

# THE HOLY LAND

## In the Footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets

October 26-November 7, 2024

Hosted by **Dann & Shirley Hone**

“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.

### **Day 1 Sat, Oct 26, 2024: USA – Tel Aviv, Israel**

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

### **Day 2 Sun, Oct 27, 2024: Arrive Tel Aviv**

Arrive at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport. Airport welcome. Transfer to Hadera for dinner and overnight. [Those having chosen the Jordan optional pre-tour will also arrive this today.] (D)

### **Day 3 Mon, Oct 28, 2024: Caesarea, Armageddon, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, & Sea of Galilee**

After breakfast we travel north 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 continue north along the **Mediterranean coastal plain** and then pass through the low hills of Mount Carmel at **Jokneam** to **Megiddo**, the royal city of the Canaanites, fortified by Solomon as a “chariot city”. View from the Tel the **Valley of Armageddon**, site of the last great battle before the Second Coming of Christ. Returning through the Megiddo pass we climb the ridge of Mount Carmel, passing **Daliyat Carmel** to a unique, local Druze restaurant for lunch. After lunch we continue to the **Muhkraqa Monastery** to view the Holy Land



*Gardens and Haifa Bay*

and **Jezreel Valley** and recount the stories of the prophet Elijah and the priests of Ba’al recorded in 1 Kings 18. Continuing north along the Carmel ridge we arrive at **Haifa** and the **Haifa Observatory** to 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. Going down to the **Haifa Port** we come to the **German Templar Cemetery** and burial site of early LDS converts and missionaries dating to 1888. Our final journey is through the Lower Galilee Hill Country to the Sea of Galilee and our three-night stay along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (B, D)



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#### **Day 4 Tue, Oct 29, 2024: Mount Tabor, Nazareth, Magdala, & Sea of Galilee**

After an early breakfast, we will journey across the Galilean Hills to ascend **Mt. Tabor**, site of the **Mt. of Transfiguration** and visit the **Basilica of the Transfiguration**. We proceed across the Jezreel Valley to the 1<sup>st</sup> century reconstructed **Nazareth Village**. We tour the village, built as Jesus would have known it in his lifetime, and enjoy a 1<sup>st</sup> century lunch. 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. Our next visit is to the New Testament city of **Magdala**, home of **Mary Magdalene**. Here we will stand in a 1<sup>st</sup> Century synagogue where Jesus and his apostles stood and taught. After visiting the beautiful chapel **Duc-in-Altum**, we transfer to **Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar**. Here we board a fishing boat to cross the **Sea of Galilee**. Overnight in Galilee. (B, D)



*Basilica of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor*

#### **Day 5 Wed, Oct 30, 2024: Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Tel Dan, Banias, & 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**. Here is **Primacy of 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**. We will visit **Banias (Caesarea Philippi)** at the foot of **Mt. Hermon** where Peter confessed the Savior’s divinity. This day we see the northern **borders of Israel with Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan**. Return to resort to relax and perhaps a swim in the Sea of Galilee. (B, L, D)



*4<sup>th</sup> Century Synagogue, Ancient Capernaum*

#### **Day 6 Thur, Oct 31, 2024: Galilee, Jordan River, Beit She’an, & Jericho**

We depart 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. Here the bodies of King Saul and his sons were hung by the Philistines. The spectacular remains of the Byzantine city are comparable to the magnificent ruins of Ephesus, Turkey. After touring the **Roman Byzantine city**, we continue south along the Jordan River Valley to **Jericho**. Near Jericho we visit the site recently identified as the **baptismal site of Jesus** on the Israeli side of the border with called **Qasr Al-Yahud**. We visit **Tel es-Sultan**, 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. Overnight at Jericho. (B, D)

#### **Day 7 Fri, Nov 1, 2024: Jericho, Masada, Dead Sea, & 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 view **Kozebe** or **St. George’s Monastery** across **Wadi Qelt**. We continue on to **Jerusalem**. This evening a visit to the **Western Wall** to watch the faithful Jewish community welcome Shabbat (the Sabbath day which begins at sundown) is available. Overnight at Jerusalem. (B, D)



