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# Experience the Holy Land

Tour Information Guide

**11 Day Tour - Nov. 30 -Dec. 10, 2026**

**Cost \$4,099**



*Visit Israel with Pastors*  
**Neal Jackson and Jonathan Burris**



One of the greatest joys of my life has been to visit the country of Israel! Passages I had studied in the Bible suddenly came to life. Things that I thought I understood were clarified in a fresh light. Its black and white pages were just as true as they ever had been, but now the Scriptures came alive with colour! The reality of Who Jesus is and how He lived captured me in a unique way as I literally walked where He walked.

Join us! Take it from me, you won't regret it.

**Kurt Skelly**  
**Land of Bible Tours**

## Proposed Tour Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Travel to Israel

Pack your bags and bring your sense of wonder—your life-changing journey to the Holy Land begins!

### DAY 2 - Arrival in Tel Aviv

*Accommodation: In Tel Aviv or Netanya*

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, your tour guide will meet you and direct you to your luxury bus. From here, you will travel to your accommodation and enjoy your first Israeli dinner, followed by a restful evening.

### DAY 3 - Coastal Plain & Southern Galilee

*Accommodation: Near the Sea of Galilee*

Your tour begins along the **Coastal Plain of Sharon** to **Caesarea Maritima**. This maritime city was built by King Herod, and was once the seat of the Roman rule. Here, Cornelius became the first gentile convert. It is also the location where Paul was imprisoned before his trial in Rome. View the ruins of Herod's seaside palace and a large hippodrome where chariot races were conducted.



Herodian Aqueduct at Caesarea Maritima

Next, make your way to **Mt. Carmel** where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). You will travel the ancient caravan route through the **Jezreel Valley** to **Tel Megiddo**, an exciting archaeological dig with its layers of twenty different cities built on top of each other. From Megiddo you view the future battleground of **Armageddon**. Prophecy will come alive at Megiddo as you look over the **Valley of Armageddon**, site of the final world war!



Visit **Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus and stop at the **Nazareth Village** for a taste of what life was like in New Testament times (Matthew 2:23).

Stop at the **Mount of Precipice**, where Luke describes how Jesus was rejected by those in the synagogue after He taught them. (Luke 4:29).



Dr. Kurt Skelly teaching from Mt Precipice

## DAY 4 - Galilee Region

*Accommodation: Near the Sea of Galilee*

After breakfast, view an **ancient boat** found in the **Sea of Galilee**, then take a memorable boat ride across its waters. Along the boat ride, your guide will point out various places along the Sea that are mentioned in the Gospels.



Explore **Capernaum**, the heart of Jesus' ministry, and stand among the ruins of a later synagogue built on the very site of the original 1st-century synagogue where Jesus once taught. Reflect on His teachings and His proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom (Matthew 4:13, 23).



*The ancient Capernaum synagogue*

Ascend the peaceful **Mount of Beatitudes** which overlooks the Sea of Galilee and see the traditional site where Jesus preached His most

famous sermon: the Sermon on the Mount. You will also view the traditional site of **Job's Cave**.



*View from the Mt of Beatitudes*

Finally, visit the **Primacy of Peter**, where Peter professed his devotion three times to the risen Christ and stand on the shore of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus commanded Peter to "Feed my sheep." (John 21). Here you will see springs of water flowing into the cove. Fishermen have frequented this area for thousands of years.

## DAY 5 - Northern Israel

*Accommodation: Near the Sea of Galilee*

From several vantage points, as you travel north, you will see **Mount Hermon** in the distance, believed by many to be the site of the Lord's Transfiguration. (Matthew 17:1-9).

Visit **Caesarea Philippi**, (Banias) where Jesus travelled with His disciples and where, nearby, Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16). Here, inside a grotto, the Greeks built a shrine to the god, Pan. While at the national park, you will also explore the ruins of **Herod Agrippa's Palace**.



Journey through the strategically significant **Golan Heights**, historically known as **Bashan**. This region was captured by the Israeli Army from Syria during the Six-Day War in 1967. You will visit **Mount Bental**, a former military outpost that now serves as a lookout point, offering breathtaking views and insight into the region's history.

Then travel south on "the other side" of the Sea of Galilee and pass through the land of the **Gadarenes** where Jesus cast out evil spirits from a demon-possessed man and cast them into a group of swine, which ran violently down a steep hill and drowned in the sea (Mark 5: 1-13).

You will then view the city of **Hippos** which many believe Jesus had in mind when He spoke about the city on the hill while giving His sermon on the Mount.

## DAY 6 - Galilee, Jordan Valley to Jerusalem

*Accommodation: In Jerusalem*

Begin your day at **Mount Arbel** for breathtaking views over the Sea of Galilee and time of teaching on the Great Commission.



*View from Mt Arbel looking over the Sea of Galilee*

After departing **Tiberias**, you will then travel south, passing by the banks of the **Jordan River**. Visit **Gideon's Spring** (Ein Harod), the small mountain stream, where Gideon chose his army of 300 by observing how they drank from the springs (Judges 7). The spring is in the shadow of **Mount Gilboa** where Saul fought and died. His death made David lament and pray that no dew would be on the mountain (2 Samuel 1:19-27).



