

ISRAEL – WHERE THE BIBLE COMES TO LIFE

Dive into the Bible

Sample Itinerary



Why Israel?

Israel is the main stage of most of the stories of the Bible.

Here is where David killed Goliath

Here is where Solomon built the Temple and here is where Jesus grew up, thought and preached.

The land of Israel today is very much the same as it was 2000 and 3000 years ago, the topography is almost the same, the roads and cities are the same, even the names are the same.

By coming to Israel you will see the Bible Comes to life in so many ways.

You will never be the same



Deep Bible Experience

- Explore the land of the Bible and see the places where the stories of the Bible actually happened
- Sail on the Sea of Galilee
- Visit the Dead Sea – the Lowest place on earth and also the largest natural Spa resort in the world
- Walk the footsteps of Jesus, of David and of the Prophets
- See the actual places where the stories of the Bible accrued
- See the plains of Armageddon – Mt Megiddo
- Explore the ancient City of David and see his palace



Tour Highlights

Jerusalem – one of the Oldest and Holiest cities in the world with an ongoing history of over 5000 years.

Visit the Western wall – the Holiest place in the world for the Jewish nation.

Visit the main Christian and Jewish sites and gain a better understanding on God's Word.

Caesarea Martima – visit the actual home of Pontius Pilot (Acts 10)

Sea of galilee – the place where Jesus thought and ministered

Dead Sea – The lowest place on Earth, -420 Meters below sea level.

Has the highest percentage of salt in the World (33%). Known as the largest Natural Sap area in the World.

Sea of Galilee – Sail in the Sea of Galilee, see the places that Jesus ministered.



“Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.” Genesis 13:17



Itinerary

DAY – 1 – DEPART FROM THE USA

DAY 2 - ARRIVAL/ ORIENTATION / WELCOME

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv we are met by our guide who will be with us for the time we are in the Holy Land. Continue north by Tel Aviv, the 2nd largest city in Israel. We check into our hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 - CAESAREA BY THE SEA/ CARMEL/ ARMAGEDDON

This morning we will start with **Caesarea** by the Sea. We enter Caesarea Maritima to explore this Roman bridgehead to the east, which became the Christian springboard to the west. After the visit this ancient harbor, we board our bus and we head up to the Carmel Mountains where we visit the traditional place of the Elijah confronting the false prophet of the Baal (1 Kings 18). After a quick lunch, we will drive to the Valley of Jezreel, synonymous with **Armageddon** – Rev 16:16 where we will analyze the place and understand why it was Chosen as the final Battle ground. We will drive up for a breathtaking sunset from Mt of Precipices (Luke 4:28), we will see all the biblical places – Gilboa Mountains, the village of Nein and more. After a full day of experiences, we will enjoy a well deserve dinner and rest at our hotel overlooking the Valley.

DAY 4 – JESUS AS A CHILD/ SEA OF GALILEE

This morning we start our day in a tour to Nazareth where we will learn about Jesus as a little boy. From there we will continue to Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first Miracle, turning water into wine (John 2). In order to understand Jesus's perables, one MUST visit the city of Zippori. After our visit we will make our way to the Sea of Galilee to see the village of Magdala, one of the oldest Synagogues dating back to the first century AD. The village was the home of Mary Magdalena and a fishing center into where Peter would have brought his catch to be sold or processed. From Magdala we will travel to our hotel which is on the shore of the Sea of Galilee for dinner and Bible teaching by one of our Bible Center experts.



DAY 5 – MT OF BEATITUDES / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / DAN/ ROAD TO DAMASCUS / GOLAN HIGHTS

We will start our day by driving to Mount of Beatitudes – the place where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5). From there we will drive along the Northern Jordan Valley to Hula Valley toward the city of Baniyas - Caesarea Philippi, the place where Jesus said "Upon this Rock I shall build my church" Matthew 16:18.

Near Baniyas, we will visit the ancient City of Dan and we will see the alter that was built by Jeroboam Son of Nebat (Judges 18). We will drive along the Road to Damascus and finish with an amazing view from the Golan heights into Syria and Northern Israel.

We will make our way back to our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 – SEA OF GALILEE/ CAPERNAUM/ SAILING ON THE SEA / GADARA / BAPTISM

Today we will start our day with a morning pray and devotion on the shores of the Sea of Galilee We will drive to the northern tip of the lake to see the village of **Capernaum**, the village where Jesus had lived with Peter and his mother in law (Mark 1), we will see the synagogue and the house of Peter (Tradition). Then we visit **Tabgha** – the place of the miracle of the feeding of the multitudes (Matthew 14).

From there to the valley of Gennesareth to Ginossar to view an amazing archeological discovery – a **Fishing boat** found below the sea of Galilee, this boat is dated to the time of Jesus. Then we will **sail on the Sea of Galilee**, the same waters He calmed, to the other side where we will enjoy a traditional Fish lunch.

