

ISRAEL THE HOLY LAND

ITINERARY

Nazareth | Bethlehem | Qumran | Masada | Jerusalem | Bethlehem | Dead Sea | Cana

AT A GLANCE

-  9 Days
-  Group Tour
-  All Breakfast & Dinner
-  Fully Guided Excursions

GROUP TOURS

CUSTOMISED ITINERARY

4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

GUIDED TOURS

SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

TOUR DETAILS

INCLUDED

- All sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- All guiding by licensed English speaking tour guide.
- All entry fees to the sites and museums as listed.
- Hotel Accommodation.
- Daily Breakfasts.
- Daily Dinner.
- International flights - from Johannesburg to Israel.
- All airport transfers.
- All service charges and local taxes.
- All transportation by private vehicle with driver.
- T-Shirt for the Group picture.
- Whisper Sets.
- Information Booklet.

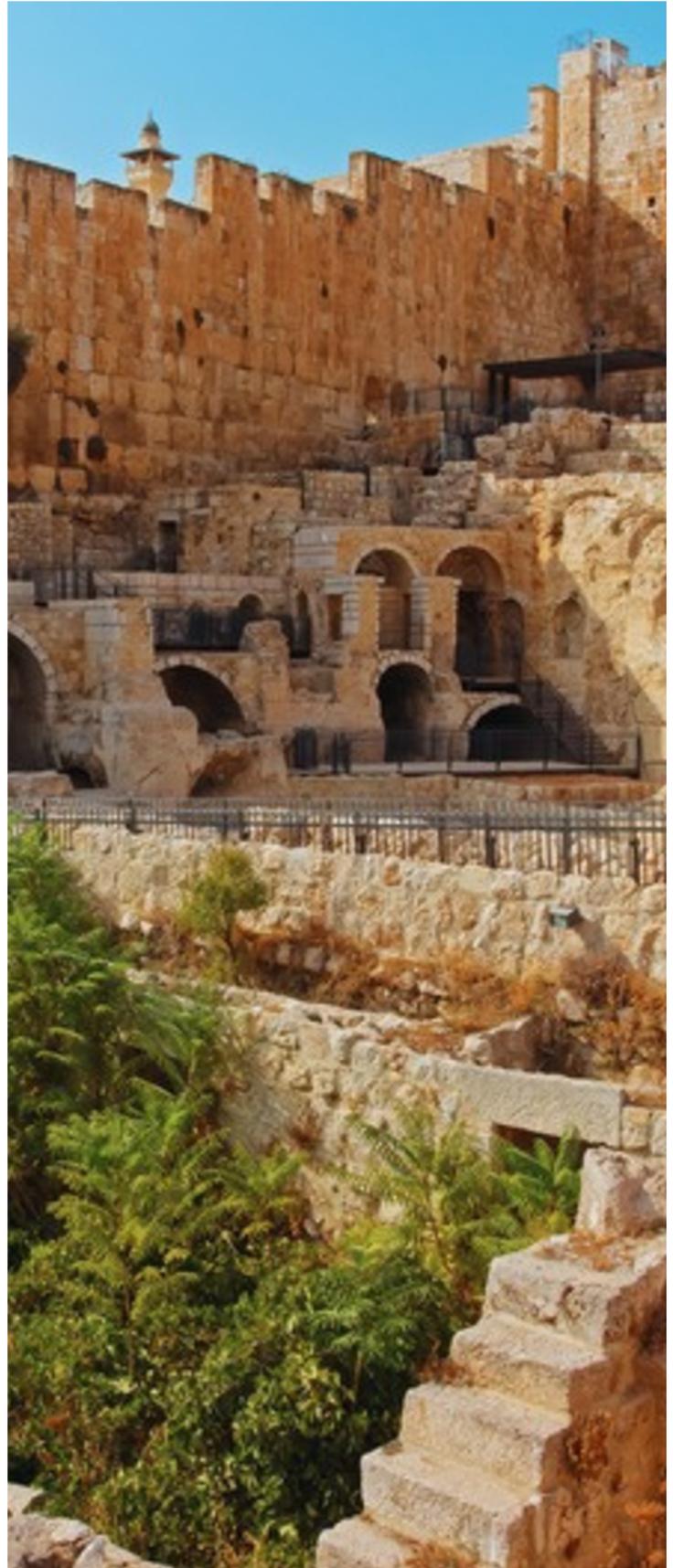
EXCLUDED

- Travel and Medical Insurance.
- Additional Services.
- Food & Drinks - lunches.
- Tipping.