*Qumran, Dead Sea, Israel*



*Praying at the Western Wall (Ha Kotel)*

### **Day 8 Sat, Nov 2, 2024: BYU Jerusalem Center, Dead Sea Scrolls, & West Jerusalem**

For Latter-day Saints in the Holy Land, this is the Sabbath. From our hotel we proceed to the **Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies (BYU)** and participate in the LDS Sacrament meeting. After church services, we depart Jerusalem Center to West Jerusalem and the **Shrine of the Book** where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** are housed at the **Israeli Museum**. Here we see a **Model City of Jerusalem** that is a reconstruction of the Herodian city before its destruction in 70 AD. A brief stop at the **National Menorah** and **Israel Knesset**, or Parliament

building. Return to our hotel in East Jerusalem. (B, D)

### **Day 9 Sun, Nov 3, 2024: Old City of Jerusalem, Temple Mount, Western Wall, & Bethlehem**

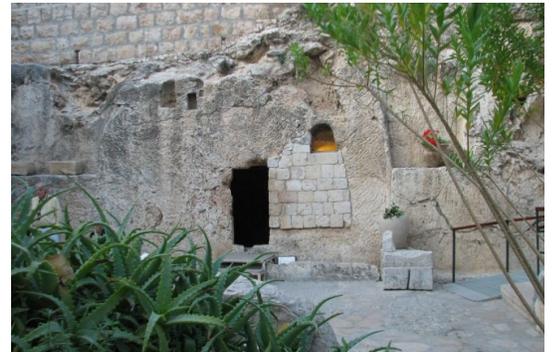
Today we visit the four quarters of the **Old City**, including the Moslem, Jewish, Armenian, and Christian quarters. We visit the **Temple Mount, Western or Wailing Wall of Solomon's Temple** and site of the **Ophel Museum**. We will follow the **Via Dolorosa** ("Way of the Cross") and visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. We then travel a few miles south of Jerusalem to Bethlehem the birthplace of Jesus. We visit **Manger Square, Church of the Nativity, Shepherd's Fields**. Optional tour this evening to **Ha Kotel excavations** along the length of the Western Wall. (B, D)

### **Day 10 Mon, Nov 4, 2024: Last Week of the Savior's Life, Old City of Jerusalem, Bethany, & Bethpage**

We travel to **Bethany** this morning to visit the tomb where Jesus raised **Lazarus** from the dead. At **Bethpage**, on the eastern side of the **Mt. of Olives**, we visit the **Church of Mounting**, traditional place of the Triumphant 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. In the Orson Hyde Memorial Gardens, we will review the events of Gethsemane, the visit of the Apostle Orson Hyde in 1841. We visit **Mt. Zion** and the "**Upper Room**" of the **Last Supper**, the traditional **House of Caiaphas** at **St. Peter en Gallicantu**, the **Pool of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the paralyzed man and 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 Tomb, Lions' Gate**, and the **Damascus Gate**. Our day will end at the **Garden Tomb** where Christ was buried and resurrected with time for instruction and personal thought and reflection. (B, L, D)

### **Day 11 Tue, Nov 5, 2024: Jerusalem with optional tours in Jerusalem**

This morning we have optional tours to **West Jerusalem, Yad Vashem** (Museum of the Holocaust), and **Mt. Hertzl**, or for the adventurous a visit to the **City of David Excavations, Hezekiah's Water Tunnel, the Pool of Siloam**, and the **newly excavated tunnel to the Ophel excavations**. The 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**. Overnight Jerusalem. (B)



### **Day 12 Wed, Nov 6, 2024: Jerusalem, Emmaus, & Jaffa**

Today we will have a free morning and check out of our hotel by noon. We then bid farewell to **Jerusalem** and travel to the ancient **Emmaus (Nicopolis)** before going on to **Jaffa**. It was from Jaffa that **Jonah** embarked on his fateful ocean voyage, and here **Peter had his vision to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles**. We will enjoy a farewell dinner together before ending at the Tel Aviv airport for our flights back home.

