

The Holy Land ~ A Biblical Seminar

First Baptist Church of Brenham, with Pastor Ross Shelton

April 21 - May 6, 2025



Roundtrip Airfare

Hotel

Entrance Tickets

Daily Breakfast

Executive Coach

Boat Ride

Group Dinners

*Aviv Herzlich
Tour Guide*

*Eric & Laura
Tour Managers*

Petra

Mt. Nebo

Caesarea

Nazareth

Sea of Galilee

Capernaum

River Jordan

Mt. of Olives

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Dead Sea

Qumran



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

2025 HOLY LAND TOUR

- APRIL 21 — HOUSTON TO JORDAN

We fly from Houston IAH to Amman. We gather three hours before departure in Terminal D. We arrive Amman, Jordan the following day.

- APRIL 22 — DEAD SEA, JORDAN

Dead Sea Jordan Resort *****

Upon arrival we will be greeted by our tour guide. Our coach takes us to our hotel resort where we will enjoy a brief welcome beverage, light refreshments, and short orientation. The evening is at your leisure, get some rest and enjoy the amenities of the resort.

- APRIL 23 — MT. NEBO & MADABA

After a delicious traditional breakfast spread, at 9:30 AM, we will have a guided walking tour of historic Madaba. We see the famed mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Levant. We ascend Mt. Nebo where Moses gazed into the Holy Land. We return to our resort and take time to float on the Dead Sea. [B,L\$20,D]

- APRIL 24 — MACHAERUS & PETRA

Petra Resort *****

At 9am we load our coach and drive to Petra, en-route we stop at the fortress in Machaerus, built by Herod Antipas. This is the fortress where John the Baptist was spent his final days. We learn of Abram and Lot, the Moabites, and Edomites and how the Israelites navigated the land. We check-in to our hotel in Petra, and enjoy the evening at leisure. [B,L\$20,D]

- APRIL 25 — PETRA & LITTLE PETRA

We start the day at the Petra Museum, which offer a thorough overview of archeological findings and the civilizations of the area. We have a guided walking tour of the Petra complex, and visit Little Petra before we retire for the evening. [B,L\$20,D]



CAMELS IN FRONT OF THE TREASURY IN PETRA, JORDAN

- APRIL 26 — WADI RUM SAFARI & ISRAEL

We embark on a safari through the dramatic desert of Wadi Rum, famed for its stunning red dunes and rock formations. After the desert adventure, we proceed to the border crossing into Israel. We fly from Eilat to Tel Aviv where we will be greeted by our guide, Aviv Herzlich. Our coach takes us to our hotel where we will have a short orientation meeting. [B]

- APRIL 27 — MT. CARMEL & NAZARETH

Legacy Hotel by Leonardo ****

We begin our day with a guided walking tour of historic Jaffa, and learn of Peter raising Tabitha from the dead, Jonah, and the importance of Joppa as a trade town. We 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 visit Mt. Carmel, where we enjoy a great view of the Jezreel Valley. We check into our hotel in Nazareth freshen up, and enjoy dinner in our hotel [B,L\$20,D]

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- APRIL 28 — THE SEA OF GALILEE

At 9:30am we will enjoy a guided walking tour of the 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 outdoor museum that depicts the daily life of Nazareth during the time of Jesus. [B,D]

- APRIL 29 — THE SEA OF GALILEE

We drive to the Sea of Galilee where we will take a boat tour. We visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount', overlooking the Sea of Galilee. We will visit Capernaum, the site of Jesus' teachings, we see the home of Peter, and the remains of a second-century synagogue. We will also visit Magdala, the newest, and perhaps most informative archaeological site. It is also the site of a modern church built on the remains of a first-century Synagogue, where we will celebrate communion. [B,L\$28,D]

- APRIL 30 — RIVER JORDAN TO JERUSALEM

Gloria Hotel in the Christian Quarter ***

We begin our day at Megiddo which is referenced in the Old and New Testament. We learn why Megiddo is one of the most important archeological sites in Israel. We continue our drive through the Judean Desert, and visit the River Jordan, where we remember the Baptism of our Lord. We ascend to Jerusalem, where we will check-in to the Gloria Hotel, with a fabulous location in the Christian Quarter of the Old City 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 1 — 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 2 — 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]



TOWER OF DAVID MUSEUM NEXT TO OUR HOTEL IN JERUSALEM

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- MAY 3 — QUMRAN & 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. [B,L\$25, D]



THE DEAD SEA

- MAY 5 — 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 4 — JERUSALEM

At 9am, we begin the day with a drive to the beautiful Mount of Olives to behold the breathtaking 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\$25,D]



CAVES AT QUMRAN

- MAY 6 — FLIGHT HOME

Our fabulous tour of the Holy Land must unfortunately come to an end. This morning we board our flight, which will arrive Houston the same day at 7 PM. [B]



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