



*St. James Coffee House Presents:*

# Holy Land Tour

*Oct. 28 - Nov. 8, 2024*

*Hosted by:  
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*Mount of Beatitudes*



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*Basilica (Church) of the Annunciation*



*Garden of Gethsemane*

**Day 1: Monday, October 28, 2024 • Departure**

We begin our pilgrimage with a flight from Minneapolis.

**Day 2: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 • Tel Aviv**

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport our Israeli host assists us with customs and immigration, along with the transfer of our luggage. We then board a motor coach, meet our guide, and drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. We take a walking tour of Joppa/Jaffa, the ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narrative of Jonah and the whale, and in the story of Solomon's import of the cedars of Lebanon, Simon the tanner and Peter. Our first Mass in the Holy Lands is in Jaffa. Dinner is at our hotel. **D**

**Day 3: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 • Sea of Galilee**

After breakfast, we board our coach and drive north up the coast to Caesarea Maritima, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. We visit the Roman Theater, the Roman Aqueduct, and the Herodian Port. We drive by Mount Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and stop at Mount Precipice where the Nazarenes wanted to throw Jesus off the cliff (Luke 4:16-30). Then we continue to Megiddo, the Chariot City for Solomon and Ahab. Later we check into a kibbutz on the Sea of Galilee our home for the next three nights. **B/D**

**Day 4: Thursday, October 31, 2024 • Sea of Galilee**

Our morning begins after a breakfast buffet. We begin with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee where we stop to see the 2000-year-old Jesus boat. Continuing, we drive around the Sea of Galilee, passing by Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We enter the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Lk. 4:31-37) and stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We also see Peter's house. We visit Tabgha, commemorating the feeding of the 5,000 (Lk. 9); Mensa Christi, where the Lord appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (Jn. 21); and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We end the day with Mass and time for reflection on the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. **B/D**

**Day 5: Friday, November 1, 2024 • Sea of Galilee**

We drive to Caesarea Philippi (Banias), one of the sources of the Jordan River. It was here that Jesus asked his disciples "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and began to explain to them that he must go to Jerusalem (Mt 16:13-23) and be crucified. We take time here to reflect on the passage in the Bible. Next, we visit Tel Dan, where the tribe of Dan lived; it was originally called

Laish. 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 (1 Kings 12:25-33). We pause to reflect on the significance of the Road to Damascus. In Golan Heights, we recall the scene of bitter fighting during the Six Day War and the Valley of the Tears. We also enjoy the view of the snowcapped peak of Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in the Middle East. At Gamla, we view the remains of a 1st century town and synagogue where Jesus likely preached, enjoy the beautiful waterfall, and marvel at the large vultures and eagles soaring above us. This evening we have dinner at a winery. **B/D**

**Day 6: Saturday, November 2, 2024 • Sea of Galilee**

This morning we take an excursion to Nazareth where we visit the Church of the Annunciation, see Mary's well, and walk through Nazareth Village. We have Mass this morning at the Church of Annunciation. We lunch with fellow Christians at Canary. This afternoon is an opportunity for a renewal of vows as we explore Cana. **B/L/D**

**Day 7: Sunday, November 3, 2024 • Dead Sea Area**

We pass through the Judean Wilderness driving by Jericho en route to Qumran. We drive to Qasr al Yahud, the site where John the Baptist baptized Jesus and we reflect on the clouds parting and the voice reigning down "this is my son with whom I am well pleased." We continue to the Dead Sea, where we have a chance to swim and float in the Dead Sea. We overnight tonight near the Dead Sea. **B/D**

**Day 8: Monday, November 4, 2024 • Jerusalem**

We begin today at En Gedi where we relive one of David's historic encounters with King Saul. Then we continue to Jerusalem and drive to the top of the Mount of Olives where we enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City and Basilica (Church) of the Annunciation Garden of Gethsemane the Kidron Valley. Then it's a short walk down along the Palm Sunday Way to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We have Mass at the Grotto of the Apostles. **B/D**

