



# ISRAEL

## The Land of the Bible

Hosted by:

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Winchester Church of God  
Winchester, VA

With Special Guest:

Michael Utterback  
Director, Ministry to Israel

**March 13-24, 2022**





### Pricing

**ESTIMATED** with a minimum of 40 passengers. Price is subject to change at the time the airlines are booked in May/June 2021. You will be notified of any price changes.

~ Per Person Double Occupancy - \$3875

~ Per Person Single Occupancy - \$5085

We will do our best to match single travelers requesting a roommate, but cannot guarantee double occupancy.

### Included:

~ Roundtrip airfare from Dulles to Tel Aviv

~ Transportation to and from hotels

~ Four five-star hotel accommodations. **Rooms have 2 twin beds.**

~ Full breakfast and dinner daily, and some group lunches

~ Sightseeing in a luxury air-conditioned coach with services of English-speaking, licensed guides

~ Entrance fees according to the itinerary

~ Tips for driver, guide, porters, waiters, airport fuel surcharges based on the current rates

**(Should the airlines impose any additional fuel surcharges, these will be passed on to the tour participants.)**

### Not Included:

~ Personal items such as laundry, lunches most days, bottled drinks, snacks

~ Excess baggage fees and forwarding of baggage

~ Transfers other than with the group, such as transportation to/from Dulles Airport

~ Tips for hotel housekeeping (\$1 per night suggested)

~ Travel insurance (see below)

### Deposit and Due Dates

Deposit of **\$500 per person** is due at time of registration to secure limited space on the airline. Monthly payments of at least \$600 are required to keep your account up-to-date. **Final payment is due by Tuesday, November 30, 2021.**

### Cancellations and Refunds

Refund available through the church until **November 30, 2021**. If you cancel after this date, payments are non-refundable. We strongly suggest you purchase travel insurance that could potentially reimburse you in case of cancellation (see information below).

### Travel Insurance

We HIGHLY recommend you purchase travel insurance that covers pre-existing medical conditions, hospitalization, lost luggage, delays, supplemental medical, and other conditions (such as COVID). **Most insurance policies require purchase within 10-21 days of your date of trip registration (particularly for a "cancel for any reason" and pre-existing conditions clause).** The website [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com) offers a host of policies that you can compare/purchase to best suit your needs. AAA, Travel Guard, Allianz, Costco Travel, and the credit card you might use to book this trip are also possibilities for travel insurance.

### Passports

Passports are required for travel to Israel and must be valid for at least 6 months AFTER the date of arrival in Israel. If you have a passport that will expire before September 2022, you must get it renewed. Allow 10-12 weeks for new passport or renewal applications to be processed. **Our travel agent must have all current passport information by November 30, 2021.**

### COVID Restrictions

Conditions and mandates are subject to change at any time, both from the United States government and Israel government. For travel advisories, we suggest you check the U.S. State Department site at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html> as well as the Israeli Ministry of Health site at <https://www.gov.il/en/Departments/air-travel-covid19-israel>.

### **SUGGESTED ITINERARY**

**(Subject to change)**

March 13, 2022: We will embark on our journey to the Holy Land. Meet at the airline departure counter (TBD) a minimum of 3 hours prior to departure, at Washington Dulles Airport. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE AIRPORT.**

March 14: Arrive in Israel, where we will be met by our Israeli guide who will accompany us during our entire stay. **Dinner and overnight at the Ramada Hadera Hotel on the Mediterranean Sea.**

March 15-17: **Dinner and overnight at the Ginosar Hotel near Tiberias  
Caesarea / Carmel / Nazareth / Tiberias**

We proceed to Caesarea to visit the Crusader Fortress built upon the ancient city of Caesarea, named after Augustus Caesar, who imposed the tax that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Here we will visit a beautiful example of the Roman Amphitheatre, where the group can experience the acoustics of a structure built in the days of Christ. Continue to Mount Carmel where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets. Visit a Druze Village. Next, on to Nazareth, where Jesus spent the silent years of his life. From Nazareth the road winds down to Tiberias and the beautiful Sea of Galilee.

