



Into the Word in Israel

October 16—26, 2023

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\$4,370 PER PERSON

(FOR DOUBLE ROOM OCCUPANCY)

Single Rooms + \$1,015

11 Day Journey

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Tour Price: \$4,370

Price is per person for double occupancy (two people in one room)

Single Room Supplement: \$1,015 (additional)

Each Traveler Must Have:

- Current US Passport valid until at least six months AFTER the return date
- Travel insurance with COVID coverage (medical and quarantine)

Your Tour Includes:

- Round trip international air transportation from Chicago, Illinois (ORD)
- First class and deluxe hotels
- Land transportation via a deluxe motor coach (wi-fi equipped)
- Professional tour guide and driver
- Entrance fees to all activities listed on the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner daily with special meals noted on the itinerary (lunch is purchased on own unless otherwise noted)
- Luggage handling at hotels

Your Tour Does NOT Include:

- Travel insurance
- Domestic flights
- Gratuities for guide and driver (*Please give at least \$120 per registrant in cash to your tour host at the beginning of your journey. You may give more at the end of your journey, if you desire.*)

Payment Schedule:

- \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE Registration Fee is due at the time of registration
- First payment (1/2 balance) is due Friday, May 19, 2023
- Final balance must be received no later than Wednesday, August 2, 2023



Sailing on the Sea of Galilee



Caesarea Maritima



Capernaum Synagogue



Magdala Synagogue

Day 1: Monday, October 16, 2023

Today we depart on our Israel journey from **Chicago, Illinois** to **Tel Aviv, Israel**.

Day 2: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Upon arrival at **Tel Aviv's** Ben Gurion Airport our Israeli host will assist us with the transfer of our luggage. We will meet our guide, board our deluxe motor coach, and drive north up the coast. We will stop to visit **Caesarea Maritima**, built by King Herod the Great in 22 BC. After viewing the extensive ruins of this ancient port city, we will stop for lunch before visiting **Megiddo**, the fortress city that kept watch over Israel's northern breadbasket, the **Jezreel/Megiddo Plain**. Dinner and overnight at our **Sea of Galilee** hotel.

Day 3: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

After our first Israeli breakfast, we will visit the **Wedding Church at Cana (Kfar Cana)**, the city of Jesus' first miracle. We will walk the breadth of **Nazareth** from the **Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation** and "Mary's Well" on the east to the **Catholic Basilica of the Annunciation** on the west. After lunch we will visit the ancient **Galilean** capital of **Zippori** and learn how this city likely impacted Jesus' life. Dinner and overnight at our **Sea of Galilee** hotel.

Day 4: Thursday, October 19, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we begin our day with a drive to visit the city of **Hazor**, known in Joshua's day as 'head of all those kingdoms'. We will then visit ancient **Luz/Dan** and see the gates from the time of Abraham and of Northern Israel, as well as the site of Jeroboam's abominable Golden Calf. After lunch we will visit **Caesarea Philippi (Banias)**, a city of Greek-Roman culture known for its worship of foreign gods and where Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" We will then drive the **Road to Damascus** and visit **Mt. Bental**, an abandoned IDF bunker overlooking the **Syrian border** where we will learn of the battles that took place here. We will end this day experiencing true

Israeli hospitality and dinner in the home of our CEO, Omer Eshel, on the **Cliffs of Gadara** where Jesus cast the demons (legion) into the swine. Overnight at our **Sea of Galilee** hotel.

Day 5: Friday, October 20, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we set out to visit the **Yigal Allon Center** to see the **ancient Galilee boat**. Next we will sail on the **Sea of Galilee** before enjoying a delicious fish lunch. Afterward this amazing feast we will visit **Magdala**, a major 1st century port on the **Sea of Galilee**, a center of trade and commerce, and an exporter of salted fish to markets as far away as Europe. It is here we will see a 1st century synagogue where Jesus would have taught. We hope to enjoy the sunset overlooking the view from **Mount Arbel**. Dinner and overnight at our **Sea of Galilee** hotel. *Shabbat Shalom!*

Day 6: Saturday, October 21, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we begin our day with a visit to the ruins of **Chorazin**, which Jesus condemned, along with nearly **Bethsaida** and **Capernaum** for their rejection of Him. We will then see the beautiful **Mount of Beatitudes**, believed to be where Jesus prayed all night before naming the Twelve and delivering His Sermon on the Mount. We will then stop at **Tabgha** on the shore of the **Sea of Galilee**, which Thomas believes to be the site of **Bethsaida Galilee**, the home town of Peter, Andrew and Philip. Its **Primacy of St. Peter Church** recalls Jesus' third appearance to his apostles after the resurrection. After lunch we will drive to **Capernaum**, the city which Jesus adopted as the home base for His public ministry in **Galilee**. Dinner and overnight at our **Sea of Galilee** hotel.



Thomas & Debra with Sea of Galilee



Garden of Gethsemane



Via Dolorosa



Garden Tomb

Day 7: Sunday, October 22, 2023

After breakfast at our hotel we will visit **Tel Jezreel** to see the ruins of the city of Ahab and Jezebel. We will then travel to **Beit She'an** where we will see the most extensive and best preserved ruins of this Decapolis city. It is here that King Saul was defeated and killed, along with his three sons. This city was destroyed by an earthquake in AD 749. After lunch we will visit **Qasr el Yahud**, the traditional site of Israel's crossing into the **Promised Land** and of the ministry of John the Baptist. We will see ancient **Jericho** in the distance as we drive through the **Judean Wilderness**, where Jesus was tempted, before arriving at the lowest place on earth, the **Dead Sea**. We will enjoy time to float on the **Dead Sea** before dinner and overnight at our **Dead Sea** hotel.