### **Day 13 Thur, Nov 7, 2024: Arrive USA.**

## Your Tour Hosts:



**Dann Hone** has over 49 years of travel to the Near East and is one of the founding members of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies. He held virtually every position at the Jerusalem Center, including Academic Coordinator where he was responsible for training and teaching all Jerusalem Center faculty in history, archaeology, geography, and scriptures. 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/Historical Geography from the Jerusalem University College. A published author, Dann has written study guides and books on the Near East and recently finished two volumes of a planned eight volume set, *Scriptural Reference & Exploration Series*. Dann holds emeritus status with the BYU Jerusalem Center and taught for many years as an instructor for the BYU Department of Ancient Scripture. 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 serves as the Managing Director and faculty for the School of International Studies. ([HTTP://www.travelstudiesinstitute.org](http://www.travelstudiesinstitute.org))

### What Is Included:

- Comprehensive Holy Land tour as per itinerary
- Expert hosting and guide services of Dann Hone & Larry Gelwix
- All tour admissions
- All tour transfers via deluxe motorcoach
- First Class & Deluxe hotels or similar
- Meals as per itinerary (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner)
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**Land cost:** \$2,995 per person based on double or triple occupancy

**Deposit:** \$500 per person

**Final payment due:** 120 days prior to USA departure

**Hotel, restaurant, driver, guide, & site tips & gratuities:** \$150 per person will be added & collected with final payment

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# October 2025 Pre-Tour 4-Day Jordan Option

October 15-19, 2025

Price: TBA

## General Itinerary

(New Brochure to be published shortly)

- Day 1 [Monday] Depart USA for **Amman**, Jordan.
- Day 2 [Tuesday] Arrive **Queen Alia Airport** and transfer to **Grand Palace Hotel** near the Regency Hotel Amman (D)
- Day 3 [Wednesday] **Amman, Citadel, Jordan Museum, Jabbok River, Jerash**, dinner and overnight at Grand Palace [Optional evening taxi to downtown **Suq—the largest Amman open-air market**] (B, D)
- Day 4 [Thursday] Take **Desert Road to Petra**. Stop at the local archaeological **Khan** enroute (**Qetyraneh Visitors Center**). Afternoon tour of spring of Moses (**Mousa Spring in Wadi Musa**) and then tour **Petra** (4 hours at site). Overnight at **Old Village Resort** in Wadi Musa. (B, D)
- Day 5 [Friday] After breakfast, bus to **Wadi Aravah view** and **Wadi Rum Visitor's Center**, have a **one-hour camel trek, Bedouin lunch meal with guest lecture on Bedouin Lifestyle**, then bus to **Aqaba** for short city bus tour, dinner and overnight at hotel with private beach on **the Red Sea**. Here those who desire may **snorkel in the Red Sea**. (B, L, D)
- Day 6 [Saturday] Drive from Aqaba to **Karak Castle**, take **Dead Sea** road past proposed **ruins of Sodom**, view **Lot's Wife Salt Pillar, Herod's resort and port**, and stay at **Resort on Dead Sea with private beach**. (B, D)
- Day 7 [Sunday] Dead Sea Resort, **Mount Nebo, Madaba, Bethany-Beyond-Jordan (Bethbara and Baptismal place of Jesus Christ and Elijah's Ascension site), King Hussein/Allenby Bridge, Jericho** and travel to **West Coast of Israel** to **Hadera Resort by Jacobs Hotels, (meet Israel/P.A. tour group)**, Dinner and overnight (B, D).



# The Holy Land Tour

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October 18-30, 2025



## **Days 1-2 Saturday-Sunday, October 18-19, 2025**

From the place of origin fly to Ben Gurion International Airport, Lod, Israel on Day 1 Saturday, arriving Day 2 Sunday and transfer to the Resort Hadera by Jacobs Hotels in Hadera, Israel on the Mediterranean Sea for dinner and overnight. If flight arrives before sunset, individuals may choose to swim in the Mediterranean Sea or in the hotel swimming pool.



# Resort Hadera by Jacob Hotels





## **Day 3 Monday, October 20, 2025**

Travel from Hadera to Caesarea Maritima, Mediterranean Coast, Megiddo National Park, Mount Carmel, Deir Al-Mukhraqa Carmelite Monastery, Haifa, Baha'i Gardens Overlook, German Templar Cemetery, Hill Country of Lower Galilee, Tiberias, Ein Gev Holiday Resort. Meals: Breakfast provided (Hadera Resort), Lunch at own expense (Druze Restaurant), Dinner provided.