**Megiddo(Armageddon) / Gideon's Spring / Mt. Gilboa / Yardenit/Jordan River / Mt. Arbel / Sea of Galilee**

Be ready for some great archeological exploration as we start early to Megiddo, future site of the final battle of Armageddon. We will view the valley where that last of many previous battles will take place and we will walk through 22 layers of civilization that have been excavated, down to King Solomon's Stables. Continue to the foot of Mt. Gilboa, where we stop at the natural spring where Gideon chose his 300 warriors. Return to the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee where we will visit Yardenit, the traditional baptismal site on the Jordan River. Here we will take time for those who would like to follow the footsteps of Jesus into the Jordan River for water baptism. Back on our bus we will follow the road on the shore of the Sea of Galilee up to the top of Mt. Arbel, known as the place Jesus referred to as the City on the Hill that cannot go unnoticed. From here enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee.

### **Jesus Boat + Kibbutz Tour / Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee / Pig Jump / BeitSeida / Korazin / Capernaum / Tabgha / Mt. of Beatitudes**

We start the day with a visit to the Jesus Boat at Kibbutz NOF Ginosar, then we have a short tour of the kibbutz, exploring this exciting way of life that forms the structure of many hotels in Israel as well as other industries. We then board our boat for a cruise across the Sea of Galilee and experience what was common for Jesus and His disciples. We disembark at Kursi, site of the Pig Jump where Jesus healed a demoniac. Close by here we will enjoy a lunch of fish caught in the Sea of Galilee, known as St. Peter's fish. We then visit BeitSeida where the Disciples lived and fished, and Korazin, where there are remains of a 1<sup>st</sup> century synagogue characteristic of those the disciples would have grown up with. We go onto Capernaum, the hometown of Peter and place where Jesus established His base of ministry. Close by is Tabgha, traditional place of feeding of the 5,000. We end our day in the Galilee at the Mt. of Beatitudes for a time of reflection on the greatest sermon ever taught from the only person who lived it fully.

### **Golan Heights / Nimrod's Fortress / Caesarea Philippi (Panias) / Tel Dan / Tiberias**

Today we take the road through the Golan Heights where we will hear the explanations of the strategic and political significance of this area. On the Golan Heights we will visit the eleventh century crusader fortress then onto Caesarea Phillipi (Panias) at the base of Mt. Hermon where the Jordan River begins. This is the Site where Jesus declares the foundation for His church. Continue to Tel Dan, site of the ancient city of Leshem, which afterwards was conquered by the tribe of Dan and became the tribal capital and later center of idol worship begun by King Jeroboam of Israel.

### **March 18: Qumran / En Gedi / Masada / Dead Sea – Dinner and overnight at the David Dead Sea Hotel**

Start off early this morning to the Dead Sea, lowest spot on earth and Qumran, center of the Essenes. Visit the ancient caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Continue south viewing the saltiest sea in the world and see from a distance the fortress where John the Baptist was beheaded. Visit the desert where ibex roam and the beautiful oasis at En Gedi, David's hideout from Saul. Then on to the mighty fortress Masada, last stronghold and stand of the zealots against Rome, on the edge of the barren Negev Desert. Masada is a symbol of courage and perseverance for the Jewish People, where 960 Jewish defenders organized their last resistance to the Roman conquerors and took their own lives rather than surrender into slavery. Those who wish to do so may swim (float) in the salty waters of the Dead Sea.

