute our audio guide system, and distribute our study guide. Our scholarly guide will offer a brief lecture, before he leads us on a walking tour of Jaffa. We learn of Peter raising Tabitha from the dead, Jonah, and the importance of Joppa as a trade town. [B]

- DAY 4 — CAESAREA & JEZREEL

David's Harp Hotel - Sea of Galilee

We load our coach and drive to Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in honor of Caesar Augustus and we see the site where Paul was imprisoned before his journey to Rome. Lunch is in a Druze village restaurant. We continue to Mt. Carmel, where we read from scripture of Elijah. Our final stop is Megiddo, an important Tel with several layers of Biblical history. We check into our hotel by the Sea of Galilee, and enjoy a traditional dinner in the hotel restaurant. [B,L\$20,D]



SUNRISE OVER THE SEA OF GALILEE, WHERE WE WILL STAY FOR FOUR NIGHTS IN A HOTEL. WE WILL ALSO ENJOY A BOAT RIDE, ON THE LAKE WITH TIME TO PONDER THE STORIES OF JESUS..

- DAY 5 — TEL DAN & CAESAREA PHILIPPI

We coach to Caesarea Philippi and witness the dramatic landscape where Jesus called and gave authority to Peter to act in His name. We visit Abraham's gate, and learn of the twelve tribes of Israel at Tel Dan. We visit a local olive orchard, enjoy a tour, and take time to explore fine olive oil products before we return to our hotel. [B,L\$25,D]

- DAY 6 — NAZARETH & TZIPORIS

This morning we will visit Tziporis, an important archeological site and Roman city where Joseph and Jesus may have worked as craftsmen. We continue to Nazareth, and see the archeology site under the Church of the Annunciation. After lunch, we go to Nazareth Village, an outdoor museum that depicts the daily life and business of Nazareth during the time of Jesus. [B,L\$25,D]

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- DAY 7 — THE SEA OF GALILEE

We begin our day at a hilltop that overlooks the Sea of Galilee, and where Jesus might have offered the Sermon on the Mount. We continue to Capernaum, the site of Peter's home and where Jesus taught and ministered, we also see the remains of two ancient synagogues. After lunch, we visit Magdala, which is the newest, and perhaps most important first century archeological site. To conclude our day, we will enjoy a boat tour on the Sea of Galilee, where our Pastor will conclude our day. [B,L\$30,D]

- DAY 8 — 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. Lunch is served at a local grill, before we tour the archeological park of the ancient Roman city of Beit She'an. We 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. We will lead you on a short orientation walk through the Christian Quarter before we retire for the evening. Breakfast and dinner is included every day throughout our stay in the Old City of Jerusalem. [B,L\$25,D]

- DAY 9 — JERUSALEM & MUSEUM

We tour the Israeli Museum from 9 AM - 1 PM. In the afternoon you will have free time to shop in the Holy City. Our hotel will assist with laundry while you 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, the Western Wall tunnels, or just rest-up at the hotel. [B,D]

- DAY 10 — BETHLEHEM

We begin our day at a palace, which Herod built, and where he later was buried: the Herodium. We continue to Beit Sahour, a small town outside Bethlehem, and where shepherd's have watched over their flocks for thousands of years. In Bethlehem, we will visit the birth place of Jesus, which is located in a cave underneath the church of the Nativity. Lunch is served at a friendly family operated restaurant. To conclude our day, we visit a local olive woodworking factory, where you will have time for shopping. We return to our hotel where dinner is served. [B,L\$25,D]

- DAY 11 — JERUSALEM

Today we will trace the footsteps of Jesus during his final days in Jerusalem. We begin with the Praetorium, where Jesus faced Pontius Pilatus. We walk with Jesus to the Garden Gate, which leads to Golgatha and the Garden of the Empty Tomb. We take time for lunch, and visit the Herodian Quarter, which offers insight to the corruption of the high priest, and Sadducees, and their collusion with the Romans during the time of Jesus. We conclude our day at the hill of Calvary where we see 1st century tombs, and the most likely place for the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. [B,D]



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- DAY 12 — JERUSALEM

Today we begin at the top of the Mount of Olives where we behold the breath-taking panorama of the Holy City. We read from scripture about the Ascension, before we descend to Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove, and where Jesus prayed prior to his arrest. We take time for lunch, before we visit the Davidson Center, which offers us a first hand experience with the walls of the Temple mount, and other Biblical events. We take time for prayer at the Western Wall before we visit the Pool of Bethesda. We also see the underground water cisterns built during the second temple period. [B,D]



THE DEAD SEA



CAVES IN QUMRAN

- DAY 13 — MASADA QUMRAN DEAD SEA

We drive to Masada and take a cable-car to the top of the mountain fortress built by King Herod. At Qumran we enjoy lunch, and learn of the Essenes who established this community due to apostasy in Jerusalem. We see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We take time to float on the Dead Sea, so bring your swimsuit! [B,L\$20,D]

- DAY 14 — JERUSALEM

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



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(Based on double occupancy.)

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(Based on double occupancy.)

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