

The Holy Land Experience

The Trip of a Lifetime!

May 14 ~ June 3, 2022 (21-day trip)
Approximate Cost: \$4,850

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Would you like to have a life-changing and never-to-be-forgotten experience? If so, it is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip of a lifetime to the Bible Lands, where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of our Lord. We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, was crucified, and raised from the dead. We will take a most memorable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and immerse ourselves in what the disciples experienced as Jesus walked on water and calmed the sea. Dr. Fink will give Bible and historical teachings at each place we visit in the Holy Land. Therefore, this trip is designed to provide an in-depth study and perspective from the Scriptures of the events and places of the Bible.

COST OF TRIP – \$4,850.00 (Approx.)

Holy Land Site Trip Fee – \$2,100 Per Person

Items covered by Holy Land Site Trip Fee:

- Transportation in Israel – Deluxe A/C Motorcoach
- All Park & Entrance Passes
- Holy Land Site Tour Guide and Bible Teacher (Todd Mike Fink)
- Wireless Headsets for a Better Listening Tour Experience

Individual Costs – \$2,750 Per Person

In order to keep our trips as affordable as possible, we allow individuals to book their own lodging and airfare. Also, in order to see as many sites as possible, and again, keep costs down, we have folks pack a sack lunch. The hotels will provide breakfast and for dinner, folks can enjoy the culture by eating out at local restaurants. Dinners can also be prepared at most of the hotels as they will have a large, shared kitchen if desired.

Items to be covered by each individual:

The costs below are close estimates. If you want to stay in dorm facilities at the hotels, eat more inexpensively or cook your own meals at the hotels, and get a great deal on airfare, you could do this trip for even less.

- Some Meals in Israel (sack lunch and dinner) \$550 per person (approx.)
- Lodging in Israel (found on itinerary) \$1,200 per person (private, double occupancy rooms, approx.)
- Airfare \$1,000 per person (approx.)
- Travel from Ben Gurion Airport to Abraham Hotel/Hostel, 21 Levontin Street, Tel Aviv, and from Abraham Hotel/Hostel, 67 Haneviim Street, Davidka Square, Jerusalem to Ben Gurion Airport. A taxi can be taken from the airport to Abraham Hotel, Tel Aviv (\$12.00 per person, four per taxi), and a light-rail train or shuttle can be taken from Jerusalem to the airport (\$7.00 light-rail, \$20.00 shuttle). Due to multiple arrivals and departures from passengers, it is not possible to attend everyone's various time schedules. However, Holy Land Site Ministries is happy to help in any way possible for these arrangements.

THIS IS A PRIVATE, CUSTOM-DESIGNED TRIP

A 21-day trip like this is typically quite expensive (if you can find one). Why can we do it so inexpensively? Because we are eliminating tour companies, travel agencies, tour guides, etc., and are providing these services instead. We are also allowing you to book your own airfare, lodging, and cover some of your meals.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This trip is not for the weak and faint of heart! There will be a fair amount of walking, some hiking, times when it could be warm (Dead Sea area), etc. Those considering this trip need to be in pretty good shape and able to withstand some discomfort at times due to heat, walking, hiking, etc. We will be walking approximately 1-2 miles a day.

GROUP SIZE LIMIT

We are limiting the group size to 30 people in order to be efficient and see more places in Israel. Larger teams bring a different dynamic that slow things down and make travel more difficult.

AIR TRAVEL

Each person will be responsible for booking their own air travel to Israel (Ben Gurion Airport). Please make plans to arrive no later than 3:00 pm, so you have plenty of time to attend our mandatory orientation and get-acquainted meeting at 7:00 pm at the community meeting place at our Tel Aviv Abraham Hotel? Due to customs and obtaining visas, please allow 3 hours from airport arrival to hotel arrival. The hotel is about 15-30 minutes from the airport depending on traffic.