We will make our way along the **cliffs of Gadara** and talk about the miracle of the Swine (Luke 4)

We will then have the chance to **be baptized in the Jordan river**, the same river He was baptized by John

DAY 7 - BET SHEAN/ QUMRAN / EIN GEDDI / DEAD SEA

We will start our day by visiting the mighty city of Bet Shean (1 Samuel 28). This amazing city is known as "the Pompeii of Israel". We will drive along the Jordan valley toward Jericho where we will have the chance to learn about Geopolitical issues of the Modern State of Israel

Drive by Jericho to Qumran –the place where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

We will have a stop for lunch and we will make our ways to Ein Geddi – the place where David met Saul (1 Samuel 23-24).



DAY 8 - MASADA / MT OF OLIVES / GATHSEMANE

We will start our day with a visit to Masada (UNESCO site) Masada was the last Jewish stronghold against the Roman Empire, it was destroyed in the year 73 AD. We will visit the amazing palace of Herod the Great, the amazing cisterns and learn about what happened in that fatal last night of the defenders of Masada. From there, we will drive along the Dead Sea, on the lowest road on Earth at an elevation of 1300ft below Sea Level.

We will enter the Eternal city from the **Mount of Olives** where we will learn about the geographical layout of the city and also we will take this opportunity for an amazing group picture.

After the lookout, we will make our way via the traditional Hossana Road to the Garden of Gethsemane.

After time for meditation and devotion, we will go to the Zurrim Valley Sifting Project – where we will participate in an actual dig. The artifacts we will find are dated to the time of the 2nd Temple.

We will finish our day at Mt of Zion and to the grounds of a church called Peter in Gallicantu, which affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. (Here, the Assumptions Fathers suggest, was the house where the High Priest Caiaphas interrogated Jesus).

On Mt of Zion, we will visit the **Room of the Last Supper** (Act 2:3) and have some time to worship and praise.

DAY 9 – GARDEN TOMB / CITY OF DAVID/ TEMPEL STEPS/ SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW

“He has risen!” (Mark 16:6) After breakfast we will visit the **Garden Tomb –Golgotha**, we will see the empty tomb and have a private communion on the grounds outside the city walls.

From there, we will transfer to the **City of David** – we will have the opportunity to see King David’s palace, the **Pool of Siloam** and the **Pilgrim road**. After the visit we will see the actual **original steps of the Temple** It was here that Jesus would have taught the disciples. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11).

After lunch, we will have some free time to walk in the ancient Bazaar of the Old City and enjoy it many coffee houses and gift shops. For those of you who would like to continue without shopping, our guide will take to you the **Holly Sepulcher** – this church is believed by the Catholic, Greek and many other churches as the site of Crucifixion and Resurrection.

We will finish our day with a spectacular **sound and light show at the Tower of David Citadel**.

We will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



DAY 10 - OLD CITY / TEMPLE MOUNT / POOLS OF BETHESDA/ WESTERN WALL TUNNELS

This morning we will start early,

We ascend to the **Dome of the Rock** and the al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site of Islam, located on the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. It is believed that here the Temple once stood. Just to the north we find the Pools of Bethesda (John 5) and **St. Anne's Church**. The church is perfectly preserved from the Crusader period – with remarkable acoustics. The Church is built on top of the **Pools of Bethesda** (John 5).

Continue on to the famous **Rabbi Tunnel**. Here we will enter by the Western wall plaza and go down to the foundation of the Second Temple. We will see a model that will demonstrate where we are in location to the Temple in the time of Christ. Continue along the tunnel as we proceed to the Gateway of the Priests entry to the Holy of Holies.

From Mt. Zion, we will visit the Israel Museum where we will see the original Dead Sea Scrolls and the best model of Jerusalem as it was in the year 70 AD

DAY 11 - JERUSALEM / Elah Valley

This morning we will start our day with a visit to Yad va Shem – Israel's main Holocaust center, where we will learn about the Jewish Holocaust and the connection to Ezekiel 37. From there we will drive down to the **valley of Elah** to see the place where David slew Goliath. We will drive up to the ancient city of Azeqa in order to gain a much better understanding on one of the most epic moments in the Bible 1 Samuel 17. From Azeqa, we will drive back to Jerusalem for some free time and last minute shopping. We will finish our day in a Biblical cuisine restaurant which is ranked on the top 3 in Israel.

We will have some time for conclusion and thanks during dinner.

Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 12 - JERUSALEM / TEL AVIV / USA

We transfer to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish always.



Israel – Nice to meet you,

- Population of 8.1 Million people:
- 75% Jewish
- 21% Muslim Arabs
- 4% Christian and other religions

Size: 8,019.3 SQM

6 claimant zones

Spoken Languages: Hebrew, English, Arabic

First Nation to believe in the one true God

First Nation to adopt Biblical laws and values

Established as a Kingdom around the year 1000 BCE

Was renamed Palestine by Roman Emperor – Hadrian in order to humiliate the Jews after their surrender to the Roman Empire in 135 AD.

Political Capital – Jerusalem, established around the year 3000 BCE

Considered by a third of Humanity as a Center of religion

The “Tree of Faith” which shares the same roots both for Judaism and Christianity was originated in Israel