# Caesarea Maritima

*Herod's ancient port city of historical splendor.*





# Megiddo & Valley of Megiddo (Har Mageddon)



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# Mount Carmel & Muhkraqa

CRUISE PORT:  
**HAIFA**  
ISRAEL



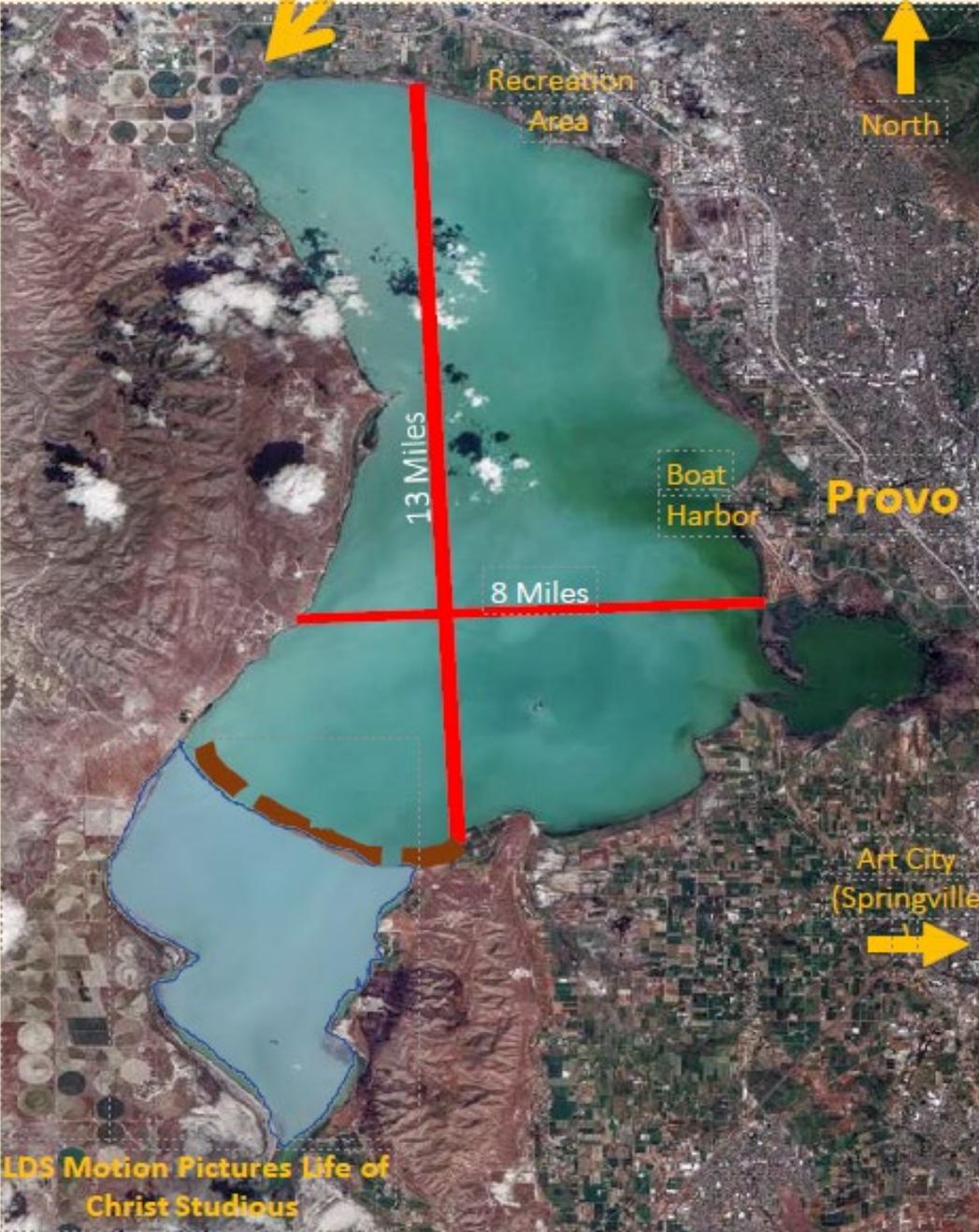
**Baha'i  
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Cemetery**



