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# 2018 BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR TO ISRAEL



## 11 MEMORABLE DAYS

April 23 – May 3, 2018

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The ruins of Capernaum  
on the Sea of Galilee

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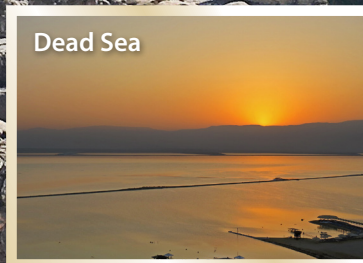
Sea of Galilee



Jericho



Garden Tomb



Dead Sea



Hippos / Decapolis

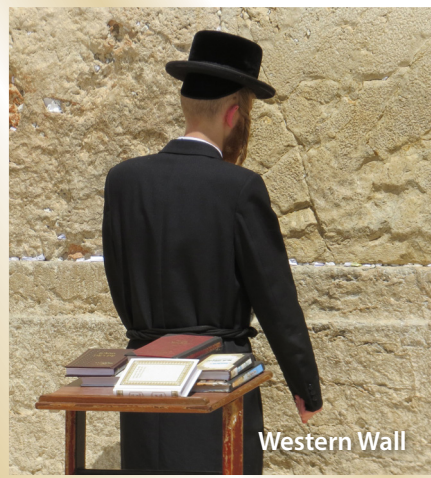


Jerusalem





Israeli Settlement in West Bank



Western Wall



Garden Tomb area



Mount of Olives

# ITINERARY

REGISTER ONLINE:



TravelwithFriends.com/new-tour

## DAY 1: MONDAY, APRIL 23

### DEPART USA –

*“Though I have scattered them like seeds among the nations, they will still remember me in distant lands. They and their children will survive and return again to Israel.” [Zechariah 10:9]*

Tour members meet at an International Airport for check-in formalities. After we board our 11-hour flight, dinner and breakfast are served, and we have time to rest.

## DAY 2: TUESDAY, APRIL 24

### ARRIVE IN ISRAEL –

*(In a place near Shechem) “The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I am going to give this land to your offspring.” [from Genesis 12:6-7]*

You will be landing at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. Following brief airport formalities, we board our motor coach and go to our Tiberias hotel on the Sea of Galilee, enjoy a dinner together with time to relax.

## DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

### TEL HAZOR / TEL DAN / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / NAHAL HERMON –

*“King Jeroboam said to the people, ‘It is too much trouble for you to worship in Jerusalem. Look, Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of Egypt!’ He placed these calf idols in Bethel and in Dan...” [1 Kings 12:28-29]*

Hazor was one of the cities that King Solomon fortified, controlling travel between Egypt and Persia. We will explore the history of the tribe of Dan, who led Israel into idolatry and wickedness. You will see the actual steps of the Temple where Jeroboam placed the golden calves, and the famous cave near where Jesus asked, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ where Peter gave his declaration of faith.

## DAY 4: THURSDAY, APRIL 26

### CAESAREA / MEGIDDO/ NAZARETH / JORDAN RIVER

*“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to preach Good News...” [Luke 4:18a]*

This morning we visit Caesarea on the Mediterranean, an ancient port built by Herod the Great. We continue to Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon, and a special worship service held in this prophetic spot. We continue on to Nazareth, viewing the Megiddo Valley from where religious leaders tried to throw Jesus off a precipice. Then one special stop before our last night on the Sea of Galilee.

## DAY 5: FRIDAY, APRIL 27

### MT. OF BEATITUDES / CAPERNAUM / HIPPOS [Decapolis] / DEAD SEA –

*“God blesses the poor in spirit, those who realize their need for Him...” [Matthew 5:3a]*

After breakfast, we travel to the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the 15 most important minutes ever spoken. You will get to experience a dramatic presentation of the Sermon on the Mount in its entirety. You’ll visit Capernaum, where Jesus healed Peter’s mother, and often taught in the local synagogue. A delicious St. Peters fish luncheon will be waiting for you, and then we’ll proceed **by boat** to “the other side,” visiting where Jesus encountered the man possessed by demons that no one could control. You will get a chance to visit an active excavation site, Hippos, one of the cities of the Decapolis, and THE most stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. Then, it’s down, down, **DOWN** to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. There’ll be a time for relaxation on the shore of the Dead Sea, with dinner and an overnight stay.

