# 12-Day Holy Land Tour September 5 - 16, 2025



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~ co-hosts ~



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#### DAY 1, FRI, SEP 5

#### **USA/TEL AVIV**

Today we depart from the USA on our overnight journey to the Holy Land. (meals aloft)

#### DAY 2, SAT, SEP 6 ARRIVE TEL AVIV/CAESAREA/ JERUSALEM

We arrive in Tel Aviv, which was founded on the outskirts of Jaffa (biblical Joppa) in 1909 and today encompasses the ancient port city. From the airport we drive to the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, constructed by Herod the Great several years before the birth of Jesus. The massive harbor could accommodate 300 ships, and the hippodrome could seat over 20,000 people at chariot races. It was in Caesarea that Peter baptized Cornelius the centurion and his household, the first known baptism of a gentile convert to Christianity. Paul visited here between his second and third missionary journeys and was later imprisoned here before being sent to Rome. After our visit, we turn inland and begin our ascent to Jerusalem, the "Holy City." There we check into the **Olive Tree Hotel** for dinner and overnight. (meals aloft,D)

#### DAY 3, SUN, SEP 7 CITY OF DAVID/BETHLEHEM

We begin today at the City of David, a narrow hill near the Western Wall and the original core of the ancient city where Jerusalem was born. Here we view walls, towers, and fortifications that protected the city from enemies. We see some of the water systems, including Hezekiah's Tunnel and the Gihon Spring, a vitally important water source that fed the Pool of Siloam. During our time here, we encounter the personalities and dwelling places of the city as reflected by archaeological discovery and in the Bible. Then we go to Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus. First we drive along the wall that separates the West Bank from Israel and see some of the poignant artwork that sheds light on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We have some time for shopping at an olive wood store owned and operated by a local family. From there we continue to the Church of the Nativity, built over the traditional site of the birth of Christ and recently renovated to highlight the vibrant mosaics on its interior walls. Before departing Bethlehem, we visit the traditional Shepherds' Field and Grotto, where the angel announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds. Then we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 4, MON, SEP 8 MOUNT OF OLIVES/GETHSEMANE/ VIA DOLOROSA/CAIAPHAS' HOUSE/MOUNT ZION

This morning we start our touring atop the Mount of Olives, offering iconic views of the Old City. Then we begin the "Palm Sunday Walk," tracing the traditional route Christ took on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Partway down the hill we pause at the Dominus Flevit chapel which commemorates the Lord's weeping over Jerusalem. We continue on to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed while his disciples slept on the night of his arrest. A garden-like courtyard full of ancient olive trees has been preserved next to the Church of All Nations, also known as the Church of the Agony. This afternoon we enter the Old City through the Lion's Gate to visit St. Anne's Church and the Pools of Bethesda. We follow the traditional path of the Via Dolorosa, commemorating the route Jesus followed between his condemnation by Pilate and his crucifixion and burial. Along the way we visit Pilate's Judgment Hall in the Antonia Fortress where Christ was imprisoned. The route concludes at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which is believed to house the site of both Jesus' crucifixion as well as his burial and resurrection. From there we go to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, believed to be built on the site of Caiaphas' palace, where Jesus was likely first brought before the high priest. We finish our day at Mount Zion, with a visit to the traditional Room of the Last Supper and Tomb of King David.

#### DAY 5, TUE, SEP 9 RABBI'S TUNNEL/WESTERN WALL/ SOUTHERN STEPS/FRIENDS OF ZION/JEWISH QUARTER

Today we explore the famous Rabbi's Tunnel along the base of the Western Wall, the most holy place accessible to the Jewish people. At Jerusalem Archaeological Park we climb the "Southern Steps" leading to the original main entrance of the Temple Mount in the Second Temple period - stairs that Jesus would have climbed when he visited the temple. We visit the Friends of Zion Museum, which celebrates Christian Zionists and their contribution to Israel. Later this afternoon we return to the Old City and spend some time in the reconstructed Jewish Quarter. See the Ancient Cardo Maximo and confirmation of historic sites of yesteryear. From here we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

#### DAY 6, WED, SEP 10 YAD VASHEM/DEAD SEA SCROLLS/ GARDEN TOMB

This morning we pay a sobering visit to Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, which preserves the memory of the dead and honors those who worked selflessly to help Jews in need. After this time of reflection, we drive past the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament building, and visit the Shrine of the Book, which houses the original Dead Sea Scrolls. We also view the scale model of Jerusalem in the 1st century. Later this afternoon we visit Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb and have an inspiring service as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Then we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

