

The Holy Land Experience

The Trip of a Lifetime!

October 9 – 25, 2018 (17-day trip)

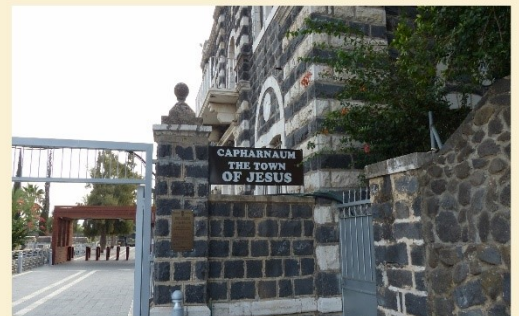
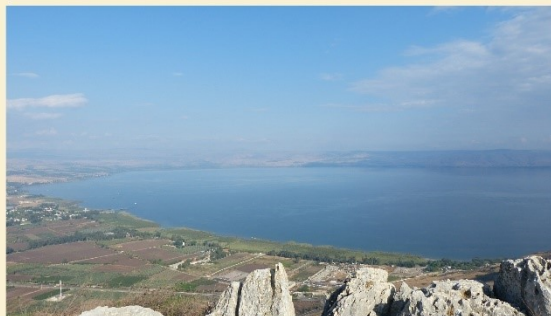
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Would you like to have a life-changing and never-to-be forgotten experience? It is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip of a lifetime to the Bible Lands where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of our Lord. We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where He was crucified, and raised from the dead. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, and observe the Lord's Supper at the Garden Tomb. Dr. Pastor Fink will give a Bible and historical teaching at each place in the Holy Land. Please join us! This is a private, customized trip with a limit of 12–14 people.

COST OF TRIP

The costs below are estimates (figuring a little extra just in case).

- Transportation in Israel (van rental, gas, taxis, buses) ... \$350 per person
- Meals in Israel (lunch and dinner) \$375 per person
- Lodging in Israel \$650 per person (based on double occupancy)
- Park & Entrance Passes \$125 per person
- Airfare (approximate) \$1,000 per person

Total \$2,500 per person

A 17-day trip like this normally costs around \$5,000 per person (if you can find one). Why can we do it so inexpensively? Because we are eliminating a tour company, bus drivers, tour buses, tour guides, etc., and are providing this service instead. Additionally, we are staying in nice hostels instead of 4-Star hotels. And lastly, Letsy and I are covering our own expenses for this trip and are adding no charge for our leadership and hosting. It is our pleasure to serve you and our Lord Jesus Christ in offering you this special trip of a life-time.

Because this is a custom trip, each participant will be required to book their own airfare, lodging, purchase their own meals, share in the van rental and gas costs while traveling in Israel, and pay for their own entrance passes to the parks and holy sites.

THIS IS A PRIVATE, CUSTOM DESIGNED TRIP

If you want to spend more time in Israel and see more holy sites, then this trip is designed for you. Most trips to the Holy Land allow only 7-9 days in country. This severely limits what can be seen. Therefore, most who go to the Holy Land miss out on many significant holy sites as a result. This trip will have you in Israel for 15 full days. You will, therefore, see about everything significant there is to see in Israel. We will traverse from the uttermost northern part of Israel to the uttermost southern part, or as the Bible would say, "From Dan to Beersheba."

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This trip is not for the weak and faint of heart! There will be a lot of walking, some climbing, times when it will be very 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.

GROUP SIZE LIMIT

We are limiting the group size to 12–14 people. This will allow us to be more efficient and see more places in Israel. Larger teams bring a different dynamic that slow things down and makes 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 at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, no later than 6:00pm, Oct. 9, 2018. For returning to Ben Gurion Airport from our hostel in Jerusalem, a shuttle bus runs every couple hours or so and costs around \$25 per person.

