

Becoming Love Ministries Hosts an Israel Journey of a Lifetime May 3—13, 2024

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\$4,300 PER PERSON

(FOR DOUBLE ROOM OCCUPANCY)

Single Rooms + \$1,100

11 Day Journey

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Tour Price: \$4,300

Price is <u>per person</u> for double occupancy (two people in one room)

Single Room Supplement: \$1,100 (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 New York City (JFK)
- 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 <u>in cash to your tour host</u> 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 Tuesday, December 5, 2023
- Final balance must be received no later than Sunday, February 18, 2024





Caesarea Maritima

Capernaum Synagogue

Magdala Synagogue

Day 1: Friday, May 3, 2024

Today we depart on our Israel journey from **New York City (JFK)** on our overnight flight to **Tel Aviv, Israel.**

Day 2: Saturday, May 4, 2024

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 to our hotel on the beautiful shores of the **Mediterranean Sea** in **Netanya**.

Day 3: Sunday, May 5, 2024

After our first Israeli breakfast, we will drive north up the coast to **Caesarea Maritima**, built by King Herod the Great in 22 BC. After viewing the extensive ruins of this ancient port city, we will continue to **Megiddo** and see the site overlooking the **Valley of Armageddon** where the final battle is prophesied to happen. After lunch we will visit the ancient city of **Zippori** where Jesus would have visited and worked as a young man. Then we will drive through **Nazareth** as we travel to **Mount Precipice**, the traditional site for where Jesus was rejected by an angry mob and where a miracle occurred. The view of the **Jezreel Valley** below is magnificent. Dinner and overnight at our **Sea of Galilee** hotel.

Day 4: Monday, May 6, 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we set out to see the beautiful **Mt. of Beatitudes** believed to be the setting for Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We will then stop at **Tabgha** on the shore of the **Sea of Galilee**. This spot is traditionally thought to be where the miracle of the loaves and fish took place. Then we drive to **Capernaum**, known as Jesus' home town and the scene of many of his miracles and where he called his first disciples. Next we will **see an ancient boat** dated to the time of Jesus, enjoy a delicious fish lunch and take a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**. Afterward we drive to **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 end our day with dinner and overnight at our **Sea of Galilee** hotel.

Day 5: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we begin our day with a drive to 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?" Next, we visit Tel Dan, where the tribe of Dan lived. Dan introduced idolatry into the land of Israel, and it was here where King Jeroboam set up a high place of worship to a golden calf. After lunch we will 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 visit the ancient city of Gamla and see the largest and oldest synagogue in the Galilee before we experience 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. Omer's wife, Michal, will offer for sale jewelry that she designs originally. Overnight at our Sea of Galilee hotel.

Day 6: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we begin our day with a time of spiritual blessing as we stop at Yardenit, the baptismal site at the headwaters of the Jordan River. Here you are invited to be baptized if you choose. 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 travel to **Qumran**, the place where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were founds. We will drive through Jericho and can see the Mt. of Temptation along the way. We have a brief stop at the beautiful desert oasis, Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul when he pursued him to kill him, before arriving at the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight is at our Dead Sea hotel.



Day 7: Thursday, May 9, 2024

Breakfast is at the hotel and today we will enjoy a later check out to allow you time to float on the **Dead Sea** if you choose. 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. After lunch we will drive to the **Elah Valley** where we will see an **authentic 1st century tomb** owned by a wealthy family and a **Roman Theater** where early Christians were fed to the wild beasts. Next we will visit **Tel Azeqa** and overlook the valley where the battle of David and Goliath took place. We will then drive to **Jerusalem** for dinner and overnight at our **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 8: Friday, May 10, 2024

After breakfast at our hotel we will visit **Yad Vashem**, **Israel's Holocaust Memorial and Museum** and the **Friends of Zion Museum** dedicated to the Christian friends of the Jewish nation. After lunch we will visit 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. Next we will visit the **Church of the Nazarene** in **Jerusalem** before returning to our hotel for Shabbat dinner and overnight at our **Jerusalem** hotel. **Shabbat Shalom!**

Day 9: Saturday, May 11, 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we will have an early morning visit to **The Temple Mount** (depending on accessibility) and observe a time of prayer at the **Western Wall (Kotel).** Next we will enjoy an amazing view of **Jerusalem** from the **Mt. of Olives** and then visit the **Garden of Gethsemane.** This is the site where Jesus prayed in agony before his arrest. We will have a time of reflection and prayer in a private garden. After lunch we will visit 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. Dinner and overnight is at our **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 10: Sunday, May 12, 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we will visit the City of David, see the Pool of Siloam and walk through the Canaanite (dry) tunnel. We will see areas where Jesus would have walked and perhaps taught such as the Southern Steps of the Temple (Gate Beautiful) at the Davidson Center, the Trumpeter Stone and Robinson's Arch. We will have lunch in the Old City of Jerusalem and tour the Four Quarters with free time at the Cardo, Israel's oldest marketplace. Afterward, we will visit the King of Kings **Community Jerusalem,** one of the main centers of Messianic Jews and Evangelical local communities in Jerusalem. We will see the King of Kings' "Summit Prayer Tower" with an overlook of the city and visit with leaders of the Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries (FIRM). We will enjoy a farewell dinner before departing for the airport to begin our overnight journey home.

Day 11: Monday, May 13, 2024

Overnight flight home to **New York City (JFK).** Connections to your home airport is at your convenience on the airline of your choice.

Shalom and Blessings until next time!



Yardenit Jordan River Baptismal Site



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 special 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 <u>non-refundable</u> \$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.