Day 8: Monday, October 23, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we will visit the beautiful site of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul when he pursued him to kill him. Afterward we set out to see the incredible rock-top fortress of **Masada**. This once palatial refuge for Herod the Great, is better known as the location of a Roman siege against 960 Jewish defenders in AD 74. Next we will visit **Qumran**, the place where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found. After lunch we will drive to **Jerusalem** and overlook this spectacular city from the **Mt. of Olives**. We will then walk down to the **Church of All Nations**. Dinner and overnight at our **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 9: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

After breakfast at our hotel we will begin our day with a visit to the **Israel Museum** and see a large model of Jerusalem from the time of Jesus, the **Shrine of the Book**, where you will see pieces of the **Dead Sea Scrolls** and many other artifacts. We will visit the **Zion Gate** and walk down to the **Cardo**, **Jerusalem's** oldest shopping area for lunch in the **Jewish Quarter**. After lunch we will visit the **Southern Steps Excavation Project** and walk on the same steps that Jesus and his disciples walked. We will then visit the **City of David**, see the **Pool of Siloam** and

walk through **Hezekiah's (wet)** or the **Canaanite (dry) tunnel**. We will see areas where Jesus would have walked and perhaps taught such as the **Southern Steps of the Temple** at the **Davidson Center**, the **Trumpeter Stone** and **Robinson's Arch**. Dinner and overnight at our **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 10: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we will begin the day with a visit to the **Garden Tomb**, the traditional **Golgotha**, believed by many to be the burial place of Jesus. We will observe communion with those who choose to participate. We will then enjoy a time of reflection and prayer at the **Kotel (Western Wall)** before we walk through the **Western Wall Tunnels**, exiting near the **Church of Flagellation** to see the **Pool of Bethesda** at **St. Anne's Church**. We will walk the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, another possible site for the tomb of Jesus. After lunch we will walk to the **Citadel of David** and view the city from the top of the tower. Then we will visit the **Joppa Gate** area before one last view of the city from the **Mount of Olives**. Dinner and overnight at your **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 11: Thursday, October 26, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we will depart for the airport to begin our journey home.

Shalom Blessings until next time!



Western Wall



TOUR TERMS and CONDITIONS:

Prices quoted are in US dollars and are based on fares and costs in effect at the time of publication. Whenever possible, *The Bible Comes to Life* obtains price guarantees from suppliers. However, depending upon the strength of the US dollar and the fluctuating nature of oil, gas and other costs, published rates are subject to change without notice.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Economy class air round trip from the international airport identified by your Tour Host(s).

HOTELS: Deluxe hotels. Price based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room. A single room is subject to availability and an additional charge to the price of the tour. A tour participant must pay this supplement if he/she is the sole occupant of assigned accommodation.

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily. Any other specially meals are identified on the itinerary.

ATTRACTIONS: Transportation and touring via deluxe motor coach with English-speaking guides. All entrance fees are included.

TAXES/TIPS: Tips, airport taxes, fuel surcharges / gratuities for guide and driver are dependent on individual group agreements and are communicated to each participant by Tour Host(s).

NOT INCLUDED: Food and beverages outside our scheduled meals (i.e soft drinks); room service not included with regular meals; room service charges; travel or accident/baggage insurance; luggage fees incurred by airlines.

DOCUMENTS – HEALTH - HANDICAPPED: A passport with a 6-month validity past the tour return date is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Israel requires no visas for U.S. citizens. Tour participants are expected to be in good health and able to walk, get on and off the bus and get around without the assistance of another individual. If unable to do so, participant must bring someone to assist you, at your expense. **Due to the continued changes to regulations, your group host will notify you in the event of any vaccination requirement.**

REGISTRATION FEE: A **non-refundable** \$300 per person Initial Registration Fee is required at the time of registration and will be applied to the total trip cost. Registrations received inside one hundred (100) days of departure must be accompanied by full payment.

PAYMENTS: All payments should be made payable to TBCTL-USA. Credit card payments will incur a processing fee. Late payments may incur a late charge fee. Returned checks will incur a returned check fee.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations **MUST** be submitted in writing. **NO** cancellation will be accepted by phone. No refund is available for cancellations less than 75 days of departure date. **Travel & Trip Cancellation Insurance with coverage to include COVID is required.**

In the event of a travel interruption 84 days or less than the departure date due to occurrences beyond the control of *The Bible Comes to Life*, including, but not limited to, breakdown of equipment, strikes, theft, war, rebellion, riot, civil commotion, earthquake, fire, floods, accident, pandemic, epidemic, viral outbreaks, or any act of God (Forced Majeure event), every effort will be made to reschedule travel upon interruption resolution.

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TRAVELER AGREEMENT — RESPONSIBILITY: By registering for this tour:

- I agree to the Terms and Conditions as outlined in this document.
- I agree that I am in good health and able to walk, get on and off the bus and get around without the assistance of another individual, or that I am bringing someone with me to assist me, at my own expense.
- I agree that I have, or will obtain, a passport with a 6-month validity past the tour return date.
- I agree that all travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations, are my sole responsibility.
- I agree to make payments according to the outlined payment schedule provided by my Tour Host(s). Late payments may incur a late charge fee. Returned checks will incur a returned check fee. Failure to comply and respond after notification will be considered an act of intent not to travel and will result in the termination of my registration and forfeiture of all previous payments.
- I understand that travel insurance is not included in the tour cost and that *The Bible Comes to Life* requires that I purchase this coverage to protect my travel investment.