TRANSPORTATION IN ISRAEL

We will rent two 8-9 passenger vehicles (15 passenger vehicles aren't available). Todd Mike Fink will make rental arrangements and pay the initial costs. Then rental and gas expenses will be shared among each trip participant. Travel by bus, taxi, etc. to some outlying areas while in the Jerusalem area (areas in the West Bank) will also be paid by each trip participant.

LODGING IN ISRAEL

We will be staying at nice hostels with private rooms during our time in Israel. They will have group kitchens for any meal prep if desired, community gathering areas, wash machines, etc. Our itinerary shows the hostels where we will stay (a total of four). Each participant will be responsible for booking their own lodging at these hostels. It is very simple and straight forward. We have used these hostels before.

MEALS IN ISRAEL

- Breakfast - The hostels will provide breakfast and a group kitchen for meal preparation if desired.
- Lunch - Because we will be on the go and not always around a restaurant, plus, eating lunch with a large group can occupy one or more hours of the day, each trip participant will prepare themselves a daily sack lunch. Each day at noon we will take a break, eat, and then carry on. Letsy and I purchase items at a local grocery store for our lunches. We will plan as a group for purchasing lunch items as needed.
- Dinner - Eaten at a restaurant.

PARK & ENTRANCE PASSES

There will be entrance costs for most of the national parks and holy sites we'll see in the Holy Land. Israel offers a one-time purchase pass that lasts for two weeks for visiting these holy sites (this pass costs \$42). Some sites are private and are paid separately, and other sites do not charge. A total of \$125 is the estimated cost for visiting all the places we'll see while in Israel.

BIBLE TEACHINGS AT THE HOLY SITES

We will provide Bible & historical teachings throughout our time in the Holy Land. These Bible teachings will be recorded. We will then edit and publish them on our HolyLandSite.com website at a later date.

DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. passport is required. No visas are required for U.S. and Canadian citizens.

TRIP PREPARATION

We have a 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 help prepare you to get the most out of your holy land experience.

LUGGAGE

There will be three days where we will be traveling with our luggage in our rental vans. We suggest you avoid large suit cases and travel on the lighter side.

TIME OF YEAR WE'RE PLANNING THIS TRIP

We've chosen this time of the year to visit Israel because the weather is stable (although a little warm), there are no Jewish Holidays that will interfere, and there are fewer people.

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 as desired. Because this is a customized trip, we can decide as a team what changes, if any, we'd like to make.

MONEY IN ISRAEL

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

INTERNET IN ISRAEL

All the hostels we will be staying at will have free Internet. Also, I will have a mobile hotspot at all times with me that will provide Internet for others in case of urgent needs.

OUR DAILY ITINERARY

TUES, OCT 9 TEL AVIV

Please arrive in Tel Aviv by 6:00pm. We will meet at Ben Gurion Airport, pick up our rental vans, eat dinner, and go to our hostel. Lodging at Abraham Hostel Tel Aviv, 21 Levontin Street, Tel Aviv, Israel. Check in Tues., Oct. 9. Checkout Wed., Oct. 10. One night total.

WED, OCT 10 TEL AVIV - SEA OF GALILEE AREA

Refreshed from a good night's sleep, we'll visit **Old Jaffa**, the traditional home of Simon the Tanner, the port from which Jonah sailed, and the logs arrived for construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. We'll then pass through the fast-growing towns and farms of the **Plain of Sharon** in route to **Caesarea**, 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 5 nights. Lodging at Tiberius Hostel, Rabin Square, Tiberius. Check in Wed., Oct. 10. Checkout Mon., Oct. 15. Five nights total.

THURS, OCT 11 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 experience old **Capernaum**, where Jesus set up His home ministry base, and preached often in the ancient synagogue. We'll visit the beautiful **Sermon on the Mount** where Christ preached his longest, and most famous sermon. Next, we'll see **Bethsaida**, which is known as the birthplace of three of the Apostles – Peter, Andrew and Philip. Jesus himself visited **Bethsaida** and performed several miracles there. 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 then drive up the **Golan Heights** to a spectacular viewing place of the Sea of Galilee from which we'll ponder the view and discuss the **Feeding of the 5,000**.

