

The Holy Land

a Walk to Emmaus



Jaffa
Emmaus
Mount of Olives
Garden of Gethsemane
Capernaum
Sea of Galilee
Samaria
Jerusalem
Nazareth
Western Wall Tunnels
The Herodium
Bethlehem
Dead Sea
Qumran
Masada

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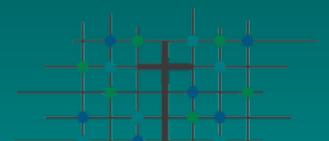
With Dr. Berger and Aviv Herzlich

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*Peter performed a miracle in Jaffa -
The resurrection of Tabitha, a woman
known for her virtue, with the words
"Tabitha, rise!" (Acts 9).*

Jaffa, Israel



Dear Friends,

It's amazing to think that the most important events in human history—the events that brought us salvation—took place in a tiny nation on the other side of the world. We read the stories in our Bibles and rejoice at our God and His amazing grace. Eight years ago, I was fortunate enough to visit Israel for myself, and I was amazed at how much more vivid those stories became! Since then, I have come to believe that any Christian who is able should travel to the Holy Land. This world is full of great destinations, but there is nothing quite like seeing the places where Jesus walked. You will never forget visiting places like Caesarea Philippi, where Peter first proclaimed Jesus as Messiah; the Sea of Galilee, site of so many miracles; and most of all, the majestic Old City of Jerusalem.



My second trip to Israel was in February of 2020, with St Cecilia Tours. They provide an amazing experience in a way that is much more affordable than most tour groups. Their tour guide is Aviv Herzlich, a native of Israel. Aviv is highly knowledgeable about Scripture, Christian doctrine, and the history and current situation of Israel. He is also a compelling communicator, who leads with kindness, compassion, and humor. He and I work well together, offering much more than just a tour. If you were part of our earlier trip, you will see new sites this time. If you've always wanted to visit the Holy Land, this would be a great trip to take. Either way, I hope you'll sign up soon, as this trip is likely to fill up fast!

Dr. Jeff Berger, Pastor

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Sunday, Oct. 30 , 2022

We fly Air Canada flights #594 & #80. We depart Houston at 12:35 PM.

Monday, Oct. 31

After arriving at the **Tel Aviv airport** at 10:15 AM, our driver will take us to the Markethouse Hotel in **Jaffa**.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

We meet Aviv after breakfast, and we begin our tour of the historical and Biblical seaport of **Jaffa**. We then head to **Caesarea**, where Paul was imprisoned. We check into our hotel by the **Sea of Galilee**, have dinner and conclude the day with a devotional. [B,D]



Wednesday, Nov. 2

Today, we will visit several Biblical locations around the Sea of Galilee. We begin the day at the site of the **Sermon on the Mount**. From there we go to **Magdala**, a town at the time of Jesus, which is one of the most important archeological discoveries in Israel, and we learn of the women who supported the ministry of Jesus. We will also stop on the shores of **Capernaum**, where Jesus ministered. We conclude our day with a **boat ride** on the **Galilee**. After, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,L\$20,D]

Thursday, Nov. 3

We see the **Church of the Annunciation**, followed by a short walk through the quaint **Old Town of Nazareth**. We'll sit down with a local shopkeeper who will demonstrate Middle Eastern traditions and cultures through word and song. The shopkeeper is a professional Armenian guide, who will also share her families story as one of the early Christian settlers in Israel. 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,L\$20,D]





Friday, Nov. 4

We head towards Jerusalem, stopping 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. He will teach us how the Balm in **Gilead** was used. We continue to our hotel in **Jerusalem** where we will stay for the duration of our tour. [B,L,\$20]



Saturday, Nov. 5

Today, we go to **Qumran** to explore the area where a Dead Sea Sect established a community and we see the **caves** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We'll drive to **Masada** and ascend this wilderness mountain fortress built by King Herod and hear about the Zealots who lived here until the bitter end. Bring a swim suit if you want to float on the **Dead Sea**. [B,L,\$20]



Sunday, Nov. 6

Today we enjoy a full free-day in Jerusalem. We highly recommend seeing the **Israel Museum, Davidson Center**, or the **Machne Yehuda market**. [B]



Wednesday, Nov. 9

We spend the last full day in Jerusalem exploring the tunnels under the **Western Wall**, which allows us to see the construction of the Temple from various generations. We will also visit **Mount of Olives** and the **Garden of Gethsemane**. We celebrate our tour with a group dinner at our hotel. [B,D]

Thursday, Nov. 10

We drive to **Emmaus** where we conclude our tour with a devotional and communion service. We continue to the airport for our flight home to Houston: Air Canada #81 & #595 Departing Tel Aviv at 11:55 AM via Toronto (3:15 hr connection.) Arriving Houston at 11:03 PM



Monday, Nov. 7

Our first stop today is the **Herodium**, where we will learn of the incredible palace built by Herod. We head to **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus. We also see **Shepherd's Field** where the Angel of the Lord announced his birth to the shepherds. We visit a woodcarving shop for discounted merchandise. [B,L,\$20]



Tuesday, Nov. 8

Today, we visit the **Western Wall**, the **Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock**, and we see the **Pool of Bethesda**, which is next to **St. Anne's Church**. Lunch is on your own and we leave a little time for shopping. After lunch, we will visit the church of the **Holy Sepulchre**. The rest of the day will be at your own leisure and pace. [B,L,\$20]



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