TRANSPORTATION IN ISRAEL

We will be transported around in a large, air-conditioned motorcoach while in all areas of Israel except Jerusalem. When in Jerusalem, we will be mainly walking.

LODGING IN ISRAEL

We will be staying at hotels with private rooms and bathrooms during our time in Israel. Many hotels in Israel are also called hostels. These hotels/hostels provide the best of both worlds. They have private rooms and bathrooms but also offer group lodging. Additionally, they also have group kitchens for any meal prep if desired, community gathering areas, washing machines, etc. Our itinerary shows the hotels/hostels where we will stay (a total of three, Tel Aviv, Tiberias, Jerusalem). Please go to our website at HolyLandSite.com, and scroll to the bottom for hotel registration links.

LUGGAGE

You will be allowed one carry-on piece of luggage and one suitcase. Because each person will be responsible to transport their luggage from the motorcoach to the hotels, it is highly recommended to keep your suitcase under 50 pounds. This will also prevent you from an extra charge by airlines for heavy luggage.

MEALS IN ISRAEL

Each person will be responsible for paying for their own lunches and dinners, and possibly, a few breakfasts.

- **Breakfast** – The Abraham hotels/hostels in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem will provide breakfast and a group kitchen for meal preparation if desired. The hotel in Tiberias provides breakfast for 12.00 per person additional cost unless you include it when you book your room.
- **Lunch** – Because eating out is quite expensive in Israel, and eating with a large group can occupy one or more hours of the day, plus, we will be on the go and not always close to a restaurant, each trip participant will prepare themselves a daily sack lunch. Each day at noon we will take a break, eat, and then carry on. Lunch items can be purchased at local grocery stores, and the hotels will have refrigerators in the rooms.
- **Dinner** – On your own. Enjoy the local culture as you eat at local restaurants, etc.

PARK & ENTRANCE PASSES

Holy Land Site Ministries will pay for all park and entrance fees to all sites. You will be responsible for paying any entrance fees you want to see during your free time.

WHAT WILL OUR VISITS TO EACH HOLY SITE BE LIKE?

Our visits will normally last around two hours. We will begin with a Bible teaching by Dr. Fink to help us understand the historical background, points of interest, Bible events that took place there, and a faith lesson. After understanding the context of the site, we will then do a walking tour to see all the points of interest. Some of the Bible teachings might be filmed for publishing on our HolyLandSite.com website.

DOCUMENTS

A valid U.S. Passport is required. Passports must not expire until 6 months after trip dates in Israel.

TRIP PREPARATION

Please take a look at our website, HolyLandSite.com that has a lot of info about many of the biblical sites we will be visiting, the history of Israel, and other helpful info. Please use it to better prepare yourself. In addition, we will provide helpful info to prepare you to get the most out of your holy land experience as we get closer to trip departure.

DAILY ITINERARY

Please take into consideration there might be slight adjustments to the schedule depending on things out of our control. Additionally, if the team would like some flexibility in seeing sights, we are happy to make adjustments if possible.

MONEY IN ISRAEL

Credit cards and Dollars are readily accepted, Shekels can be drawn from ATM's.

INTERNET IN ISRAEL

All of the hotels we will be staying at will provide free Internet. Phone sim cards can be purchased for around \$39.99 if you want Internet service at all times while in Israel.

DAILY SCHEDULE

We will leave our place of lodging each day at 7:30 am and return around 5:00–5:30 pm. From this time on, you will have free time to eat, relax, and see the local sites and culture. There will be restaurants close by to our hotels where you can eat by yourself or with others in the group as desired.

AGE LIMIT

The minimum age for trip participants is 12 years old.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS DEADLINE **MARCH 1, 2022**

Trip registration deadline is **March 1, 2022**. Tourism is growing quite rapidly in Israel, and things need to be done earlier than in previous years. Therefore, booking lodging, bus transportation in Israel, etc., needs to be done no later than 3 months before trip departure to ensure availability. Additionally, airfare and other details are best done earlier rather than later. For these reasons, we have set **March 1, 2022**, as the deadline for trip registration. Thank you for your understanding. For those who register after **March 1, 2022**, will be accepted on a space availability case basis. For more info on registration and confirming your spot, please visit HolyLandSite.com.