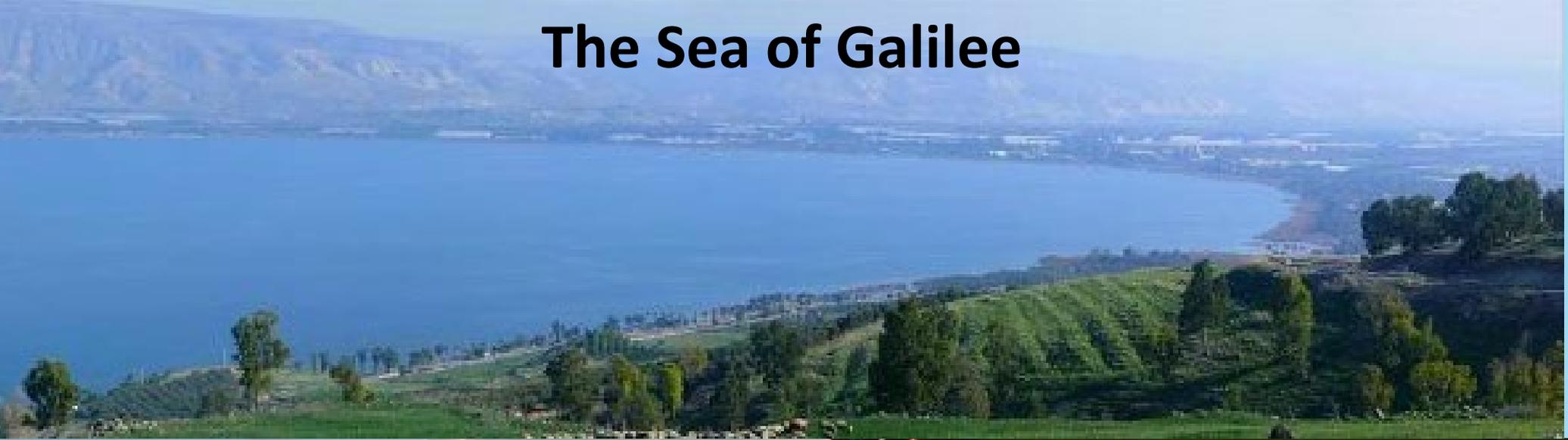
# The Sea of Galilee

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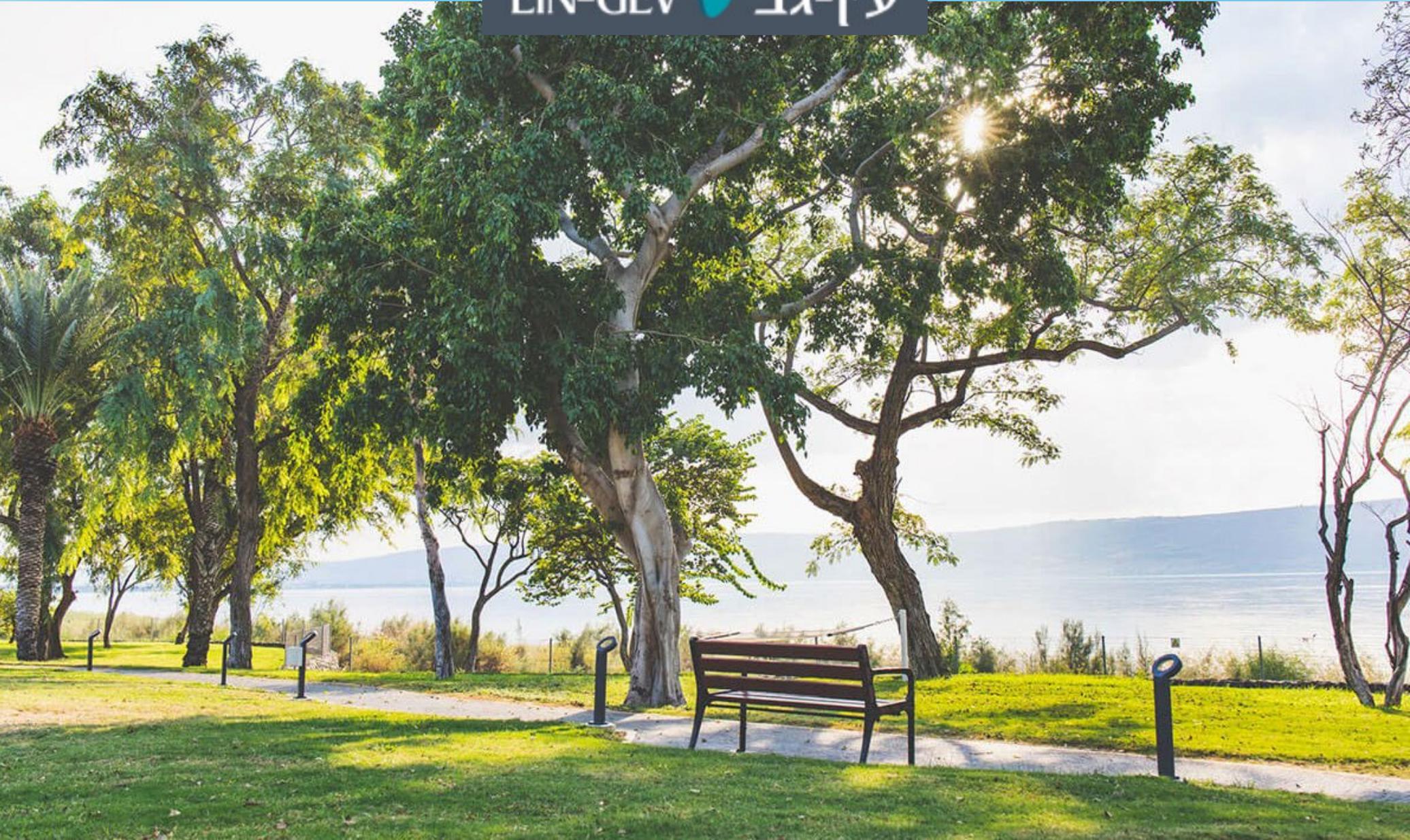
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## **Day 4, Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

Travel from Ein Gev Holiday Resort to Mount Tabor, the Jezreel Valley, (Armageddon), Lower Galilee and Nazareth churches, Nazareth Village, Magdala, Nof Ginnosar Boat, Ride across Sea of Galilee, back to Kibbutz Ein Gev Holiday Village Resort. Meals: Breakfast provided (Ein Gev Holiday Resort), 1st Century Lunch at Nazareth Village provided, Dinner provided (Ein Gev Holiday Resort).

