



Bert and Dale Dollahite
Israel Tour For Second Timers (Israel 2)
February 28-March 7, 2019

Wednesday, February 27

Travelers arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport and transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem, settle in, and get a night's rest.

OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Thursday, February 28

Herodian Quarter, Burnt House, Temple Institute, Neot Kedumim

Our tour begins at the largest and most important site in the Jewish Quarter — actually under it — known as “the Herodian Quarter.” We will walk through a compound consisting of six “mansions” built on a hillside overlooking the Temple Mount. The exhibit concentrates on three of those houses: the Western House, the Middle House, and the House of Measurements (floor space of 6500 sq. feet). In the Herodian Period these were homes to some of the wealthiest aristocrats in Jerusalem, apparently from the priestly classes. Close by, and associated with the same aristocratic area is the Burnt House where we can see evidence of the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. We will also visit the Temple Institute to gain greater insight to the meaning of the Temple to the Jewish people. After lunch, we travel to Neot Kedumim — a biblical landscape recreation of the physical setting of the Bible in all its depth and detail. There you see life as it was lived here 3,000 years ago. More than a “garden” showing various plants, Neot Kedumim embodies the panorama and power of the landscapes that shaped the values of the Bible and provided the rich vocabulary for expressing those values. The guides are very knowledgeable about the trees and flowers and how they relate to the Bible.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Friday, March 1

**Azekah, Beit Guvrin (a archeological dig experience), Lachish,
Suson Yam Winery, Zion Community (welcome Shabbat)**

First stop on today's tour is Tel Azekah in the Valley of HaElah where David fought Goliath. We will sit in the shaded plaza and imagine the Israelite on the hill across Nachal Elah on Socho Mound and the Philistine forces on Tel Azekah. After a short drive we will get our hands in the dirt as we enjoy an archeological dig experience at Beit Guvrin (an key town in the Roman era) and the ruins of Maresha (one of the important towns of Judah during the time of the First Temple). From there we journey to visit Tel Lachish located in the Shephelah region of Israel. Lachish - conquered by Joshua, destroyed by Sennacherib, and again by Nebuchadnezzar —is second only to Jerusalem as an important city of Judah. Leaving Lachish, like Samson we stop at the Suson Yam winery, a small, family-owned winery, located in the heart of the Jerusalem mountains. For those who want to experience the welcoming of Shabbat we hope to have the opportunity to visit our guide's congregation for just a part of their services

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Saturday, March 2

**Lutheran Church, Second Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Ramparts Walk,
Citadel of David, Schindler's grave, Emmaus, Kiryat Ye'arim, Majda**

This is a full day visiting in and around Jerusalem. We will also travel back in time as we travel near Emmaus and reflect on Jesus encounter with two disciples. Kiryat Ye'arim (Town of Forests) is named for Kiriath-Jearim — where the Ark of the Covenant rested for 20-years before King David had it brought back to Jerusalem. As we travel this day we will take time to enjoy a unique experience of dining at a restaurant co-owned by a Jewish-Arab couple only open on the day of rest.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Sunday, March 3**Wadi Qelt, Jericho, Gilgal, Jordan Valley, Tiberias**

After breakfast we will travel down toward Jericho stopping at Wadi Qelt (a possible site where the ravens fed Elijah). Wadi Qelt is home to a unique variety of flora and fauna. St. George's Monastery and the royal winter palace complex built by the Hasmoneans and Herod the Great are located in the Wadi, which has been identified with the biblical Perath mentioned in Jeremiah 13:5. The Wadi Qelt Synagogue, built as part of the Hasmonean royal winter palace, is believed to be one of the oldest synagogues in the world. Several aqueducts have been found along the stream. Continuing down to the Rift Valley, we will drive through Jericho and see Zacchaeus' famous sycamore tree as well as an interesting site of worship of huge footprints in the Gilgal area. As we travel north to Tiberias, if there is interest we can stop and have coffee and date beer in a café run by Israeli farmers who are transforming the desert into fertile agriculture.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TIBERIAS

Monday, March 4**Korazin (Chorazin), Bethsaida, Kursi, Hippos, Belvoir, Mount Tabor, Nain**