WHEN TO BOOK AIRFARE & LODGING

Please **do not book any flights and lodging** until you receive tour trip confirmation by Holy Land Site Ministries that there are enough people in the group to be able to go.

CANCELATIONS

Please refer to our website for more info: HolyLandSite.com

Dr. Mike (Todd) & Letsy Fink - Tour Hosts



OUR DAILY ITINERARY

SAT, MAY 14 DEPART FOR THE HOLY LAND

Please make plans to arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, on May 15, 2022, by 3:00 pm.

SUN, MAY 15 TEL AVIV

After arriving in at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, you will proceed and go through customs. Please don't lose your small tourist visa provided to you. Afterward, you can take a taxi to Abraham Hotel in Tel Aviv. Please make plans to arrive by 3:00 pm so you have plenty of time to get to the hotel and attend our mandatory orientation and get-acquainted meeting at 7:00 pm at the community meeting place at our Tel Aviv Abraham Hotel. Due to customs and obtaining your visas, please allow approximately 3 hours from airport arrival to hotel arrival.

Lodging at Abraham Hotel/Hostel Tel Aviv, 21 Levontin Street, Tel Aviv. 1 night total.

MON, MAY 16 TEL AVIV – SEA OF GALILEE AREA

Refreshed from a good night's sleep, we'll visit **Old Jaffa** (Joppa), the traditional home of Simon the Tanner, the port from which Jonah sailed, and the logs arrived for construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. Afterward, we'll pass through the fast-growing towns and farms of the **Plain of Sharon** en route to **Caesarea Maritima**, site of major events in the lives of Peter and Paul. We'll Visit **Mt. Carmel**, where Elijah the Prophet had his great showdown with the false prophets of Baal. Then it's on to **Megiddo (Armageddon)**, where part of the last battle will be fought upon Christ's return, and where archaeological digs reveal 20 layers of civilization, including fortifications of King Solomon and the water tunnel of King Ahab. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the fertile Jezreel Valley, prophesied site of Armageddon, at the crossroads of the ancient Via Maris. Then it's on to Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee, which will be our base for the next 6 nights.

Lodging at Aviv Holiday Flat Hotel, 2 Hanotar Street, Tiberias. 6 nights total.

TUES, MAY 17 SEA OF GALILEE AREA

This day alone is worth the trip! We are now literally walking in the footsteps of Jesus. We will take a most memorable **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, in a replica of the ancient wooden boat used in Jesus' day. We'll visit **Mount of Beatitudes**, location of the beautiful Sermon on the Mount where Christ preached his longest and most famous sermon. Then on to **Capernaum**, where Jesus set up His home ministry base and preached often in the ancient synagogue. We'll end the day at a site with a breathtaking view overlooking the **Sea of Galilee**.

WED, MAY 18 SEA OF GALILEE AREA

We'll begin the day visiting **Magdala**, the hometown of Mary Magdalene, from whom Christ cast out seven demons. We'll then visit the new excavations at the newly discovered site of biblical **Bethsaida**. We will continue our drive around the Sea of Galilee to **Kursi**, the place where Christ cast out a legion of demons out of a demon-possessed man. We'll hike up to the caves at Kursi where we'll view the site of the **feeding of the 5,000** and the **mountain from where Jesus prayed** afterward. We'll drive all around the Sea of Galilee and finish the day on top of **Mt. Arbel**, the believed place where Christ gave the Great Commission, and which provides a breathtaking view of the Sea of Galilee.