# The Mount of Transfiguration, Mount Tabor



# Nazareth & Nazareth Village



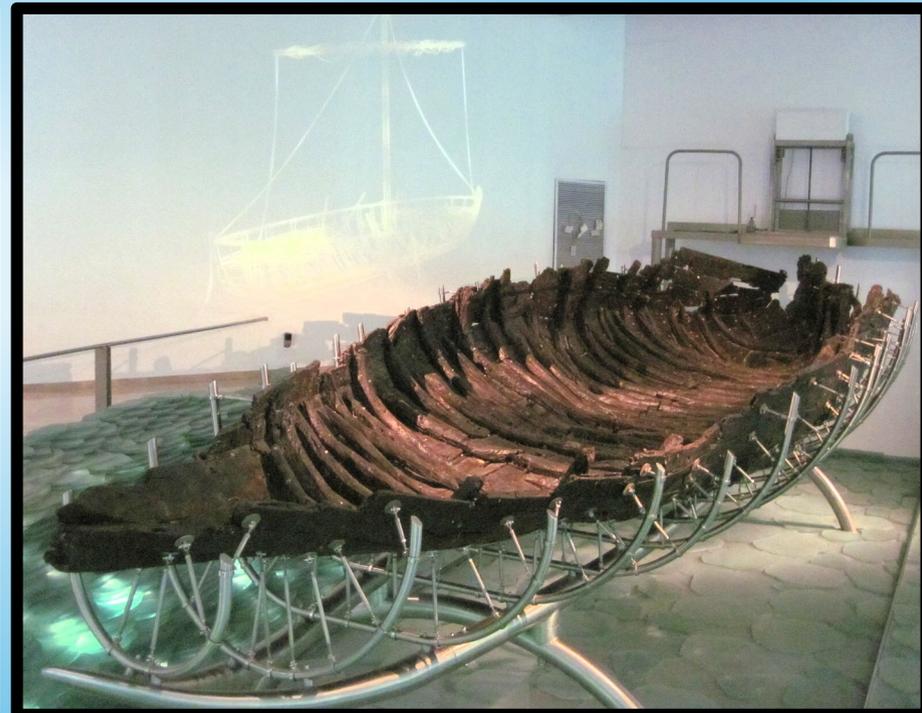
# Magdala, Home of Mary Magdalene



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# Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee



Boat Ride  
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Sea of Galilee



## **Day 5, Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

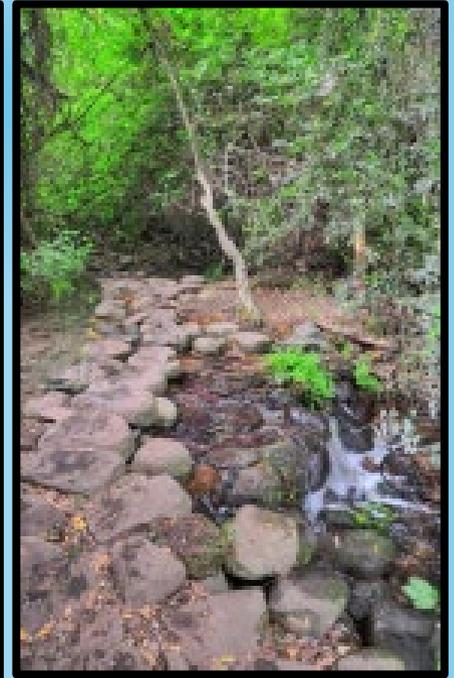
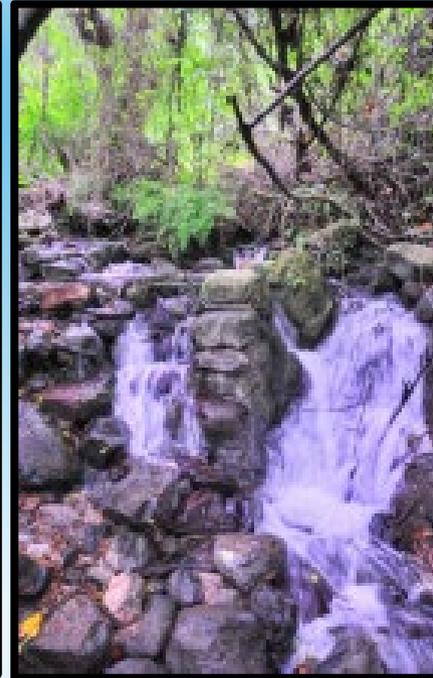
Eastern side of Sea of Galilee, Kursi, Bethsaida, Northern Jordan River, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Hula Valley, Tel Dan, Banyas (Caesarea Philippi), Golan Heights, and return to Ein Gev and its beach for swim, dinner and optional evening lecture on “Judaism and Israeli Society” [Sack lunch provided]



*Morning Tours of Capernaum, Primacy of the Rock, Mount  
of Beatitudes*



*Morning Tours of Capernaum, Primacy of the Rock, Mount of Beatitudes*



*Afternoon Tours  
of Tel Dan,  
Caesarea Philippi,  
Golan Heights*



## **Day 6, Thursday, October 23, 2025**

**Ein Gev Holiday Resort on eastern side of Sea of Galilee, Yardenit, Jordan Valley, Beit She'an, Qasr Al-Yahud (near Bethbara or Bethany Beyond the Jordan), Ancient Jericho at Tel es-Sultan, Hisham Palace and arrive at the Oasis Resort Hotel in Jericho for dinner and an optional evening lecture on "Islam and Palestinian Society"**

