

ISRAEL

Where the Bible Comes to Life



The Bible is full of all sorts of amazing stories of God's great work, particularly with Israel. Imagine how much more exciting it would be to have experienced, in person, some of the places where so many of those events took place!

- King Herod's Caesarea
- Mount Carmel
- Megiddo
- Jezreel
- Beth-shan
- Hazor
- Dan
- The Jordan River
- Caesarea Philippi
- The Sea of Galilee
- Capernaum
- Magdala
- Nazareth
- The Dead Sea
- The Holy City of Jerusalem
 - The Mount of Olives
 - King David's City
 - Hezekiah's Tunnel
 - The Pool of Siloam
 - The Southern Temple Steps
 - The Western Temple Wall
 - The Garden Tomb

These are the incredible places* you will visit next spring if you sign up now for the...

“Getting Into The Word In Israel” Bible Tour

6-17 May 2019

\$3,800 per person

(based on a double occupancy room rate)**

All travel & entry fees and breakfast & dinner each day are included

*See reverse for a more detailed itinerary

**Add \$1,155 for a single room rate

READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION !

- You will need to register for the “Getting Into The Word In Israel” tour ASAP at: www.TBCTL-usa.com
- You may also get what you need to register by calling either:
Jackie Lee 513-266-0272 or Pat Stirnkorb 513-910-0510
- A **\$300 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT** will be due with your registration
- A **SECOND PAYMENT of \$1750** will be due by **Friday, 7 December 2018**
- The **BALANCE of \$1750** will then be due by **Wednesday, 20 February 2019**
- Your U.S. Passport must be valid for travel until December of 2019
- The tour cost **DOES NOT** include travel & health insurance. Health insurance coverage while in Israel is available for a nominal fee. Click on the TBCTL-USA website “Insurance Information” tab or ask Jackie or Pat for more information.



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Trip Dates

**Departing on Monday
6 May 2019**

**Returning on Friday
17 May 2019**

*9 full days & 10 nights
spent in the land of Israel*

Trip Features

- Round trip air to Israel from Chicago O'Hare
- First class & deluxe hotels
- Land transportation via deluxe, private motor coach with wi-fi
- Breakfast & dinner each day
- Entrance fees to all attractions listed on itinerary
- All tips & gratuities



Our Anticipated Tour Itinerary

Monday, May 6

We will depart **Chicago O'Hare** on an overnight **Turkish Air** flight to **Tel Aviv, Israel**, via **Istanbul, Turkey**.

Tuesday, May 7

We will arrive at Israel's **Ben Gurion Airport**, where we will meet up with our Israeli tour guide, before traveling to **Netanya**, for a late dinner & an overnight stay at the **Island Hotel**, which overlooks the warm waters of the **Mediterranean Sea**.

Wednesday, May 8 (1st Day of Our Tour)

We'll visit Herod the Great's showpiece city of **Caesarea**. We will ride past Elijah's **Mount Carmel** on our way to the ancient fortress cities of **Megiddo**, **Jezreel** and **Beth-shan**, where kings of Israel sometimes lived and a few died. Perhaps we'll even have time to take a walk on the seaside promenade at the Roman-era city of **Tiberias**, before heading off to our wonderful Galilean hotel.

Thursday, May 9 (2nd Day of Our Tour)

Our first stop will be **Hazor**, the great Canaanite city destroyed by Joshua. We will then travel to **Caesarea Philippi**, a city situated on a source of the Jordan River, near which Simon Peter made his "great confession" about Jesus Christ. Afterward, we'll tour **Dan**, another source for the Jordan and home to one of Jereboam's two golden calf idols. We will take a late afternoon sail on the **Sea of Galilee**, upon which Jesus walked and whose wind and waves He calmed. We will finish up with dinner at **The Decks Restaurant** at **Tiberias**.

Friday, May 10 (3rd Day of Our Tour)

Today, we'll start with a visit to the **Nazareth Village**, a 1st Century historical reenactment site, after which we will tour the pilgrimage sites of downtown **Nazareth**. Next, we'll go to **Sepphoris**, the "great city" of Galilee in Jesus' time, located just four miles from His hometown. On our way back to a leisurely **Shabbat Dinner** at our hotel, we'll stop off at **Tabgha**, for the perfect photo-op of yourself wading in the **Sea of Galilee**.

Saturday, May 11 (4th Day of Our Tour)

Chorazin, a city cursed by Jesus, will be the first ruins we tour on this day. Then it's off to the "**Mount of Beatitudes**," not far from Peter & Andrew's hometown of **Capernaum**, which we'll also visit. Then we'll drive along the north coast of the **Sea of Galilee**, past **Bethsaida Julius**, the likely spot of Jesus' "**Feeding of the 5,000**" on our way to **Gamla**, home to one of the best preserved 1st Century BC synagogues. We'll then make our way back along the lake's northern shore to **Magdala**, hometown of Mary Magdalene, before enjoying a sunset over the **Sea of Galilee**.

Sunday, May 12 (5th Day of Our Tour)

Leaving **Galilee**, we will take an interesting drive along the **Jordan River Valley** until we reach **Qasar El Yahud**, the traditional site of Jesus' immersion, as well as the possible crossing point of Israel's miraculous entry into the Promised Land. After an optional camel ride for those who wish, we'll continue on to **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Finally, we'll check into our hotel with plenty of time to float in the salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.

Monday, May 13 (6th Day of Our Tour)

With a mid-morning checkout, you might have time for one more dip in the **Dead Sea** before our departure for **Masada**, the well-fortified location of the Israeli rebels' "last stand" in AD 73. From **Masada**, we will "ascend" to **Jerusalem**, taking in our first view of the **Holy City** from the **Mount of Olives**. After walking down to the **Church of All Nations** on the edge of the **Kidron Valley**, we'll check into our hotel and get ready for an evening **Sound & Light Show** at **David's Citadel**, the ancient site of **Herod's Jerusalem Palace**.

Tuesday, May 14 (7th Day of Our Tour)

This morning we will take communion together near the **Garden Tomb & Golgotha**. We will tour **David's City**, walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** (or Joab's Canaanite Tunnel), visit the **Pool of Siloam**, walk upon the southern steps leading up to the **Temple Mount** and spend some time exploring the various parts of the Old City.

Wednesday, May 15 (8th Day of Your Tour)

Today we will visit the **Western Wall** of the **Temple Mount** and explore the **Temple Tunnels**, where you will see the largest Herodian stone yet discovered. We will walk to the **Pool of Bethesda** and along the "**Via Dolorosa**" to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. You will have a little more time to explore the **Old City** on your own, including its famous **Bazaar**. In the evening there will be a **Dance Israel** workshop at the hotel.

Thursday, May 16 (9th & Final Day of Our Tour)

We will begin our day with a somber visit to **Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Museum**. We'll then experience a more light-hearted stop at the **Mahan Yehuda Covered Market**. After that, we'll go to **The Israel Museum**, with its **Model of 1st Century Jerusalem**, the **Shrine of the Book** and **Archaeology Wing**, where you will be able to relate many of the exhibits to places you've visited on your trip. We'll wrap up our exciting journey together with a "**Farewell Dinner**" at a local restaurant.

Friday, May 17

We'll need to rise early to catch our **Turkish Air** flight from **Ben Gurion** back to **O'Hare** (via **Istanbul**). Shalom, Israel!



*Our tour is being done in conjunction with **The Bible Comes to Life**, part of **Tlalim Group**, the largest education travel company in Israel. Please visit their website for more information.*

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