## DAY 6: SATURDAY, APRIL 28

### DEAD SEA / MASADA / QUMRAN –

*“Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.” [Psalm 119:89]*

This morning we travel to Herod’s ancient fortress of Masada, which was built high atop a mountain on the edge of the Dead Sea. It also served as a refuge for Jews escaping the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. You will see the Qumran Caves, where the Essenes recorded the Dead Sea Scrolls and many other writings. You will then make ‘aaliyah,’ climbing 4,000 feet, and enjoy your first sight of the Holy City from the Mount Scopus area, as well as a look back at the Dead Sea, only 15 miles away! You’ll finish with dinner and your first overnight stay in Jerusalem.



Nahal Hermon Reserve



Jerusalem City Street



Possible Golgotha Site



Garden near Pool of Bethesda



## DAY 7: SUNDAY, APRIL 29

### JERUSALEM – VAD VASHEM / MT. OF OLIVES / GETHSEMANE

*“We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’” [Joshua 4:6]*

Today you will start at Yad Vashem, a very impressive memorial about the 6 million Jews who died in World War 2. The Jewish Holocaust is an important part of Jewish history, and was used by God to help create a revived State of Israel. In the afternoon you will visit the Mt. of Olives, overlooking the city of Jerusalem. In modern times the Mt. of Olives is also the location of the largest Jewish cemetery in the world. You will walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane, and be around trees that may have been in existence at the time of Jesus’ prayer and suffering.

## DAY 8: MONDAY, APRIL 30

### WESTERN WALL / ACRA / GIHON SPRINGS / BETHLEHEM

*“Jesus replied, ‘Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!’” [Mark 13:2]*

You will start the at the Western Wall, won in the 6-day War in 1967, and then visit a site only recently opened to the public, the Acra excavation, a Greek fortress in King David’s Jerusalem. Also nearby is the Gihon Springs, the only source of fresh water within 5 miles. You will also tour the nearby house of Caiaphas the High Priest, who was instrumental in condemning Jesus to death on the cross. This afternoon you will visit Bethlehem, where you will see the Shepherd’s Field, where angels announced the birth of the King of Kings. You will visit the humble Shepherd’s Cave, a small cave that may be very similar to where Jesus was born. There will be an opportunity for a time of reflection and worship. Dinner will be served at your hotel in Jerusalem.

## DAY 9: TUESDAY, MAY 1

### DAY OF SERVICE AT JERUSALEM ASSEMBLY CHURCH –

*“Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.” [1 John 3:18]*

You’ll spend this day offering your time and talents to a local Christian Church in industrial Jerusalem.

## DAY 10: WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

### THE OLD CITY / GARDEN TOMB

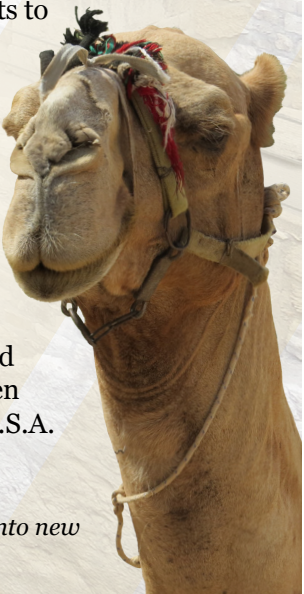
*“Then the other disciple also went in, and he saw and believed.” [John 20:8]*

Enjoy a free morning in Jerusalem today [an opportunity to SHOP!]. In the afternoon you will walk through the Old City streets, visiting the Pool of Bethesda, and travel to the Garden Tomb where you will join in a worship service and communion. A farewell dinner will be served; then you travel to Tel Aviv to board the flight to the U.S.A.

## DAY 11: THURSDAY, MAY 3

### RETURN TO U.S.

*“What counts is whether we really have been changed into new and different people.” [Galatians 6:15b]*





# THE FINE PRINT (please do read this carefully, and remember: "How wonderful to be wise, to analyze and interpret things." – Ecclesiastes 8:1)

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Jet economy class on IATAN and ATC carriers. Airfare based on Round-trip nonrefundable APEX fare. Airline upgrades may be available at additional cost to the customer. Reservations, full payment and ticketing **MUST be completed no later than 90 days prior to departure.** If you wish to request a specific departure

city it must be listed on the registration form. Unless indicated otherwise, all airline tickets are issued from the group departure city.

