

# THE HOLY LAND

In the Footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets

September 2-13, 2020

“If you want to understand the poet, you must go to the poet’s land.”  
– Goethe

Join us on our in-depth and unique Holy Land tour as we follow the life of Christ and the prophets. Walk in the footsteps of the Savior and see, hear, know, and feel the history and future of this sacred land. Your understanding of the scriptures will never be the same. You will never be the same.

## Sept 2, 2020 Wed: USA – Tel Aviv, Israel

Depart home city to Tel Aviv. (In-flight meals)

## Sept. 3 Thurs: Arrive Tel Aviv

Afternoon arrival at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport. Airport welcome. Transfer to Kibbutz Nahsholim located at the foot of the ancient city of Tel Dor with its private Mediterranean beach and cabins. Here is our first kosher dinner and overnight in the Holy Land. (D)

## Sept. 4 Fri: Netanya – Nazareth

After breakfast and a brief visit to the **Mizgaga Museum** located at the Kibbutz, we travel south to **Caesarea Maritima** archaeological site. Caesarea, a historic seaport and home to the summer palace of Herod the Great built in 22 BC and later home to Pontius Pilate. We will wind our way through the low hills of **Mt. Carmel range** to the **Jezreel Valley**, also known as **Armageddon**, site of the last great battle before the Second Coming of Christ. We come to **Megiddo**, the royal city of the Canaanites, fortified by Solomon as a “chariot city”. We travel up the Mt. Carmel range, passing **Daliyat Carmel** to a unique, local Druze restaurant for lunch. After lunch, we journey up to the peak of **Mount Carmel** where the **Muhkraqa Monastery** is situated. From biblical times this site commemorates the contest between the prophet Elijah and the 850 priests of Ba’al as recorded in 1 Kings 18. Here we will point out locations and discuss LDS dedications of the Holy Land. From its roof top we have a spectacular 360-degree view of the Holy Land. Continuing along the spine of the Carmel mountain range we arrive at **Haifa** and the **Haifa Observatory** where we view the **Baha’i Gardens**, which mark the world center of the Baha’i faith, and **Haifa Bay**. Here we will point out locations and discuss LDS dedications of the Holy Land. Descending to the bay we visit the German Templar Cemetery – burial site of early LDS converts and missionaries dating to 1888. Our final journey is to **Nazareth**, the boyhood town of Jesus for our dinner and overnight. (B,D)



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### Sept. 5 Sat: Lower Galilee and the Valley of Jezreel

This morning we arise early and visit **Mary's Well**, the **Church of the Annunciation** and **St. Joseph's Carpentry shop** before we journey to and ascend **Mt. Tabor**, site of the **Mt. of Transfiguration** and visit the **Basilica of the Transfiguration**. Returning to Nazareth, we proceed to the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD reconstructed **Nazareth Village**. We tour the village, built as Jesus would have known it in his lifetime, and enjoy a lunch styled after the meals of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD. Following lunch, we travel through the **Nazareth hills** past **Cana**, where the first recorded miracle of Christ took place turning water to wine, and the **Horns of Hittin**, where the Crusaders suffered their final defeat in 1187. We descend through the Hills of Lower Galilee and **Tiberias** to visit the beautiful **Duc in Atum chapel** of **Magdala**. Here also we stand in a 1<sup>st</sup> Century synagogue where Jesus and his apostles stood. Next, we transfer to



**Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar** to view the **first century AD fishing boat** and **Yigal Alon Center Museum**. We board a fishing boat to cross the **Sea of Galilee** to **Kibbutz Ein Gev** and overnight at **Ein Gev** perfectly located right on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. (B, L, D)