## **Day 7, Friday (Moslem Assembly Day), October 24, 2024**

**Travels include Dead Sea, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea float at Kalia Beach, Judean Wilderness, Jerusalem Mount of Olives Panorama view, and optional evening visit to Western Wall to watch the welcoming of the Jewish Sabbath. Departure from Oasis Resort Hotel at 7:45 am, arrive to Jerusalem Olive Tree Hotel at 5:20 pm. Actual drive time and distance is 3 hours 10 minutes (117 miles), plus touring hours is about 6 hours 35 minutes for a total of 9 hours 45 minutes of travel and touring this day. Meal;s for the day: Breakfast between 6:30 – 7:30 am (Oasis Resort Hotel); Lunch at individual's expense (Qumran Restaurant); Dinner at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Early dinner requested of Olive Tree Hotel Jerusalem), for those who desire to go to the Western Wall to welcome the Jewish Sabbath**

## **Day 8, Saturday (Jewish Sabbath), October 25, 2025**

**Travels this Sabbath Day include Jerusalem, Mount of Olives-Mount Scopus (*Har Hatsophim*) to Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies (BYU) for LDS Sacrament Services (prefer earlier meeting hour at 8:30 am, however we can also do later meeting at 10:00 am), Return to hotel to change, then proceed to the Israel Museum (1<sup>st</sup> Century AD Model City and Shrine of the Book) in West Jerusalem and return to Olive Tree Hotel.**

## **Day 9, Sunday, October 26, 2025**

**Visit the four quarters of the Old City, including Jewish and Christian quarter; the Temple Mount, Western or Wailing Wall of Solomon's Temple and the Ophel Museum/Davidson Center; Travel a few miles south of Jerusalem to Bethlehem, Manger Square, Church of the Nativity, and Shepherd's Fields; return to Jerusalem for dinner at Olive Tree Hotel.**

# Day 10, Monday, October 27, 2025

This day the travels review the raising of Lazareth from the dead by Jesus through the events of the last week of the mortal ministry of Jesus Christ to His resurrection in the Garden Tomb. Sites to be visited: Bethany and Tomb of Lazareth (Al-Hardub Street, Al-Elzariya), Bethphage on east side Mount of Olives (Chapel of the Mounting), Panoramic View of Jerusalem from Mount of Olives in front of Seven Arches Hotel, Garden of Gethsemane (Church of All Nations), Orson Hyde Memorial Gardens, Mount Zion and Tomb of David, Cenacle (Room of Last Supper), the Garden Tomb.



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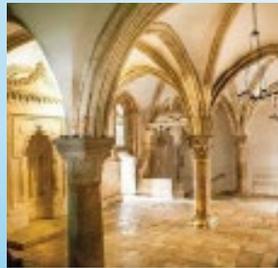
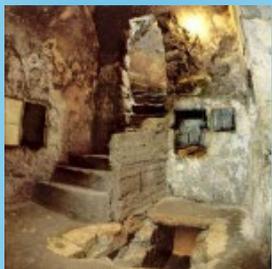
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## **Day 11, Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

**This is a day for Optional Activities – Provided Tours include:**

- **City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam, and Davidson Center**
- **Yad Vashem (Museum of the Holocaust)**
- **Ha Kotel (Western Wall Tunnels)**
- **Other recommended sites**

## **Days 12-13, Wednesday-Thursday, October 29-30, 2025**

**This day the tour group has a free morning and should check out of the Olive Tree Hotel by noon. Depart from Olive Tree Hotel and travel to the Jerusalem southern panoramic viewpoint, the Tayelet Haas Promenade. After the Tayelet Haas Promenade, travel to ancient Emmaus (Nicopolis) where the group discusses the two disciples who meet the resurrected Jesus Christ enroute. Then the group goes to Jaffa-Tel Aviv. Upon arrival in TEL Aviv, a short bus tour of the city is made before arriving to the Jaffa Bell Tower. Here the group has a walking tour of the ancient-modern city and then walks to St. George's Restaurant for a final farewell dinner provided for the group. When the farewell dinner is ended the bus transfers the group to the Ben Gurion International Airport for checking in for their flights to their next destinations. Arrival October 30, 2025, Thursday to USA.**