PHYSICAL RATING - LEVEL 3

We encourage a decent level of fitness as there is a fair amount of walking, some days it will be 3 -4 hours.



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DAY 1: MEET AT OR TAMBO – DEPART SA, DINNER

✈ We meet at the Ethiopian Air Counter of O.R. Tambo International airport, Johannesburg at 14h00, Complete the necessary formalities, greet family and friends and depart for Tel Aviv at 17H00.

DAY 2: TEL AVIV – CAESAREA – MEGGIDDO – MT CARMEL – NAZARETH AND CANA – TIBERIUS (BREAKFAST ON BOARD & DINNER)

📍 We arrive in **Tel Aviv** at 07:05, where we are warmly greeted by our local agent. Each stop offers a unique glimpse into the rich tapestry of biblical history, setting the tone for our spiritual journey.

📍 We will visit:

- **Caesarea:** A historic town constructed by King Herod the Great along the beautiful Mediterranean coast. Here, we will explore the impressive Roman Amphitheatre.
- **Megiddo:** Famously referenced in the Book of Revelation as the site of the final battle, Armageddon.
- **Mount Carmel:** Known for the confrontation between the prophet Elijah and the prophets of Baal.
- **Nazareth:** Our day concludes with visits to **Nazareth**, *Mathew 2:23*, the site of the Annunciation. **Cana** *John 2*, known for the location of Jesus' first miracle. Time permitting, we can arrange for marriage vow renewals. There is no cost, but a donation to the church is welcomed.

🍴 Lunch is at your own expense ★ Suggestion to enjoy it in Mount Carmel.

We end the day with dinner at our hotel in **Tiberius**.
After dinner – take a walk to the waterfront and flea market.

DAY 3: BEATITUDES – MENSA CHRISTI – TABGHA – GALILEE – MAGDALA VILLAGE – YARDENIT – CAPERNAUM (BREAKFAST & DINNER)

📍 This morning after breakfast, we will meet our tour guide and group in the lobby.

📍 We will visit several significant biblical sites:

- **Mount of Beatitudes:** This serene location is where Jesus delivered the famous Sermon on the Mount. *Matthew 5*.
- **Mensa Christi:** Visit the site traditionally believed to be where Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection.
- **Village of Magdala:** We have the opportunity to see the remains of a first-century synagogue, offering a glimpse into the religious life during Jesus' time.
- **Capernaum:** We see St. Peter's House, and the impressive 6th century synagogue. Capernaum is often referred to as the "Town of Jesus" due to its significance in his ministry. *Mentioned in all the Gospels*.
- **Sea of Galilee:** Take part in a memorable worship service while enjoying a peaceful boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- **Yardenit:** This renowned Christian baptism site is on the Jordan River. – Baptism or Re-dedication: For those interested, you can choose to participate in a baptism or re-dedication ceremony. The approximate cost for hiring a gown and using shower facilities is \$10.

🍴 Lunch is at your own expense ★ Suggestion – St Peters Fish Lunch.

We end the day with dinner at our hotel in **Tiberius**.
After dinner – Join in a devotion session, reflecting on the day. Later take a walk to the waterfront and flea market.



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DAY 4: MASADA – THE DEAD SEA – QUMRAN – GALLICANTU (BREAKFAST & DINNER)

📍 This morning after breakfast, we will meet our tour guide and group in the lobby for our day tour.

