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Israel

March 7 - 18, 2025

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Yardenit



Qumran caves

Day 1: Friday, March 7, 2025 • Depart USA

We begin our pilgrimage with a flight from Minneapolis to Tel Aviv.

Day 2: Saturday, March 8, 2025 • Arrival in Tel Aviv

Upon our arrival at the Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport our Israeli host assists us with the transfer of our luggage. We then board a motor coach, meet our guide, and drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to our Tel Aviv hotel. Time permitting, we take a walking tour of Joppa/Jaffa, the ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narratives of Jonah and the whale, and Solomon's import of the cedars of Lebanon. It is also where Simon the Tanner lived, and Peter stayed during his missionary activities. **D**

Day 3: Sunday, March 9, 2025 • Galilee Region

After our first Israeli 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. While here, 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 (Lk. 4:16-30). Then we continue to Megiddo, the Chariot City for Solomon and Ahab. Here we explore the vast archaeological remains of this ancient city. We end our day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and stop to see the 2000-year-old Jesus boat. **B/D**

Day 4: Monday, March 10, 2025 • Galilee Region

Our morning begins at Nazareth where we visit the Church of the Annunciation, see Mary's well, and walk through Nazareth Village. 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 stop at Chorazim and Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. We end the day in a time of spiritual blessing as we stop at Yardenit, the famous baptismal site at the headwaters of the Jordan River. Here we are invited to touch the water. **B/D**

Note: Option St. Peter's Fish lunch for \$25 per person.

Day 5: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 • Galilee Region

This morning we drive to Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas), a source of the Jordan River. Jesus here asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and explained to them that he must go to

Jerusalem (Mt. 16:13-23) and be crucified. At Tel Dan, we see 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 Kgs. 12:25-33). We reflect on the significance of the Road to Damascus. In the Golan Heights, we recall the scene of bitter fighting during the Six Day War and the Valley of the Tears. We enjoy 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, the beautiful waterfall, and the large vultures and eagles soaring above us. We visit Bethsaida and return to our hotel in the Galilee region for dinner and overnight. **B/D**

Day 6: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 • Dead Sea

We start the day at Gideon Spring where Gideon chose his army to fight the Midianites. We continue to the Tel of Bet Shean, where the bodies of King Saul and his sons hung from the city gates (1 Sam. 31). We spend time at the luxurious Roman city of Bet Shean before passing through the Judean Wilderness by Jericho en route to Qumran. We view Cave # 4, which contained the greatest quantity of scrolls. Time permitting, we continue to En Gedi and relive one of David's historic encounters with King Saul. We stop at the Dead Sea, where we have a chance to swim and float. Dinner and overnight in Dead Sea area. **B/D**

Day 7: Thursday, March 13, 2025 • Jerusalem

We start the day at Masada, the famous stronghold where the Jewish people held out while being under attack from the Roman Army. We rise to the top by cable car and see remnants of the city on the top. Our next stop is Arad to view the remarkable temple patterned after God's temple in Jerusalem, and at Beersheba, view the post patriarchal well and tree reminiscent of Genesis 21. We drive through the Elah Valley where David faced Goliath (1 Sam. 22) and walk along the Road Emmaus. We continue to Jerusalem for dinner and our hotel for the next five nights. **B/D**

Day 8: Friday, March 14, 2025 • Jerusalem

Today we travel to Shilo, the ancient home of the Arch of the covenant, then drive through the Samaritan mountains back to Jerusalem. Here we visit the Israel Museum where we see the Temple Model and the Shrine of the Book. Our touring today ends at the Western (Wailing) Wall, Judaism's most holy site. **B/D**

Day 9: Saturday, March 15, 2025 • Jerusalem

Our morning begins at Mt. Zion, where we sing praises in the Upper Room (Lk. 22:7-38), view the traditional tomb of King David, and proceed to St. Peter Gallicantu, Caiaphas the High Priest's house (Jn. 18). Here we walk through some of the ancient



Masada

rooms. At Herodium we view the tomb of Herod the Great. We see the Shepherd's Fields and explore Bethlehem, including a visit to the Church of the Nativity. **B/D**

Note: Option for lunch with Christians in Bethlehem for \$30 per person.

Day 10: Sunday, March 16, 2025 • Jerusalem

We drive to the top of the Mount of Olives where we enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City and the Kidron Valley. From here it is a short walk down along the Palm Sunday Way to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We stop at Dominus Flevit, the Tear Drop Church. Later we visit the Bazaar of the Old City and Cardo before continuing our day at Yad Vashem, a museum dedicated to the Holocaust. The Valley of the Lost Communities and the Righteous Alley are home to trees planted in honor of people such as Oscar Schindler, who risked their lives to save Jewish people during World War II. **B/D**

Day 11: Monday, March 17, 2025 • Jerusalem

Our final day in the Holy Lands includes a visit to the South Steps where the Rabbi taught, as well as the Pools of Siloam, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Warren's Shaft and David's Palace. Entering the Old City through the Lion's Gate, we walk along parts of the Via Dolorosa past Zion Monastery. We continue to Ecce Homo (site of Jesus' scourging) and see an 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 come alive. We continue our walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and end the day at Calvary and the Garden Tomb. This evening includes a very special communion service and a closing session. We enjoy our farewell dinner before we head to the airport for our early morning flight home. **B/D**

Day 12: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 • Return

We board our plane for our very early morning flight home.

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

Tour Price \$3,599

based on 25 paying participants
 Prices are *per person, double occupancy*

Single supplement: \$1,220

\$100 Early Bird discount
 for registrations received by June 1, 2024

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout tour
- **Admission** to all activities listed in the itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** for provided services, including coach driver, tour guide, and restaurant and hotel staff

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Estimated Roundtrip airfare** including all related taxes and fees (Airfare pricing to be available June 1, 2024)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast and water for dinner
- **End of tour tips** for Tour Manager and Coach Driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and Covid testing fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date*)
- Optional insurance for health, baggage and cancellation (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with registration.

Final payment is due December 7, 2024.

Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance, airlines may impose fuel, tax or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after final payment, an additional invoice will be sent for the surcharge amount.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, a currency surcharge may apply to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure, a \$100 administrative fee plus airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines will be assessed. Airline tickets once written are usually not refundable. Anyone canceling 30 days or less prior to departure will receive **NO REFUND**.

Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly encouraged.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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- EDVI25: March 7-18, 2025 • \$3,599
- Single Supplement • \$1,220
- Day 4 Fish Lunch • \$25
- Day 9 Lunch with Christians • \$30

Passenger Information (1st 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. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

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Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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Dietary Needs: _____

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 (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information

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

Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Card ID Code:* _____ **last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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