**Day 9: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 • Jerusalem**

Then we enter the Old City through the Lion's Gate and walk along parts of the Via Dolorosa past Zion Monastery as we begin to visit the stations of the cross. We continue to Ecce Homo (site of Jesus' scourging). We see authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following visits to Saint Anne's Church, the Pool of Bethesda, a walk is planned through the colorful Arab Bazaar where the sounds and smells of the Middle East

*Via Dolorosa*

come alive. We walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we end our day. Mass is tentatively planned at St. Anne's. **B/D**

**Day 10: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 • Jerusalem**

Today is devoted to Bethlehem where we see the Shepherd's Fields and explore Bethlehem, including a visit to the Church of the Nativity. We have Mass at the Milk Grotto and lunch with local Christians. We visit Olive wood carvers and have an opportunity to purchase some to bring home. If possible, an event will be planned in the afternoon to enjoy fellowship with local Christians. **B/L/D**

**Day 11: Thursday, November 7, 2024 • Jerusalem**

We begin our final day in the Holy Land with Mass at Church of Holy Sepulcher. Then we proceed to the Western (Wailing) Wall, Judaism's most holy site. We have a free afternoon in the city center to explore on our own and visit the shop. An optional visit to the Israel Museum and Holocaust Museum is possible for those who would prefer that. This evening we have a farewell dinner at our hotel and reflect back on all we have seen. **B/D**

**Day 12: Friday, November 8, 2024 • Return**

We land in the U.S.

**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**

***Please be aware:***

*This tour includes considerable standing and walking and some hiking. We recommend that tour participants be able to walk a mile or more at a moderate pace, navigate some uneven terrain, cobblestone streets, steps and hills. Caution is recommended for those with walking or breathing difficulties. If a guest requires mobility assistance, they must be accompanied by an able companion who is totally responsible for providing the guest's necessary assistance. Ed-Ventures does not provide personal attendant services.*

**Tour Price with insurance: \$5,899**

Prices are per person, double occupancy  
 Land package, travel insurance and estimated air  
 with a minimum of 25 participants

**Single supplement: \$830**

**YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Estimated airfare (\$1,530) from Minneapolis to Tel Aviv and return including taxes and fuel surcharges.
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist & moderate first class hotels
- Services of a **multi-lingual guide** throughout the tour
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** including coach driver, tour leader and hotel and restaurant staff
- **Border taxes and Visa**
- **Travel insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*Insurance has a value of \$320 per person.*)

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages, *except for* juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast and coffee, tea and water with dinner
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of \$500 is due with registration. Final payment is due 100 days before departure. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. *Early registration is encouraged.*

**Currency:**

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

**Refund/Cancellation Policy:**

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to the departure date. From the time of deposit to 99 days before departure, a \$100 per person administrative fee and any lost airfare deposits will be assessed. From the final payment due date until 14 days before departure, there will be a \$300 per person cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines or ground suppliers. Airline tickets, once printed are not refundable. An individual canceling less than 14 days before departure will receive NO REFUND.

***Health, baggage and trip cancellation insurance is included.***



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Due to COVID-19, we reserve the right to adjust the tour in order to follow the guidelines and policies set by the CDC and the local governments.

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- SJHL24:** Oct. 28 – Nov. 8, 2024 • \$5,899
- Single Supplement** • \$830

### Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Include a photocopy of the picture page of your passport with your application.*

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**  Male  Female

**Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Include a photocopy of the picture page of your passport with your application.*

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone/cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sleeping Preference** (circle one): Double bed (1 bed)    Twin Beds (2 beds)

**Roommate name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR Single supplement:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**    \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

### **Travel Insurance** (Travel insurance is purchased on your behalf within 24 hours of your deposit payment.)

Is **INCLUDED** in price for SJHL24 at **\$320 per person** through **Travel Guard/AIG**.

Yes, I acknowledge & confirm that travel insurance is included in the trip cost.

*If you would like to use a different travel insurance company, please let us know at the time of your deposit.*

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Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

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**Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