📖 We will visit:

- **Masada:** This ancient site offers breathtaking views and a deep connection to Israel's past.
- **Dead Sea:** You can immerse yourself in the natural salt and mud healing waters of the Dead Sea. This is the lowest point on earth.
- **Qumran:** Next we will head to Qumran, where we can view the legendary **Dead Sea Scrolls**. Discover the fascinating history behind these ancient manuscripts and the community that once thrived here.
- **Jerusalem:** After lunch, we will travel to the iconic city of Jerusalem. Our first stop will be the **Cockrow Church**, also known as St. Peter in Gallicantu. We see the dungeon where Jesus was held the night before His crucifixion. *Matthew 26:69–75*
- **Mt Scopus:** If time permits, we visit Mount Scopus to pray over the City.

🍴 Lunch is at your own expense ★ Suggestion to enjoy it at Qumran.

We travel to our hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight stay.

★ After dinner, at your leisure, you can take a tram to Ben Yehuda street or visit the Old City.

DAY 5: MT. OF OLIVES – GETHSEMANE – MT. ZION – HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL (BREAKFAST & DINNER)

📍 This morning after breakfast, we will meet our tour guide and group in the lobby for our day tour.

📖 We will visit:

- **Mount Of Olives:** Today we will wear our T-shirts for our group photo. We walk down the **Palm Sunday Road**, the road Jesus used to enter Jerusalem on a donkey. *Matthew 21:1–11, Mark 11:1–11, Luke 19:28–44, and John 12:12–19*
- **Church of the Ascension:** Discover the traditional site where Jesus is believed to have ascended to heaven. *Luke 24:50–53 and Acts 1:9–11*
- **Pater Noster Church:** Visit the church that commemorates the Lord's Prayer.
- **Dominus Flevit:** Reflect at the church built where Jesus is said to have wept over Jerusalem. *John 11:35*
- **Garden of Gethsemane:** Walk through the serene garden that holds centuries-old olive trees, believed to have witnessed Jesus' agony.
- **Church of All Nations:** *Matthew 26:36–46, Mark 14:32–42, and Luke 22:39–46*
- This afternoon we will visit **Mount Zion**, home to:
 - **The Upper Room:** See the traditional site of the Last Supper.
 - **Tomb of King David:** See the memorial of the revered biblical king.
- **Western Wall (Kotel):** A profound spiritual experience in the Jewish Quarter. Also known as the wailing wall.
- We then have a refreshing walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** in the **City of David**.

🍴 Lunch is at your own expense ★ Suggestion to enjoy it in Jerusalem.

★ After dinner, at your leisure, you can take a tram to Ben Yehuda Street or visit the Old City.



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DAY 6: BETHESDA – VIA DOLOROSA – GARDEN TOMB – GOLGOTHA (BREAKFAST & DINNER)

📍 This morning after breakfast, we will meet our tour guide and group in the lobby for our day tour.

📖 We will visit:

- **Pool of Bethesda:** Today we visit the **Pool of Bethesda**, a site renowned for healing. *John 5:1-15*.
- Next we visit **St. Anne's Church**, with its remarkable acoustics.
- **Via Dolorosa:** Continue your journey by walking along this Protestant path, tracing the steps believed to have been taken by Jesus on his way to crucifixion. *Mark 15:61-21*
- We visit the **Lithostratos** *John 19:13*, an ancient, historical pavement. This location is part of the Antonia Fortress, an ancient military barracks, and is where Pilate delivered the sentence that led to Jesus' crucifixion. .
- **Church of the Holy Sepulchre:** Later we visit this church, where some believe is the place of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.
- **Garden Tomb:** This afternoon, partake in a **Communion** service in a serene garden setting that offers a view of Golgotha as mentioned in all the *Gospels*, also known as the Place of the Skull as well as visit the **Tomb of Jesus**.
- **Old City:** Conclude your day with leisure time to explore the bustling markets and shops of the **Old City**. Soak in the vibrant atmosphere and discover unique souvenirs to commemorate your journey.

