

Bible Lands Seminar

Galilee • Jerusalem • Bethlehem • Nazareth • Cana

8 days



Old City, Jerusalem

Included Highlights:

- Ascend the Mount of Beatitudes and revel in the site of the Sermon on the Mount
- Travel to the Sea of Galilee and stop by Yardenit, the Baptismal Center on the Jordan River
- Visit Masada and float in Dead Sea
- Take a rejuvenating walk through the beautiful Garden Tomb
- Tour the renowned Bethlehem, visiting the Church of Nativity and the Milk Grotto
- Pray and reflect at the Garden Tomb, walk where Jesus walked, visit sites relevant to the Bible and see the Bible come alive
- Fully Escorted
- Meals as mentioned in itinerary

YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 – NEW YORK – Depart from a New York area gateway to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv . Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

DAY 2 – GALILEE – Upon arrival at the Tel Aviv airport, we transfer to our hotel in the Galilee for dinner and overnight . Already we begin to feel the spirit of this land enchanting us, as we will be visiting sites from the Bible and share the experience of walking in the footsteps of Jesus. (D)

DAY 3 – GALILEE – This morning we take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to Ginnosar where we will visit the fishermen's boat found here dating back to Jesus' time . We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount . On to Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes and to Capernaum, the center of the Lord's early ministry . Drive along the lower Galilee mountains to Cana, site of the wedding feast . We continue on to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation and Mary's Well . Onto Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 4 – JERUSALEM – This morning we drive along the Sea of Galilee to arrive at Yardenit, the Baptismal Center on the Jordan River . From here we drive to Mount Carmel to visit the Carmelite Monastery at Muhkraka, the location of Elijah's altar . We continue via the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation of Tel Megiddo.

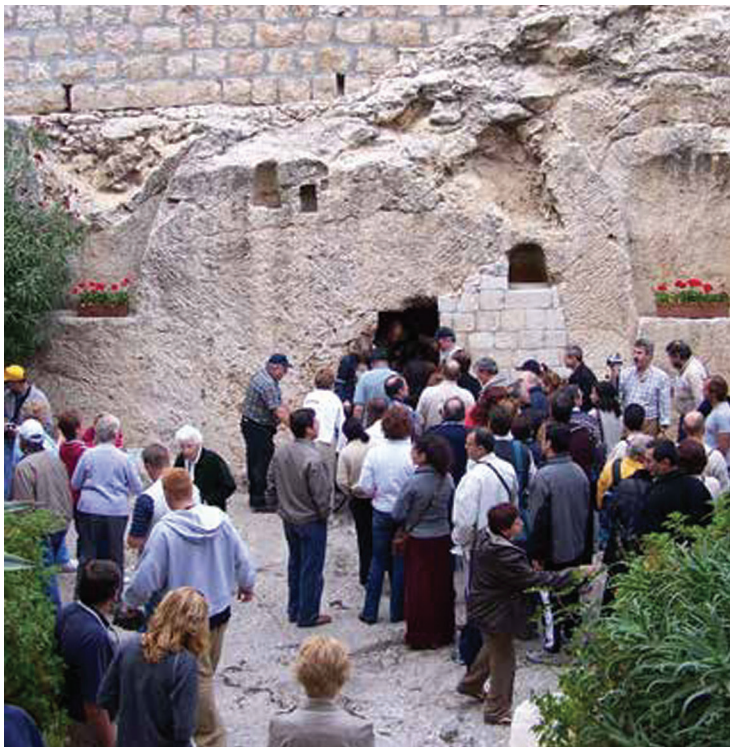
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Drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea to visit the Roman theater and aqueduct. Ascend the Judean Hills to the Holy City of Jerusalem in time for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 5 – JERUSALEM – Departing Jerusalem we drive past the inn of the “Good Samaritan” and continue to the shores of the Dead Sea - the lowest point on earth. We travel along the site to Masada, the fortress where the Jewish Zealots held off the armies of the Roman Empire before choosing suicide over surrender. Continue to Ein Gedi, where King David found shelter from the wrath of King Saul. After lunch, we can enjoy a short “float” on the Dead Sea. Continue to Qumran where in 1947 the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in a cave. Afterwards we return to Jerusalem. (B,D)

DAY 6 – JERUSALEM – We start the day with a visit to the Garden Tomb, followed by an orientation beside Calvary. Travel to the Old City, through St. Stephen’s Gate to the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of the Flagellation, and the Ecce Homo Arch. View the Gabbatha pavement before proceeding to the Temple area and Mt. Moriah to visit the Western Wall, the Ophel archaeological park, where we see the Pinnacle and the visitors’ center dedicated to research of the Biblical Temple. Continue through the Bazaar to the last stations of the Via Dolorosa. In the afternoon we drive to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, the Milk Grotto and the cave of St. Jerome. (B,D)