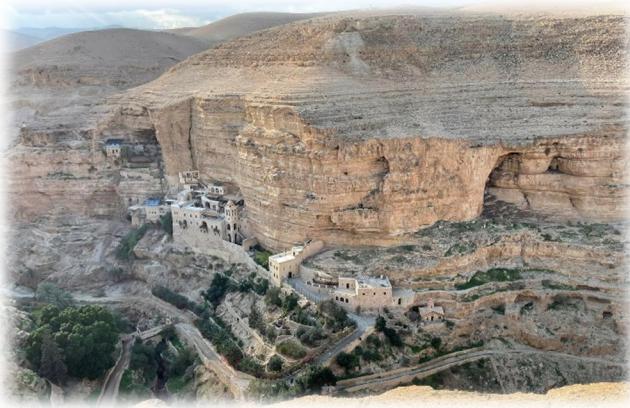
*Gideon's Spring*

As you continue along the Jordan Valley you will stop to explore the city of **Beit Shean** located at the intersection of the **Jezreel Valley** and the **Jordan River**. It was an ancient Roman city where King Saul and Jonathan's dead bodies were displayed (1 Samuel 31:8-13). The city contains many well-preserved ruins from different eras and empires including the Egyptians, Byzantines, Greeks, and Romans.



*The Cardo at Beit Shean*

Following this you will drive through the ancient city of **Jericho** and also gain a view of the **Mount of Temptation**. Then you will travel up the **Jordan Valley**, and view **Wadi Qelt**, a rocky plateau with stunning views of the ancient **Jericho Road** and **St George's Monastery**.



*St George Monastery, Wadi Qelt*

As you conclude the day, you will ascend up and enter **Jerusalem** from the north, and gain a spectacular view of the ancient city from **Mt Scopus**. The place where Roman General Titus camped when he destroyed the city in 70 A.D.

## DAY 7 - Jerusalem

*Accommodation: In Jerusalem*

After a traditional Israeli breakfast, begin your day at the **Mount of Olives**, where you will take in a breathtaking view of the **Temple Mount** and the **Eastern Gate**. This is the very place where Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9).

Walk the **Palm Sunday Road**, retracing Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.



*The Palm Sunday Road, Jerusalem*

Visit **Dominus Flevit**, where Jesus wept over the city, and then spend time in prayer beneath the ancient olive trees in the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus prayed the night before His crucifixion (Matthew 26:36).



Continue through the **Kidron Valley**, passing the **tombs of Absalom** and the high priest **Zechariah**. On **Mount Zion**, visit the **Upper Room**, the site of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12), and explore **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, built over the ruins believed to be the **house of Caiaphas**, the high priest, where Jesus was held in the morning hours before His crucifixion.

As you walk through the **Jewish Quarter**, see the **Cardo**, a well-preserved Roman street, and the **Broad Wall built by King Hezekiah**.

After lunch, walk to the plaza and stand before the revered **Western Wall**, a sacred site where Jewish worshippers have prayed for centuries.



As one of Israel's most significant landmarks, it serves as a place of deep spiritual connection, where visitors tuck handwritten prayers into the crevices between the ancient stones.

For Orthodox Jews, this is the closest they can approach the **Temple Mount** until a new temple is built.

As you walk towards the ancient **City of David**, you will view the famous **Southern Steps**, where

Jesus and His disciples walked and where Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2).



*Southern steps with the Mt of Olives in the background*

Explore the ruins of the **City of David** where you will see remnants from the time of King David. Then descend to the **Pool of Siloam**, where Jesus healed the blind man (John 9:1-11). For the adventurous, you may choose to walk through **King Hezekiah's water tunnel!**

## DAY 8 - Jerusalem

*Accommodation: In Jerusalem*

Start your day with a visit to the **Temple Mount**, where the Jewish Temple once stood before its destruction in 70 A.D. Here, you will see the **Dome of the Rock**, built over the rock where Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac, and the site of Ornan's threshing floor, purchased by King David (1 Chronicles 21:18-26).

Due to the volatile relationship between Jewish and Muslim world, the Dome of the Rock and Temple Mount area have been the source of much controversy over the years.

From the Temple Mount, gaze at the **Eastern Gate**, where Jesus will one day make His triumphal entry (Ezekiel 43:1-4). Walk through **St. Stephen's Gate**, now known as the **Lions Gate**, traditionally believed to be near the site of Stephen's martyrdom (Acts 7). This is the only gate in the eastern wall of the Old City of Jerusalem.



*View of Eastern Gate from outside of Temple Mount*

Visit the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5:1-31), where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle healing of the lame man, and experience the incredible acoustics of **St. Anne's Church** which dates back to the time of the Crusades.



*Ruins of the middle porch of the Pool of Bethesda*

Walk the **Via Dolorosa** (the Way of Suffering) to the **Antonia Fortress** (Ecce Homo), where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1-11). Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Afterward, spend some free time enjoying shopping in the Old City.