### **March 19: Beit Shean / Jordan Valley / Jericho / Jerusalem**

Pack our suitcases and load the bus for our trip to Judea today. Our first adventure of the day will be in the ancient city of Beit Shean - one of the earliest and most important cities in Israel from the time of the Canaanites. It was here the Philistines impaled King Saul's body to the city wall - we view its magnificent excavations. We continue through the Jordan Valley passing by Jericho, viewing the first city conquered by the Israelites in the Promised Land and one of the oldest cities from antiquity. We will also view the Mount of Temptation and continue through the Plains of Jericho and Arava, Viewing St Jerome's Monastery, Beth Arava and Mt Nebo. We will drive up to the City of Gold - Jerusalem - stop at the western wall for prayer. **Dinner and overnight at the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem.**

### **March 20: Hills of Jerusalem / Garden of Gethsemane / House of Caiaphas / Mt Zion / Upper Room / Yad V'shem / Rabbi's Tunnel / View of Bethlehem/Shepherds Fields**

This morning we start the day at Mt of Olives for an introduction to Jerusalem. Ascend the mountains of Jerusalem from Scopus to Mt of Olives for an outstanding breathtaking view of the city across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate; see Chapel of Ascension, Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit. Walk down Palm Sunday Road and visit the Garden of Gethsemane, cross Mount Moriah viewing the Tombs of Absalom,

Saint James and Zacharia. Travel around the temple pinnacle to the City of David and on to the house of Caiaphas. Continue to Mount Zion, the Upper Room and Tomb of King David. Drive to Yad V'shem, the memorial to the Holocaust and 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis. Continue to the southern suburbs where there is an overview of Bethlehem and the Shepherd's Field. We will visit the famous Rabbi's Tunnel, running along the base of the Western Wall (Owing to the enormous demand, and limited access to this fascinating site, our visit may take place at any time of day or night during our stay in Jerusalem). Optional excursion to Ben Yehuda Street in downtown Jerusalem after dinner. **Dinner and overnight at Inbal.**

**March 21: Israel Museum / Scale Model of Biblical Jerusalem / Dead Sea Scrolls / Cardo Maximo / Herodian Quarter / Jewish Qtr.**

Start our day in the new part of Jerusalem by visiting the Israel Museum where there is a scale model of the city of Jerusalem from New Testament Times, including the Second Temple. Also, at the Museum visit the Dead Sea Scrolls, housed in a specially prepared building. Continue via the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) and downtown Jerusalem, to Old Jerusalem's reconstructed Jewish Quarter. See the Ancient Cardo Maximo and confirmation of historic sites of yesteryear. Visit the Temple Institute and view the utensils ready for the third temple. Enjoy the sites and smells of the old city Jewish Quarter. **Dinner and overnight at Inbal.**

**March 22: Old City of David / Warren's Shaft/Hezekiah's Tunnel / Pool of Siloam / Southern Steps of the Temple / Pool of Bethesda / Praetorium / Fortress of Antonia / Temple Mount / Western Wall / Via Dolorosa / Garden Tomb**

Enter the Old City of David close to where Joab originally entered the city to let David's army in. View Hezekiah's Tunnel as we walk through the ruins from the Gihon Spring to the Pool of Siloam. From here climb the southern steps of the Temple and visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus cured an invalid man; continue to the Praetorium, site of the public trial of Christ, and his condemnation, and view its ancient remains in the Fortress of Antonia, seat of the Roman Procurator; proceed to the Temple Mount to view the Mosque of Omar and visit the Western Wall, a sacred site for the Jewish People. Continue through the picturesque market streets past the Citadel of David and exit through the Jaffa Gate, passing the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on the way. End the tour with worship, communion and quiet prayer at the Garden Tomb. **Dinner and overnight at the Inbal.**

**March 23:** Pack our belongings and prepare to depart Tel Aviv. Will make a few final stops, including dinner on the way to the airport (this meal is included in the trip cost). Evening flight home.

**March 24:** Arrive back to Dulles International Airport. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION FROM DULLES AIRPORT TO YOUR HOME.**

**Tour arrangements by**

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Registration will open on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at [www.wincog.com/events](http://www.wincog.com/events). A \$500 per person deposit is required to reserve your seat(s).