



Bert and Dale Dollahite
Israel 1 (a tour for first time visitors)
February 15-24, 2019

Saturday, February 16

Tel Aviv

Arrive Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport by 6:00 pm. Transfer on your own to your hotel. We will enjoy a fabulous 'Kick Off' dinner at a Yemenite restaurant starting around 7:30 pm

OVERNIGHT TEL AVIV

Sunday, February 17

Caesarea Maritima, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Gideon Springs

After a full Israeli breakfast, we travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of Caesarea. Onward, we will see the magnificent panoramic view from Mount Carmel. We'll continue on to the excavation of Tel Megiddo overlooking the Valley of Armageddon (Jezreel Valley). The ruins of Megiddo are 26 civilizations deep going back to the Canaanites. After a visit to Gideon Springs we proceed to our hotel in Tiberias.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE

Monday, February 18

Tel Dan, Banias, Magdala, Capernaum, Primacy of Peter, Boat Ride

Early this morning we go northward to ancient Tel Dan, where the Dan tribe immigrated. We visit the unearthed city gates and remains of fortifications. We also visit Caesarea Philippi / Banias, where Peter confessed Christ as Messiah and which is also one of four sources of the Jordan River. Our journey then takes us back to the shores of the Sea of Galilee to visit the earliest sites in Jesus' ministry including two synagogues, the site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and a beach where Jesus told Peter to 'feed my sheep.' We will end our day viewing an ancient fishing boat from the time of Jesus, follow by a time of worship aboard a Galilean boat while cruising the Sea of Galilee.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE

Tuesday, February 19

Nazareth, Sepphoris, Cana, Mt Precipice

On our journey today we visit Jesus' boyhood home and experience the recreated Nazareth Village. We will also explore Sepphoris where we see exquisite mosaics, including the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee." Along the way we savor lunch in Cana and enjoy the panoramic view from Mount Precipice.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE

Wednesday, February 20

Beit She'an, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea

We travel southward today stopping at the Decapolis city of Beit She'an. The ancient city on the hill is where Saul and his sons were hung after their defeat at Gilboa. It is one of the best preserved of all the Decapolis cities. We then continue down the Jordan River Valley to Qumran, where we will view the caves where Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Continuing southward we will enjoy the seclusion of Ein Gedi where David hid from Saul. If time and weather permit we will have an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Thursday, February 21

**Masada, Genesis Land, Inn Good Samaritan,
Davidson Archeological Park, Kotel Tunnel**

Ascending by cable car we visit Masada and walk this massive and inspiring historical site. Then we start our journey toward Jerusalem. As we ascend the Judean Hills we will enjoy a delicious Bedouin lunch in 'Abrahams tent.' Close by is the Inn of the Good Shepherd where we view preserved mosaic. We next visit to the Davidson Archeological Park at the southern end of the Temple Mount platform after which we conclude our day with a walk in the Kotel Tunnel.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Friday, February 22

Yad Vashem, Israel Museum, Bethlehem, Hill of Ill Council

This morning we proceed through modern Jerusalem to the Israel Museum where we walk around the amazing model of Jesus' Jerusalem and visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited. We then proceed to Yad Vashem where we will see memorials to those lost in the Holocaust. Our afternoon will be spent visiting Bethlehem and meeting wonderful people who live and work and bring hope to their community. We return to our hotel stopping for a nighttime view of the Temple Mount from an overlook on the Hill of Ill Council.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Saturday, February 23

Mount Olives, Gethsemane, Bethesda, St Anne's, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem Bazaar, Caiaphas House, Garden Tomb

We drive to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area. Then following the Palm Sunday route of Jesus to the Old City we visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. We enter Old City through the Sheep Gate near the site of Stephen's martyrdom. We will stop at the Pool of Bethesda just inside the gate and sing in the acoustical marvel of Saint Anne's church. From there we follow the traditional Via Dolorosa to the church of the Holy Sepulcher. Having completed the Via Dolorosa we walk through the Jerusalem Oriental Bazaar, see Hezekiah's Broad Wall, and some sites in the Jewish Quarter, and then on Caiaphas house, the traditional site for Jesus' trail before the Sanhedrin. A visit to The Garden Tomb (Gordon's Calvary) will allow us all to end our journey in reflection and communion.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Sunday, February 24

Israel 1 tour ends with Breakfast

We've seen spectacular sights, enjoyed unforgettable experiences together and individually, sung, laughed a lot, cried a little, forged lifelong relationships and, best of all, gained a unique appreciation and familiarity with God's Word that comes from "being there". Those not continuing on the Jordan tour depart for their next adventure.

BREAKFAST JERUSALEM AND DEPART TOUR OR CONTINUE ON OUR JORDAN TOUR

PRICES for the Israel 1 Tour

Land Only: \$2990 double occupancy

Single Supplement \$960

Early arrival hotel (Friday night 2/15) \$130 per person, double occupancy

1. Lodging double occupancy in 4 star hotels.
2. Full Israeli breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily beginning with dinner on February 16 and ending with breakfast on February 24.
3. Touring coach & English-speaking, government-licensed guide on the sightseeing days.
4. Entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary.
5. Portage 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 to drivers, guides, and hotel staff (waiters and porters).

Not included in the above quotation:

- Any cost associated with initially arriving at and departing from our tour. (FYI: Estimated cost for a 30 minute taxi ride from Ben Gurion International Airport to our Tel Aviv hotel is ~\$55 for two people with 4 pieces of luggage, and from our Jerusalem based hotel back to the airport is ~\$75 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.

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