#### DAY 7, THU, SEP 11 QUMRAN/EIN GEDI/MASADA/DEAD SEA

This morning we go to Qumran, where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We continue to the refreshing oasis of Ein Gedi, nestled at the base of majestic mountains and cliffs, where David hid from Saul and chose to spare his life. Then we drive to the majestic fortress of Masada, constructed by Herod the Great on top of a rocky plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. We ride the cable car to the top to explore the ruins, including huge storerooms and cisterns that enabled Jewish defenders to stay well-provisioned for several years while under siege by the Romans following the destruction of the Second Temple in AD 70. After riding the cable car back down the mountain, we continue to **Selina Mantur Almog Hotel** near the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 8, FRI, SEP 12 DEAD SE

#### DEAD SEA/QASR AL YEHUD/ BEIT SHE'AN/TIBERIAS

Enjoy some time at leisure this morning to float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea - the lowest place on earth. Later this morning we check out of our hotel and drive to Qasr El Yehud, believed to be in the area where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. We drive past Jericho, the world's oldest continually inhabited city, and continue north through the Jordan Valley to Beit She'an, perhaps best known as the site where King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls by the triumphant Philistines. During the Roman era, it was renamed Scythopolis and became the capital city of the Decapolis - the only one of the 10 cities on the west side of the Jordan River. The site offers some of the best-preserved ruins in the Middle East, including the second-century Roman theater. We continue towards the Sea of Galilee and check into David's Harp Hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

#### DAY 9, SAT, SEP 13 NAZARETH/MOUNT PRECIPICE/ MEGIDDO/MOUNT ARBEL/TIBERIAS

We begin today with a visit to Nazareth, site of the boyhood of Jesus, for a visit to Mary's Well at St. Gabriel's Church, and the Church of the Annunciation, commemorating the location where Mary was visited by the Archangel Gabriel. We drive outside the city to the top of Mount Precipice, traditional site where an angry mob tried to throw Jesus off a cliff following his Messianic proclamation in Luke 4. From this windswept hilltop, we take in the spectacular views of Mount Tabor and the Jezreel Valley. Then we drive to the ruins of Megiddo, the Biblical Armageddon, where we see Ahab's stables and the famous water system. After our time here, we return to Tiberias and end our day at the top of Mount Arbel, taking in the breathtaking view of the Galilee. From there, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

#### DAY 10, SUN, SEP 14 MAGDALA/TEL DAN/ CAESAREA PHILIPPI/MOUNT ARBEL/TIBERIAS

We begin this morning at Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. When excavating the synagogue, archaeologists found a coin minted in Tiberias in AD 29, indicating that the synagogue dates back to the time of Jesus' ministry here in the Galilee. Then we drive north into the foothills of Mount Hermon and visit Old Testament Dan, which marked the northern limit of the land of Israel. Here we see a mud-brick gate from the Bronze Age - the time of Abraham, the cultic high place attributed to kings Jeroboam and Ahab, and an inscription mentioning King David. We continue to Banias (Caesarea Philippi) near the headwaters of the Jordan River. In this area, Peter memorably proclaimed Jesus to be "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" and Jesus affirmed this by declaring "...on this rock I will build my church..." As we descend towards Tiberias, we drive through the Golan Heights and learn about the strategic and political significance of this area. Time permitting, as we return south we drive past Korazin and Bethsaida, two of the three cities (along with Capernaum) that Jesus condemned for their lack of faith.

## DAY 11, MON, SEP 15 MOUNT OF BEATITUDES/TABGHA/ CAPERNAUM/GINOSAR/SEA OF GALILEE/TEL AVIV

Today we explore the Sea of Galilee area where much of Jesus' ministry took place. We visit the Mount of Beatitudes. Somewhere on this green hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. We visit Tabgha, the traditional site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes where we see the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter. From there we go to the ruins of ancient Capernaum. Jesus came here after being rejected by his hometown of Nazareth and adopted Capernaum as "his own town." Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Matthew all lived here, and this area became the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee. We visit the the 1st-century "Jesus Boat," which was discovered in 1986 partially buried in the muddy shores of the Sea of Galilee and is now located in a specially built museum situated on Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. We conclude our afternoon with a memorable cruise on the Sea of Galilee. After a dinner of traditional St. Peter's Fish, we return to our hotel for a few hours of rest prior to our early morning airport transfer. (B,D)

#### DAY 12, TUE, SEP 16 TEL AVIV/USA

We depart from Tel Aviv this morning and arrive back in the US later today. (meals aloft)

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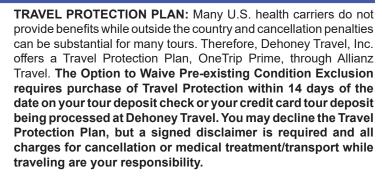
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