Today we start with sites on the north and east side of the Sea of Galilee. First we visit Korazin, which along with Capernaum and Bethsaida, were thriving cities that Jesus cursed because they did not accept the miracles He did in them and thus rejected Him. Bethsaida, located at the northeast corner of the lake, is the hometown of the Apostles Simon Peter, his brother Andrew, and Philip. Here Jesus cured a blind man. Further south along the east shore is Kursi, a possible site where Jesus cast the demons into the swine. Near the southeast end corner of the lake is Hippos, one of the Greek cities of the Decapolis that overlooks a possible site for the feeding of the 4000. Leaving the area of the Sea of Galilee we travel southward to see Belvoir – a crusade castle. The impressive structure sits high above the Jordan Valley, a strategic location during the time of the Crusades. Designed to ward off Muslim invaders, the fortress provided strong combat positioning as well as an amazing view of the surrounding area. Leaving Belvoir we travel westward to the eastern end of the Jezreel Valley to see Mount Tabor (staging place for Barak and Deborah army in the time of judges, and the Crusaders' choice for the site of Jesus' transfiguration). The tiny Galilean village of Nain (near the base of Tabor) is remembered only because here Jesus brought back to life a widow's son as he was being taken out through the town gate to be buried (Luke 7:11-17).

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ACRE

Tuesday, March 5**Acre, Rosh Hanikra, Tel Achziv, Aphek, Druze Hospitality**

Today we will be close to the Mediterranean coast enjoying historic sites in the tribal area of Asher as well as the beauty of geologic formations of Rosh Hanikra (i.e., the Ladder of Tyre) and Tel Achziv (Al-Zeeb). Aphek (in Asher), the location of a number of battles between Israelites and the Canaanites, illustrates well the swamp-like nature of this part of Israel before it was dried out as modern Israelis reclaimed the land after 1948. We plan to enjoy the hospitality of a Druze village before traveling to Tel Aviv for the night.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TEL AVIV

Wednesday, March 6**Ashdod, Gath, Ashkelon, Be'er Sheva, Gezer, Farewell Dinner**

Today we travel southward from Tel Aviv to tour three of the five cities of the Philistines (Ashdod, Ashkelon, and Gath) as well as the university city of Be'er Sheva ("seven wells"), capital of the Negev, and the city of Abraham and Isaac. We will also visit Gezer to gain a glimpse into Israel's ancient history. After the exodus from Egypt and a sojourn in Sinai, the Israelites returned to the land promised to them and to their forefathers by Almighty God, but although they took over many a fortified Canaanite city, Gezer remained out of reach until it was gifted to Solomon by the Pharaoh of Egypt when Solomon married the pharaoh's daughter. Gezer was one of three key cities (Megiddo and Hazor being the other two) that Solomon reinforced to defend Israel against its enemies. After such a long day we will gather at the hotel for a farewell dinner.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TEL AVIV

Thursday, March 7**Optional Free day. Tour's official end is after breakfast**

Price for the Israel 2 (second timers) Tour

Land Only: \$3115 double occupancy

Single Supplement cost: \$990

1. Lodging double occupancy in 4 star hotels.
2. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the tour.
3. Touring coach & English-speaking, government-licensed guide.
4. Entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary.
5. Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel.
6. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates.
7. Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides, and hotel staff (waiters, porters)

Not included in the above quotation:

- Any cost associated with initially arriving at and departing from our tour. (FYI: Estimated cost for a 1-hour taxi ride from Ben Gurion International Airport to our Jerusalem based hotel is ~\$75 for 2 people, with 4 pieces of luggage; estimated taxi cost from Tel Aviv hotel to the airport is \$55 for 2 people, with 4 pieces of luggage).
 - Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.;
 - Travel insurance
 - Cost of obtaining passports
 - Tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.
- Note: We will gladly accept any additional tip you wish to provide to our tour guide and bus driver.

Cost for optional extension day in Tel Aviv

- Dinner and Breakfast costs are include in an extra night charge of \$115 per person (double occupancy)/\$190 single occupant
- Lunches will be purchased by traveler
- Many sites to visit in Tel Aviv are free, however traveler will pay any entrance fees a site might require.
- Cost of Armored Bus Tour of Hebron: \$XXX

Price based on payment by check. Payment by credit card call 408.252.1111 for details



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