### Sept. 6 Sun: Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Tel Dan, & Golan Heights

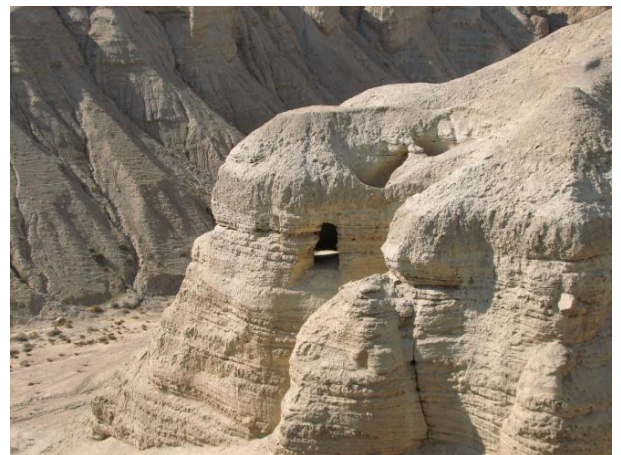
Following breakfast, we travel along the Eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee below the Golan Heights, passing **Kursi** (Jesus feeds the multitudes), **Bethsaida**, and the northern Jordan River to **Capernaum**. In Capernaum we see the synagogue where Jesus preached and nearby what is believed to be **the house of Peter**. Not far from here is **Primacy of the Rock** where the resurrected Jesus asks Peter, "Lovest thou me?"; **Tabgah**, site of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves; and the **Mt. of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered His epic "Sermon on the Mount". We continue our journey past **Chorazin**, **Hatzor**, the **Hula Valley**, to the Lebanese border near **Tel Dan**. Time permitting, we will visit **Banias (Caesarea Philippi)** at the foot of **Mt. Hermon** where Peter confessed the Savior's divinity. ("Whom do men say ye that I am?") We see the northern **borders of Israel with Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan**. We visit the bunkers in the **Golan Heights** at **Bental**, and after a **memorable fish dinner** at Kibbutz Ein Gev, we return to **Ein Gev Resort Village** to enjoy an evening swim or just relax. (B, L, D)

### Sept. 7 Mon: Galilee – Jericho

We depart Ein Gev and the Galilee and drive south along the **Jordan River** to **Beit She'an**, inhabited more than 6,000 years ago, and later occupied by the Romans. After touring the **Roman Byzantine city**, we continue south along the Jordan River Valley to **Jericho**. We visit **Tel Jericho**, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. And here we see the remains of the **Walls of Jericho** that came "tumbling down" during Joshua's siege of the city. Also near Jericho we visit the site recently identified as **Bethbara** (identified by Lehi as the baptism site of Jesus) on the Israeli side of the border with Jordan called **Qasr Al- Yahud**. Overnight in Jericho. (B, D)

### Sept. 8 Tue: Jericho – Jerusalem

We depart Jericho and drive south to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth, and continue along its banks to **Masada**, a magnificent Herodian mountain fortress once occupied by Jewish zealots under siege by the Romans. From here we continue to **Qumran**, site of the original **Dead Sea Scrolls** found by shepherds in local caves. Before we continue to Jerusalem, those who choose will have an opportunity to "float" in the waters of the Dead Sea. Departing the Dead Sea Rift Valley, we pass through the **Judean hills** to **Jerusalem**. We detour near the **Old Roman Road** of Jesus' day to view the **Judean wilderness** and take a walk to see **Kozeba** or **St. George's Monastery** across **Wadi Qelt**. This area was the traditional location of the Inn of the Good Samaritan. Upon arrival in Jerusalem we check into our hotel for an early dinner. We then transfer to **West Jerusalem** and the



**Shrine of the Book** and **Dead Sea Scrolls** at the **Israeli National Museum**. Here we see a **Model City of Jerusalem**, a reconstruction of the Herodian city before its destruction in 70 AD. A brief stop at the **National Menorah** and **Israeli Knesset**, or Parliament building, will end our day. Overnight Jerusalem. (B, D)



**Sept. 9 Wed: Old City of Jerusalem & Bethlehem** Today we visit the four quarters of the **Old City**, including the Moslem, Jewish, Armenian, and Christian quarters. We first visit the **Temple Mount, Western or Wailing Wall** of Solomon's Temple and site of **Ha Kotel** excavations, and the **Ophel Museum**. In the afternoon we travel a few miles south of Jerusalem to **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus. Our visits include **Manger Square**, the **Church of the Nativity**, and **Shepherd's Fields**. We return to Jerusalem for overnight. This evening after dinner, an optional tour is offered touring **Ha Kotel** excavations which allows us to walk beneath the city along the length of the Western Wall of the Temple Mount. (B, D)



**Sept. 10 Thurs: Last Week of the Savior's Life, Old City of Jerusalem, Bethany, & Bethpage**

This is a very special day as we travel to **Bethany** to visit the tomb where Jesus raised **Lazarus** from the dead. Then to **Bethpage**, on the eastern side of the **Mt. of Olives**, where we visit the **Church of Mounting**, the traditional place of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus during the "Passion Week" or last week of the Savior's life. After a panoramic view of Jerusalem from atop the Mt. of Olives, we visit the sacred **Garden of Gethsemane** to remember the Atonement and Christ's final hours before His arrest. Locations to be visited include **Mt. Zion** and the "**Upper Room**" of the **Last Supper**, the traditional **House of Caiaphas** at **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, the **Pool of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the paralyzed man and afterwards follow a portion of the **Via Dolorosa** or "**Way of the Cross**", which is the route Jesus took when He carried His cross. Other sites include **King David's Cenotaph**, **Lions' Gate**, and the **Damascus Gate**. Our day will end at the **Garden Tomb**, where many believe Christ was buried and resurrected. We will have time for instruction and personal thought and reflection. Overnight Jerusalem. (B, D)



