

The Holy Land - A Biblical Seminar

September 19 - October 2, 2024



Roundtrip Airfare

Hotels

Daily Breakfast

Executive Coach

Boat Ride

Entrance Tickets

Group Dinners

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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

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- SEP. 19 — TRAVEL

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

- SEP. 20 — OLD TOWN JAFFA

Numa Hotel ****

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.

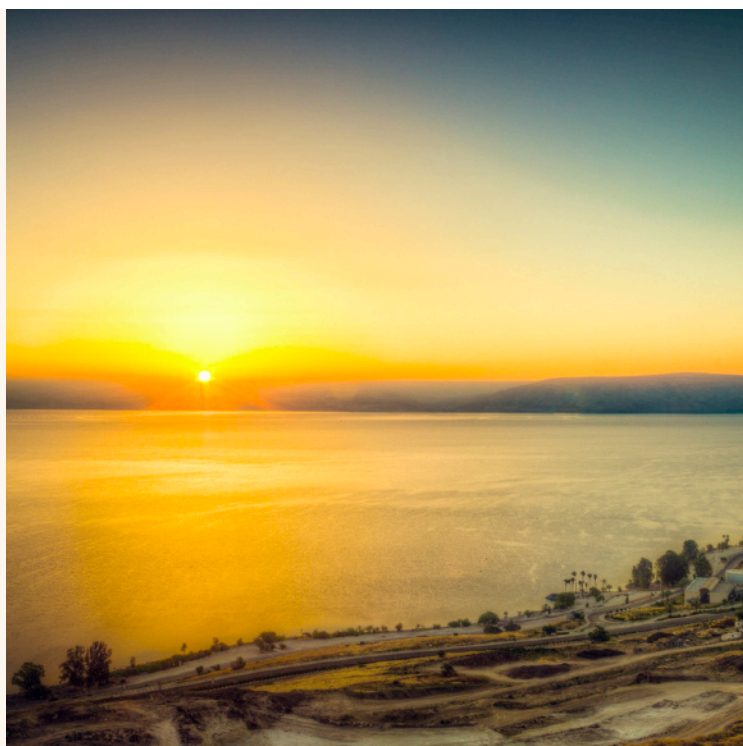
- SEP. 21 — OLD TOWN JAFFA

After breakfast, we will begin our day with a guided walking tour of historic Jaffa (OT: Joppa). We read from the scriptures about Jonah, his departure from Joppa, and his encounter at sea. We visit the *traditional* house of Peter, and read from Acts how he raised Tabitha from the dead. We learn the importance of historic Jaffa as a trade town, and its historic connection to Jerusalem. [B]

- SEP. 22 — CAESAREA & MT. CARMEL

Ein Gev Resort, Sea of 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 have lunch at a Druze village restaurant. After a tasty lunch, we ascend Mt. Carmel, where we enjoy a great view of the Jezreel Valley. We read from scripture about Elijah. We will also read from Luke about the miracles and ministry of Jesus. 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.

- SEP. 23 — TEL DAN & CAESAREA PHILIPPI

We coach to Caesarea Philippi and see the ancient community 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]

- SEP. 24 — NAZARETH

At 8:30am we will enjoy a guided walking tour of the quaint and historic 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 and explain Middle Eastern traditions and cultures through word and song. In the afternoon, we go to Nazareth Village, an outdoor museum that depicts the daily life and business of Nazareth during the time of Jesus. [B,D]

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- SEP. 25 — THE SEA OF GALILEE

At 9am we drive to Galilee, where we will first enjoy a view of the Sea from the mount where Jesus delivered the Beatitudes. Our tour continues with a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We turn the boat engines off and read from scripture, before we head back to shore, where we will be served a catch-of-the-day 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 archaeological site in Israel. We learn of Mary from Magdala, and other women disciples who lived in this recently re-discovered town. We conclude our day at the Jordan River [B,L\$20,D]

- SEP. 26 — RIVER JORDAN TO JERUSALEM

Gloria Hotel in the Christian Quarter ***

At 8am we drive to Megiddo, one of the most important archeological excavations in Israel. We continue our drive through the Judean Desert, and we stop in Jericho to see the archeological excavations of the incredible city that fell to Joshua and the Israelites. We also visit a Hebrew farmer who grows traditional herbs including the Balsamon Tree. We 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]

- SEP. 27 — 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 Pool of Bethesda, the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock. We will walk the ancient streets of the Holy City, past several shopkeepers, and through the various quarters, which leads us to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This church is built over the Hill of Calvary, and the burial site of Jesus. Before we enter this unique church, we take time for lunch. After lunch, we will visit 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. Our hotel is a three minute walk from the church. The rest of the day will be at your own leisure and pace. [B,D]

- SEP. 28 — ISRAELI MUSEUM & JERUSALEM

We tour the Israeli Museum from 9 AM - 1 PM In the afternoon, you 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. You might also want to explore the City of David excavation site today as well, or the Davidson Center. [B,D]

- SEP. 29 — 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 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. After we see the caves of the sheep, and learn of the shepherd, we visit the Church of the Nativity. We take time to shop at an olive wood factory in Bethlehem, before returning to our hotel in Jerusalem. [B,L\$20,D]



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- SEP. 30 — 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

- OCT. 1 — JERUSALEM

We walk to Mount Zion where we will see King David's Tomb, and we will visit one of two traditional locations of the Upper Room. We visit the church of St. Peter, and see a first century prison. We gaze across the Kidron Valley to the Garden of Gethsemane, and you'll notice that the roosters are still crowing. We conclude our walking tour by visiting the Garden of the Empty Tomb, where we will share a devotional, take time to ponder our journey, and celebrate Holy Communion. [B,D]

- OCT. 2 — FLIGHT HOME

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 to Houston. [B]



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