THUR, MAY 19 SEA OF GALILEE AREA

We'll journey north to **Caesarea Philippi** where Peter confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16). We'll visit **Tel Dan**, the place that became the downfall of Israel. We'll see **Chorazin**, one the three towns Jesus cursed. Then it's on to **Tabgha**, the place Peter was restored to ministry, and location where Christ likely called some of His disciples.

FRI, MAY 20 GALILEE AREA

We'll drive through the rolling hills of Galilee to the **Wedding Church of Cana**, site of Christ's first miracle. Then on to **Nazareth**, site of **Mary's Well**, the **Church of the Annunciation**, **Synagogue Church** where Jesus preached, and **Mt. Precipice**. Then it's on to **Sepphoris**, magnificent Roman City where Christ likely worked with His father, place of mass crucifixion, and the spiritual center of Jewish learning after 70 AD.

SAT, MAY 21 GALILEE AREA

We'll drive along the Jordan Valley to **Beth Shean**, a stunning Roman Decapolis city and the place where Saul and his son's bodies were hanged after defeat in battle. We'll visit **Gideon's Spring**, where Gideon selected his soldiers to do battle against the Midianites. We'll then head to **Mt. Tabor**, the traditional site of the transfiguration of Christ.

SUN, MAY 22 JORDAN VALLEY AREA

We'll drive south along the Jordan Valley following the footsteps that Jesus and His disciples would have walked, arriving at the **Baptismal Site of Jesus** where John baptized Jesus. Then to **Jericho**, the oldest known walled city and first place Joshua and the Israelites conquered upon entering the Promised Land. We'll then visit **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Then, we'll ascend and enter **Jerusalem** as pilgrims did since ancient times to fulfill the words of the prophet "I was glad when they said unto me: 'Our feet shall stand within thy Gates, O Jerusalem'" (Psalms 122:1-2.)

Lodging at Abraham Hotel/Hostel, 67 Haneviim Street, Davidka Square, Jerusalem. 11 nights total.

MON, MAY 23 DEAD SEA AREA

We'll begin the day with a drive to **Masada**, overlooking the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on Earth, where we ascend by cable car to visit the remnants of Herod's Palace, and where in 73 A.D. the Zealots made their last stand against the might of Rome. We'll visit **Sodom and Gomorrah**, the cities God destroyed by fire and brimstone due to their wickedness. Then, what would a visit to Israel be without taking a dip, or rather a float, in the **Dead Sea**. We'll finish the day at **Ein Gedi**, a gorgeous oasis spring with waterfalls where David hid from King Saul.

TUE, MAY 24 BETHLEHEM – JUDAH AREA

We will visit **Bethlehem** and see **Manger Square**, the **Church of the Nativity**, and ascend the magnificent **Herodian Fortress** where we'll view the **Shepherds' Fields**, the **Fields of Boaz and Ruth**, and **Bethlehem**. We'll then travel to the **Valley of Elah**, the place where David slew Goliath. Then on to **Beth Shemesh**, place where key events in the life of Samson took place and where the Ark of the Covenant miraculously was returned to the Israelites by the Philistines.

WED, MAY 25 SAMARIA AREA

Today we'll travel north to the ancient Samaria region of the Bible. We visit **Shechem**, place Abraham first entered into the Promised Land and erected an altar. We'll see and drink out of **Jacob's Well**, the place where Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman. We'll see where Joseph's bones were buried at the **Tomb of Joseph**. We'll drive on top of **Mt. Gerizim**, where the blessings were given, and we'll attempt to see **Joshua's Altar**. Time permitting, we'll visit the ancient **city of Ancient Samaria**.

THUR, MAY 26 SAMARIA AREA

We'll see ancient **Shiloh**, the place the tabernacle resided for 369 years, and where Hannah prayed for a son (Samuel). Then it's on to ancient **Bethel**, the place Jacob saw a ladder to heaven, where the tabernacle resided as well, and where Jeroboam erected a Golden Calf. We'll visit the site of ancient **Ai**, the second city Joshua and the Israelites destroyed. We'll finish the day at **Gibeon**, a famous high place where the tabernacle resided and where Solomon had an encounter with God who promised him wisdom, wealth, and power.