## LUGGAGE:

Carrying and handling of one piece of luggage per person is included. On airlines, free baggage allowance for Economy Class passengers is according to the size and weight. The total measurement of both pieces may not exceed 106 inches and each single piece may not exceed 62 inches. Total measurement is length plus height plus width. Bag **CANNOT** weigh more than 50 lbs. Apart from the usual accessories, (handbag, carry-on, camera, umbrella, etc.) each passenger may carry one piece of luggage, the measurement of which may not exceed 45 inches. This carry-on piece of luggage must remain in the personal care of the tour member throughout the tour. Airline liability for passenger's baggage is stated on contract included on all tickets and shall not exceed the actual loss, subject to proof. Baggage is at "Owner's Risk" throughout the tour offered from and return to U.S. departure city.

## HOTELS:

**First class and/or deluxe hotels.** All hotels are with private bath per person cost based on sharing twin-bedded rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement indicated (\$750). In the event of any unforeseen hotel changes, a similar hotel may be substituted. Triple accommodations can be arranged, but few genuine triple-bedded rooms exist. To make a triple, a roll away or sofa bed is added to a regular twin-bedded room. Such accommodations have limited availability and there is no reduction in cost offered by the hotels. For children 12 year of age or older, full land cost applies. Unaccompanied minor under 18 years of age cannot be accepted. Your tour host will be able to advise you.

## CHANGES:

When a written request to change the standard program is approved by Friends Tours and Travel, Inc., a minimum of \$50 per person, per change will be charged. Transfers for such passengers are not included in the program price and are solely the responsibility of the passenger.

## AIRLINE / HOTEL / LAND TOUR MEAL SERVICE:

On tour, meals consisting of buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Coffee and/or tea included with breakfast, but as is customary overseas not included with dinner and are an extra cost if requested. Meals while in-flight are according to custom of airline involved and shall be considered the meal service appropriate to the time of day. Special dietary meals cannot be guaranteed on the land tour.

## LAND TRANSPORTATION:

Deluxe, modern, air-conditioned motor coach and English-speaking guides are used throughout the tour and are exclusively for group.

## SIGHTSEEING:

As indicated in the itinerary with service of local English speaking guides including entrance fees to sights indicated on brochure.

## TRANSFERS:

Between all arrival, departure points and hotels with one suitcase except in the USA where no service is provided.

## GRATUITIES / VISA FEES / MISCELLANEOUS TAXES:

Local, state and hotel taxes are included. Departure taxes and various service charges are included unless specified. Tips to guides and drivers are extra. All credit transactions after the initial deposit incur a 3% convenience fee.

## EXTRA COSTS:

If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we will assign you a roommate, if one is available. If there is no one with whom you can share, you will be invoiced for a single room (\$750). Items not mentioned as being included, but not limited to passport fees, beverages and meals other than those mentioned, laundry or dry cleaning and all other items of a personal nature are at the full expense of tour members.

## DEPOSITS / CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS:

Your deposit of \$300.00 per person constitutes your conditions, and will be applied to total price of program selected. Payment can be made in full. **Remaining balance to be paid in full no later than 90 days prior to departure.** After initial deposit \$100.00 cancellation fee applies for any cancellation received in writing up to 60 days prior to departure. **Within 60 days prior to departure NO REFUND is possible under any circumstances for cancellations.** Tour insurance is available and highly recommended. All claims must be in writing and will be processed by the Insurance Company. No refunds will be given for services or sightseeing rendered and not used by tour members. The tour operator reserves the right to cancel, withdraw or change the tour in whole or part at any time when unforeseen circumstances arise. All cancellations **MUST** be in writing.

**Remember, the price IS all-inclusive, except for insurance, lunch and snacks, and for any souvenirs you decide to purchase while visiting Israel.**

**\*Also note that price is based on current costs and may be subject to change.**

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