FRI, OCT 12 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). Visit **Tel Dan**, where the biggest source of the Jordan River, and the site of ancient Dan, where Jeroboam built his altar are located. Walk by the 4,000-year-old gate dating back to Abraham's time. We'll behold the beautiful **Jordan River** and contemplate the many things that happened in and around it. We'll visit **Chorazin**, one of the three towns Christ cursed. From there we'll walk along the **Sea of Galilee**, where Christ called many of His disciples, and then on to **Magdala**, the precious woman from whom Christ cast out seven demons.

SAT, OCT 13 SEA OF 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, and Mt. Precipice. We'll then head to **Mt. Tabor**, the traditional site of the transfiguration of Christ. We'll return to 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.

SUN, OCT 14 SEA OF 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. Next, we'll stop at a baptismal site along the **Jordan River** and allow any who would like to be baptized in the Jordan River to do so. We'll wind up our last evening with a special visit to a selected site around the **Sea of Galilee** for reflection and saying goodbye to this special place where Christ spent around 60–70 percent of His ministry time.

MON, OCT 15 SEA OF GALILEE – RED SEA

We'll drive south along the **Jordan Valley** following the footsteps that Jesus and His disciples would have walked, arriving at **Gilgal**, the place the Israelites camped after crossing the Jordan River and place the erected twelve stones from the Jordan River as a monument to their children for all God had done. Then to **Jericho**, oldest known walled city and first place Joshua and the Israelites conquered upon entering the Promised Land, from Jericho we'll view the **Mt. Temptation**, believed place where Satan tempted Christ. Then to the **Baptismal Site** of John the Baptist and possible site where Jesus was baptized by John. We'll visit **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Then on to **Ein Gedi**, fabled Spring of David. We'll proceed 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. Atop Masada we'll view **Sodom and Gomorrah**, the cities God destroyed by fire and brimstone due to their wickedness. Then on to the beautiful **Red Sea**. Overnight in Eilat, right beside the Red Sea. Lodging at Custo Club, Mish'ol Shoshan 2, Eilat. Check in Mon. Oct. 15 – Checkout Tues., Oct. 16. One night total.

TUES, OCT 16 RED SEA – JERUSALEM

We'll start the day by visiting **Timna Park**, where an identical replica of the Tabernacle resides in a very likely place where the Israelites camped. We'll then visit the **Wilderness of Paran**, which is an area where the Israelites wandered and camped. Then on to **Kadesh Barnea**, which marks the tragic place where the Israelites refused to enter the Promised Land and were condemned to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. We'll visit **Tel Beersheba**, home of the Patriarchs. We'll continue traveling north and visit the **Valley of Elah**, the place where David slew Goliath. Then we'll 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 Hostel, 67 Haneviim Street, Davidka Square, Jerusalem. Check in Tues., Oct. 16. Check out Thur., Oct. 25. Nine nights total.

WED, OCT 17 JERUSALEM AREA

We'll visit **En Karem**, hometown of John the Baptist. 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. Then on to the road to **Emmaus**, place where Christ revealed Himself in the Scriptures to two men. We then visit the **Inn of the Good Samaritan**, commemorating Christ's famous story about the man who fell into the hands of robbers while traveling this route. We'll then visit a special viewing place of **Jericho**, the **Jordan Valley**, and **Mt. Nebo** (where Moses looked upon the Holy land). While here, we'll reflect upon the many events that took place in this area.

