



Wheaton Christian Center and New Jerusalem Israel Journey

September 25—October 5, 2023

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\$4,225 PER PERSON

(FOR DOUBLE ROOM OCCUPANCY)

Single Rooms + \$1,070

11 Day Journey

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Tour Price: \$4,225

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

Single Room Supplement: \$1,070 (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, April 28, 2023
- Final balance must be received no later than Wednesday, July 12, 2023



Sailing on the Sea of Galilee



Caesarea Maritima



Capernaum Synagogue



Magdala Synagogue

Day 1: Monday, September 25, 2023

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

Day 2: Tuesday, September 26, 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 to meet missionary **Avi Mazrachi** in **Tel Aviv** for a short visit. Afterward we will visit **Old Jaffa** where Jonah set sail and Peter had his vision in Acts 10 before arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight in our **Tel Aviv** hotel.

Day 3: Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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 the **Mount of 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: Thursday, September 28, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we begin our day with a visit to **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. Next we will 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?" 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. Next we will visit the ancient city of **Gamla** to see the largest and oldest synagogue in the **Galilee**. We will then 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. Overnight at our **Sea of Galilee** hotel.

Day 5: Friday, September 29, 2023

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. **Shabbat Shalom!**



Yardenit

Jordan River Baptismal Site



Western Wall



Garden of Gethsemane



Via Dolorosa



Garden Tomb

Day 6: Saturday, September 30, 2023

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. Next we will 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 drive through **Jericho** and can see the **Mt. of Temptation** along the way as we travel to **Qumran**, the place where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found. We will then travel to **Jerusalem** and overlook the spectacular city from the **Mt. of Olives**. We will have a time of reflection and prayer at **The Kotel (Western Wall)** before worship with **King of Kings** or **Ahavat Yeshua**. We will end our day with dinner and overnight at our **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 7: Sunday, October 1, 2023

After breakfast at our hotel we will drive to **Samaria** and see **Mt. Gerizim** which is sacred to the Samaritans. Next we will visit ancient **Shilo** and see the place where the tabernacle used to be. After lunch we will visit **Mizpa**, the village of prophet Samuel and enjoy one of the best biblical lookouts in **Israel**. We end our day with dinner and overnight at our **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 8: Monday, October 2, 2023

After breakfast at our hotel 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 drive to the **Dead Sea** region 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 visit the beautiful site of **Ein Gedi**, the place where David could have killed Saul but spared his life. We will then enjoy time floating on the amazing **Dead Sea** before driving back to **Jerusalem** for dinner and

overnight at our **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 9: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we will visit the **Southern Steps Excavation Project** and walk on the same steps that Jesus and his disciples walked. Next 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** at the **Davidson Center**, the **Trumpeter Stone** and **Robinson's Arch**. We will then drive to the **Jaffa Gate** before visiting with the **Church's Ministry Among Jewish People (CMJ Jerusalem)**. After lunch we will walk the **Jewish Quarter** and see biblical sites inside the city walls. We will end our day with dinner and overnight at our **Jerusalem** hotel.

Day 10: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel we will begin the day in the **Garden of Gethsemane** near the foot of the **Mt. of Olives**. 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. Next we will visit **Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial and Museum**. 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. Next 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. We will visit **Tel Azeqa** and overlook the valley where the battle of David and Goliath took place before driving back to **Jerusalem** for a farewell dinner and our departure to the airport to begin our journey home.

Day 11: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Overnight travel from **Tel Aviv** to **Chicago, Illinois**.

Shalom Blessings until next time!

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.