DAY 7 – JERUSALEM – Drive to Mount Scopus to view the impressive home of the Hebrew University before continuing to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of Jerusalem. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, and Church of All Nations. See the Kidron Valley and Tomb of Absalom, Zechariah and James. We continue to Mount Zion, the Room of the Last Supper, and King David’s Tomb, and past the Knesset and the Israel Museum. Next visit the recently constructed Model of Ancient Jerusalem. Time permitting, visit the recently excavated archaeological site in the Jewish quarter- the Cardo, the “Wide” wall built by King Hezekiah and the Herodian mansion. Enjoy a farewell dinner before being transferred to the airport. (B,D)



MT SINAI AND CAIRO EXTENSION

DAY 1 - JERUSALEM - Those passengers taking the extension after a full day of sightseeing will return to their hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 - JERUSALEM /MT. SINAI - After breakfast today we head south to the city of Eilat on the Red Sea. We motor coach through the Negev Desert, whose history dates back to the tenth century forts constructed by Solomon to defend King David’s rule over the Negev. Marvel at the wind carved rock formations known as King Solomon’s Pillars. Our motor coach arrives at Solomon’s southern port of Etzion Geber, known today as Eilat. We then we continue to the Taba border to cross over into Egypt. (B,D)

DAY 3 - MT. SINAI/CAIRO - An early wakeup call starts our journey to climb Mt. Sinai following in the footsteps of Moses. A prayer service can be held on the summit. As we descend the mountain, we are able to see the majestic view of the desert. We visit the Chapel of the Burning Bush and the Museum of the Skull. The monastery of St. Catherine, the oldest on earth, is where monks have been witnesses to the Christian faith since the fifth century AD. Our motor coach takes through the Sinai Desert over the Suez Canal to Cairo where we will stop at the tomb of President Anwar Sadat and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight (B,D)

DAY 4 - CAIRO - After breakfast our sightseeing today will include the great Pyramids at Giza and the world renowned Sphinx. Here if one wishes, they have an opportunity to ride a camel. Into the desert. We then drive to the fantastic Egyptian Museum which contains many treasure mummies, and artifacts and treasures of King Tut. (Tutanka-Amon). Our day also includes a visit to the Citadel, and the Mohammed Ali Mosque which offers a panoramic view of Cairo and the Nile. We also have time to visit the exciting bazaars to where you can bargain for memorable treasure. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

DAY 5 - CAIRO/USA - Today we say farewell as we are transferred to the Cairo Airport for our flight home. Arrival back in USA the same day with good memories of your trip.

AMMAN AND PETRA EXTENSION

DAY 1 - JERUSALEM / JERASH / AMMAN - Morning transfer to the Allenby Bridge to cross into Jordan and drive to the city of Jerash, known as the Pompeii of the East and the city of a thousand pillars. We will have time to walk around the ancient ruins, which includes churches, the triple arched gate, the high hippodrome, the Roman theater and Forum dating back to the 4th century. As we leave Jerash we drive to the beautiful city of Amman past the King Hussein’s Sport City. We check into our hotel and have time to walk around and shop before dinner. (B,D)

DAY 2 - BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN/PETRA/AMMAN - After breakfast we depart for Bethany beyond the Jordan. The area at Tell-Al-Kharrar on the River Jordan has been identified as the biblical site where John was living in a Byzantine Monastery with a large baptismal pool, and findings from the first century AD confirm that this site was inhabited during the lives of Jesus and John the Baptist. We then drive south to the long lost city of Petra. This city with its rose-colored temples and amphitheatre was carved out of multihued rocks, and is a UNESCO world heritage site which is more than 2,000 years old. Petra dominated the trade routes and was completely lost to the world for 300 years. In 1812 it was “rediscovered”. The Apostle Paul studied here for 3 years and Herod came from this city. After exploring this exciting sight we return to Amman for dinner and overnight. (B, D)/p>

DAY 3 - MADABA, MT NEBO, TEL AVIV - Today we bid farewell to Jordan and head for the Holy Land first stopping at Madaba where we will see some of the finest Byzantine mosaics. We then visit Mt Nebo with a remarkable view of the Jordan Valley where we can see the Dead Sea and Jerusalem. It is here that Moses looked over the Promise Land but did not cross over. We cross the Allenby Bridge where we are met by our guide and driver and head for the airport for our flight home. We will stop for dinner along the way. (B, D)

DAY 4 - NEWYORK, NY - Today our journey ends with many blessings and memories as we head home. We arrive home the same day.