THUR, OCT 18 JERUSALEM AREA

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 rose back to heaven and where His feet will touch down at His glorious second coming. We'll see the **Tombs of the Prophets**. Take the "**Palm Sunday Walk**" to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, the **Church of All Nations**. Along the way, we'll visit **Dominus Flevit**, place where Christ wept over Jerusalem. Then pass through the **Kidron Valley**. Enter the **Old City** through **St. Stephen's Gate** (Lions' Gate) to the **Muslim Quarter**, visit the beautiful **Church of St. Anne** and the **Pool of Bethesda**, **Pilate's Judgment Hall**, and the **Ecce Homo Arch**. We'll walk along the **Via Dolorosa**, into the **Christian Quarter**, and see the **Stations of the Cross**. Then, we'll visit and pray at the **Western Wall**, the Jew's most holy site in Israel.

FRI, OCT 19 JERUSALEM AREA

Today, we'll visit and walk upon the **Temple Mount**, the location of 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 take a tour of the **Western Wall Tunnels**. Then visit the **Temple Institute**, which has everything ready for the new temple to be built and operational. We'll walk through the **Cardo**, the original Roman street and see the amazing remains of the massive wall built by **King Hezekiah**.

SAT, OCT 20 JERUSALEM AREA

Today, we'll visit **Bethlehem** and see the **Church of the Nativity**. Visit the **Shepherds' Fields**, where the angels appeared to the shepherds at Christ's birth. Visit the massive **Herodian** that King Herod the Great built. From atop the Herodian, we'll view the **Fields of Boaz and Ruth**, and area where **David** grew up shepherding his sheep, learning how to use a sling, writing Psalms, and learning to play and sing.

SUN, OCT 21 JERUSALEM AREA

We'll enter through the Jaffa Gate and then on to **Mt. Zion**. We'll visit the **Upper Room** of the Last Supper. See **King David's Tomb**. Then on to the **House of Caiaphas**, where Christ was tried before Caiaphas and Ananias, the high priests. We'll visit the **City of David**. **Gihon Spring**, Jerusalem's main water supply, **Pool of Siloam**, where Christ healed a blind man. We'll see the **Hinnom Valley** (Gehenna), referencing hell and the lake of fire. We'll walk up the **Kidron Valley** (Valley of Jehoshaphat) where God's wine press 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 Red Sea. While walking up the **Kidron Valley** we'll visit **Absalom's Tomb** (Monument). Then see the **Eastern Gate**. We'll continue on to **Mary's Tomb**. Then walk around the **Walls of Jerusalem** to the **Jaffa Gate**.

MON, OCT 22 JERUSALEM AREA

Today, we'll travel north to the **Samaria** region. We'll visit the **High Place of Gibeon**, where the sun stood still and many other events happened. We'll see **Mizpah**, place of many key Bible events. We'll visit **Bethel**. Then on to **Ai**, the second town Israel conquered, but with trouble because of Achan's sin. Then we'll visit **Shiloh**, where Joshua gathered the tribes to divide the land, where Hannah prayed to have a child (Samuel), and where the Tabernacle resided for 369 years. Then we'll visit **Shechem**, place where Christ talked with the woman at the well (Jacob's Well), where the nation of Israel gathered to hear the blessings and cursings for obedience and disobedience, and where Joseph's Tomb is located.

TUES, OCT 23 JERUSALEM AREA

We start the day with a visit to the **Model of Jerusalem**. Then see the **Shrine of the Book**, where the original scroll of the Book of Isaiah is located. Visit the **Holocaust Museum**, to remember the tragic deaths of around 6 million Jews under Hitler's regime.

WED, OCT 24 JERUSALEM AREA

We'll begin our last day in the Holy Land at **Golgotha** (Gordon's Calvary) and the **empty Garden Tomb**. *Special time is planned for worship, communion, meditation and inspiration*. The remainder of the day is leisure time to explore Jerusalem on your own. Revisit some of the sites or venture outside the city.

THUR, OCT 25 ISRAEL - HOME

Today we transfer to the airport and arrive home with wonderful memories of a visit to the Land of the Bible! Shuttle service from our hostel in Jerusalem is available every couple hours. It takes about 2 hours to travel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Because of Israel's security measures, please arrive at the airport 3 hours before your boarding time.

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Interest Form

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