🍴 Lunch is at your own expense ★ Suggestion – enjoy it in the Old City

Dinner at your hotel.

DAY 7: BET GUVRIN – VALLEY OF ELAH – BETHLEHEM (BREAKFAST & DINNER)

📍 This morning after breakfast, we will meet our tour guide and group in the lobby for our day tour.

📖 We will visit:

- **Bet Guvrin Caves:** We visit the caves and the **Valley of Elah** – the legendary site of the biblical battle between David and Goliath. (*1 Samuel 17:2 and 19*)
- **Bethlehem:** We then travel to Bethlehem to visit the Shepherds' Fields (*Luke 2:8-20*) – where the announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds by the angels took place.
- Then, proceed to the **Church of the Nativity**, the revered birthplace of Jesus. See a replica of the manger – *Luke 2:7*
- 🍴 Lunch is at your own expense ★ Suggestion – The Grotto.
- ★ After dinner, take the opportunity to explore Ben Yehudah Street, a vibrant hub for last-minute shopping. Experience the lively atmosphere, browse unique shops, and perhaps pick up a few special souvenirs to remember your journey.



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DAY 8: TEMPLE MOUNT, YAD VASHEM – JOPPA (BREAKFAST)

📍 This morning is our last day. After breakfast, with packed bags, we will meet our tour guide and group in the lobby.

📖 We will visit:

- **Temple Mount**, located in the **Muslim Quarter** of the **Old City of Jerusalem**. Here, you will view the **Al-Aqsa Mosque**.
- The Temple Mount, previously known as Mount Moriah, where it was believed Abraham had built the altar on which to sacrifice his son Isaac. The First Temple was constructed during the reign of David's son, Solomon, and completed in 957 BC.
- **Yad Vashem**, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. This museum offers a solemn reflection on the history and impact of the Holocaust, honouring the memory of those who perished.
- **Joppa (Jaffa)**: On our way to the airport, we stop at the oldest harbour city in the world, where Jonah left for Tarshish from. (*Jonah 1:3*)

✈️ At 18:30, we will transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our departure. As we leave the **Holy Land**, we carry with us unforgettable experiences, memories and stories to share.

Overnight and meals on board.

DAY 9: ARRIVE BACK HOME (MEALS ON BOARD)

Sadly, all good things must come to an end.

📌 Be sure to book your next tour soon!!

🗣️ "See you next year in Jerusalem" – a phrase that is often sung at the end of the Passover Seder and at the end of the Ne'ila service on Yom Kippur.

HOTELS

- Leonardo Hotel or Similar in Tiberius.
- Leonardo Hotel or Similar in Jerusalem.



WHY CHOOSE BIBLE LAND TRAVELS

Since 2007, we have been fortunate enough to participate in successful pilgrimage travels to the Holy Land and Footsteps of Paul journeys. We consider it a privilege to share our passion for this ministry with others, and would be honoured to introduce you to the 7 Churches of the Book of Revelation. Over the years, we have sourced the best possible value for money and affordable trips without compromising any of the experiences. Our goal is to not only meet but exceed expectations as we journey through Turkiye in Asia Minor. By the Grace of God, these pilgrimages have always been successful, and we have cultivated positive relationships in these foreign lands, where locals are always happy to welcome us.

Our extensive trips through Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Italy have brought about abundant spiritual growth. Witnessing the sites mentioned in the Bible has enriched us, and we strive to share this experience with all who embark on these journeys. As a company that began as Bible Land Travels and has now expanded into Travel Daze Ltd, we are blessed to have many contactable references with repeat travellers.

We also enjoy a 4.7 rating on Trust Pilot.

On every trip, you will be accompanied by a Tour Co-ordinator and an English-speaking Tour Guide. This ensures that all your needs are taken care of and that your stay during the tour will be effortless, giving you the opportunity to experience the fullness and richness of these Biblical Lands.

Join us on this spiritual journey as we embark on a life-changing experience.

Mission Statement: Heed the Call and Stay connected to the Vine.

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