From Jerusalem, you will then travel north to the region of **ancient Samaria** of the Bible. You will then visit ancient **Shiloh**, the place the **Tabernacle** resided for 369 years and where Hannah prayed for a son. (1 Samuel 2:1-10).

Then it's on to ancient **Bethel** (time permitting), the place Jacob saw a ladder to heaven. It was this sacred place that God made a land covenant to Jacob (Gen. 28:13-14). It was here where the tabernacle resided as well, and where Jeroboam

erected an altar and golden calf, as he did in Dan (1 Kings 12:28-31). On your journey back to Jerusalem, you will drive by the site of ancient **Ai**, the second city Joshua and the Israelites destroyed.

## DAY 9 - Judean Wilderness

*Accommodation: In Jerusalem*

Ride a cable car to the top of **Masada**, a hilltop fortress overlooking the **Dead Sea** and one of **King Herod's grand palaces**. Hear the dramatic history of the Jewish zealots who made their final stand against Rome here. Ruins of the walls and massive Roman siege ramp are still visible today.



Hike to **Ein Gedi**, a lush oasis where David and his men once hid from King Saul in the canyon caves (1 Samuel 23:29). Then, visit **Qumran Caves**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered.

End the day by floating in the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on Earth, where the high salt content allows you to effortlessly float on the surface! The Dead Sea is almost 10 times saltier than the ocean, and consequently there are no fish or visible life forms in the sea. This high concentration of salt also makes it impossible for a swimmer to sink in the water!

## DAY 10 - Garden Tomb & Sites

Begin your morning with a visit to the **Garden Tomb**, a possible site of Jesus' burial and resurrection. From here you will view what some believe to be the place Jesus was crucified. The word **Golgotha** means "Place of a Skull". This hill stands just outside the walls at the intersection of two ancient roads.



Participate in a special worship service and step inside the empty tomb, reflecting on the words, "He is not here, for He is risen!"

Visit and enjoy the Israel Museum, home to the **Shrine of the Book**, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, and explore the miniature scale **model of Jerusalem** as it appeared in circa 70 A.D.



*Second Temple model in Jesus' time*

Then, travel to **Bethlehem** to visit the **Shepherds' Fields**, where angels announced Jesus' birth. On your way to the airport, stop at the **Elah Valley**, where David defeated Goliath in the epic battle, and walk up to **Tel Azekah** for a panoramic view looking over the Elah Valley.

This is where the wonderful journey through the land of the Bible comes to a close. From here you will be heading to the airport for your flight home.

## DAY 11 - Arrive home

You will bring home with your souvenirs, photographs, memories, new friendships and an unforgettable experience. Shalom!

# Terms and Conditions

**Tour Costs (Package Rates): 4,099**

**Reservations and deposits:** A \$500 deposit per person is required April 1, 2026. \$1,200 is due June 1, 2026. . \$1,200 is due August 1, 2026. Balance is due October 1, 2026.

**Cancellations:** From day of registration to 180 days prior to departure, we will retain the \$300 nonrefundable deposit, and you will be charged any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single, plus the following charges: 179-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. We reserve the right to retain payments until airline penalties have been finalized. Submit cancellation in writing. In case of last-minute, urgent cancellation or information, contact **Land of the Bible Tours** at [erin@landofthebible.org](mailto:erin@landofthebible.org). We will give every consideration possible in the event of an unavoidable cancellation. **Cancellation insurance is available and HIGHLY recommended.**

**Late Fees:** There will be a \$50 late fee per person for any payment made after any one of the scheduled due dates.

**Land transportation:** As specified in the itinerary, ground transportation will be provided by deluxe motor coaches.

**Air transportation:** Tickets are round-trip economy class. An airline supplement may be charged if not departing out of a "portal" airport.

**Hotels:** Accommodations will be provided at deluxe hotels indicated. All rooms include private bath or shower. If necessary, hotels listed may be substituted by similar hotel at no extra cost to the passenger. All rates are per person based on double room occupancy. Single supplement: TBD, Reduction of Child as third in room: TBD. Reduction of Third person in room: TBD.

**Sightseeing and transfers:** Includes all portage, transfers, entrance fees to sightseeing locations as shown in the itinerary. The services of competent local English-speaking guides are provided.

**Baggage:** Portage is limited to the allowed 50 pounds per person for all flights. Baggage is at owner's risk. Carry-on bags and small hand articles, e.g., purses, cameras, etc. are entirely under the care of the passenger. Insurance is available and recommended.

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**Meals:** Full Israeli buffet breakfast and dinners at hotels daily are included. Daily lunches are **not** included.

**Inclusions:** Tips to driver, guide, hotel and restaurant staff. Digital Tour Journal (200 pages), Whisper headset.

**Exclusions (not included in the tour cost):** Beverages with table meals, other than coffee or tea which may be included. Passport costs and/or health documentation cost when required, optional sightseeing and personal purchases, and insurance coverages. Any applicable fuel surcharges. Any other item not mentioned above.

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