**Sept. 11 Fri: Jerusalem**

This morning we offer optional tours to **West Jerusalem, Yad Vashem** (Museum of the Holocaust) or the **City of David** and **Hezekiah's Tunnel**, subject to availability. This afternoon is free to spend as you wish. You can return to sacred sites and/or explore new ones. It's a great day for shopping the bazaars, and walking the labyrinth of alleyways and side streets throughout the Old City or visiting the "New City" with its many shops, restaurants, and boutiques along **Ben Yehuda** Street and area. This evening we will go to the **Western Wall** to watch the faithful Jewish community welcome *Sabbat*, the Sabbath day which begins at sundown. Overnight Jerusalem. (B)

**Sept. 12 Sat: Jerusalem – Tel Aviv – USA**

Following breakfast, we transfer to the **Orson Hyde Gardens** to discuss and review the Orson Hyde Dedication of the Holy Land, the Ascension and future return of Jesus Christ to this place. Afterward we proceed to the **Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies (BYU)** and participate in the LDS Sacrament meeting. After church services, we depart the Jerusalem Center and return to our hotel for final packing. We bid farewell to **Jerusalem** and travel to the ancient **Emmaus** (Nicopolis) before going on to Jaffa to visit the underground walk through a museum and walk the promenade. It was from Jaffa that **Jonah** embarked on his fateful ocean voyage, and here **Peter raised Tabitha** from the dead. This evening we join for a farewell dinner in Jaffa-Tel Aviv. Following dinner, we transfer to the Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport for our return flights home. (Depending upon your flight schedule, your return flight may depart Tel Aviv late night October 31, or just past midnight November 01. Your *Columbus Travel*® agent will assist you with scheduling your airline flight schedule.) (B, D)

**Sept. 13 Sun: Arrive USA** Arrival back home.



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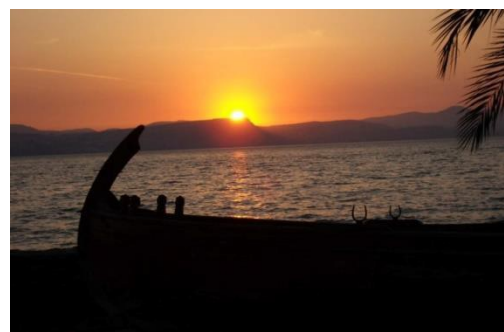
**Dann W. Hone** is one of the founding members of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies and held virtually every position at the Center, including Academic Coordinator where he was responsible for training and teaching all Jerusalem Center faculty in history, archaeology, geography, and scriptures for all field study in Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and other areas of the Eastern Mediterranean. His studies include 13 modern and ancient languages and scripts. Dann lived in Israel for many years and received his graduate degree in Biblical History from the Jerusalem University College. A published author, Dann has written study guides and books on the Near East and recently finished volumes one and two of a seven volume *Scriptural Reference and Exploration* series on “scriptural manners and customs.” Dann is emeritus instructor of Ancient Scripture at BYU and emeritus administrator for the Jerusalem Center of Near Eastern Studies. After thirty years at BYU, he entered back into teaching as adjunct faculty in the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley University. He currently serves as the Managing Director and faculty for the International Travel Studies Institute.

### What Is Included:

- Comprehensive Holy Land tour as per itinerary
- Expert hosting and guide services of Dann Hone
- All tour admissions, group tips & gratuities
- All tour transfers via motor coach
- Hotels/guest house resorts as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- Individual headsets so you can hear every word from our guides even when you step away from the group
- Unparalleled and unique pre-departure orientation and study guides
- An experience unmatched in quality and depth by other tour companies

### Hotels/Guest House Resorts as listed or similar

- Mediterranean Coast: Nahsholim Holiday Village Hotel
- Nazareth: Sisters of Nazareth Hotel
- Galilee: Ein Gev Holiday Resort
- Jericho: Jericho Resort Hotel
- Jerusalem: Holy Land Hotel



## COLUMBUS TRAVEL SERVICES

**Israel Land cost** based on 20 paying passengers: **\$2595** (Single Supplement: **\$715**)

**Deposit:** \$500 per person

**Final payment due:** 90 days prior to departure.

**Cancellation & Refund:** In case of cancellation the following cancellation amounts apply. All cancellations must be in writing & received by Columbus Travel.

<u>Tour</u>		<u>Airfare</u>	
Dates	Amount	Dates	Amount
After final payment date	100% non-refundable	At purchase	Non-refundable after purchase*

\*Airline ticket penalties are per the individual airline tariff rules

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## COLUMBUS TRAVEL SERVICES (Continued)

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- Baggage & Personal Effects
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