FRI, MAY 27 NEGEV AREA

Today we'll visit **Hebron** and see the **Cave of Machpelah**, where the patriarchs are buried; we'll visit the **Oaks of Mamre**, where God appeared to Abraham. We'll then travel to **Beersheba**, where Abraham living and made a covenant with Abimelech. We'll end the day with a visit **Lachish**, the last town destroyed during the Assyrian conquest, and we'll learn about how God miraculously saved Jerusalem from the Assyrians.

SAT, MAY 28 JERUSALEM

Ahh, there's no place like Jerusalem! We'll start the day with a magnificent view of the **Old City** from the top of the **Mt. of Olives**. We'll visit the **Chapel of Ascension**, place where Christ ascended back to heaven and where His feet will touch down at His glorious second coming. We'll visit **Pater Noster Church**, place Christ taught His disciples how to pray. We'll take the **Palm Sunday Walk** to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and **Church of All Nations**. Along the way, we'll visit **Dominus Flevit**, place where Christ wept over Jerusalem. We'll see **Mary's Tomb** and then enjoy free time in Old City Jerusalem.

SUN, MAY 29 JERUSALEM

We'll begin the day at the **Israel Museum**, then visit the **Shrine of the Book Museum** where we'll see a **model layout** of Jerusalem shortly after the time of Christ, and the famous **Isaiah Scroll** from the Dead Sea Scrolls. We'll then experience the **Ben Yehuda Market** area, Jerusalem's most happening and life-filled market.

MON, MAY 30 JERUSALEM

Today, we'll visit and walk upon the **Temple Mount**, the location where Solomon's Temple was and the holiest and most battled-over piece of land in the world. We'll visit the **Southern Stairs**, which was the main entrance to the Temple Mount, a place Christ and His disciples would have often been, and the likely place where Pentecost took place. We'll walk through the **Cardo**, the original Roman street and see the amazing remains of the massive **Broad Wall** built by King Hezekiah. We'll go to **Mt. Zion**, the location of the **Upper Room** of the Last Supper. We'll then visit the **House of Caiaphas**, where Christ was tried before Caiaphas and Ananias, the high priests. Free time afterward.

TUES, MAY 31 JERUSALEM

We'll see **Pilate's Palace** and judgment place where Christ was condemned to crucifixion. We'll visit the **Church of St. Anne** and the **Pool of Bethesda**. We'll walk along the **Via Dolorosa** and see the Stations of the Cross. We'll visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** and then see and experience the **Western Wall**, the Jew's most holy site in Israel. The remainder of the day is free time.

WED, JUNE 1 JERUSALEM

Today we'll visit the **City of David**, which includes the **Gihon Spring**, Jerusalem's main water supply, and location of **King David's Tomb**. Then we'll make our way to the **Pool of Siloam**, where Christ healed a blind man. Then we'll walk up the **Kidron Valley** (Valley of Jehoshaphat) where God's winepress of wrath will be poured out on the gathered nations at Christ second coming and from where the blood (the height of a horse's bridle) will flow to the Dead Sea and beyond. While walking up the Kidron Valley, we'll visit **Absalom's Tomb** (monument). The remainder of the day is free time to explore Jerusalem on your own or see other interesting sites together as desired.

THUR, JUNE 2 ISRAEL – HOME

Today, unless you have alternate plans, you'll transfer to the airport and arrive home with wonderful memories of a visit to the Land of the Bible! A shuttle service (which takes about an hour) will transport you to Ben Gurion Airport. Because of Israel's security measures, you will need to arrive at the airport at least 3 hours before boarding time.

FRI, JUNE 3 ARRIVE HOME

Return home filled with an overflowing heart knowing that you walked in the footsteps of Christ and experienced the actual places where many of the events in the Bible took place.

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