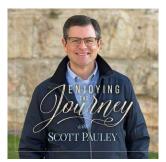


# Journey through Israel and Jordan

Deepen your knowledge of Jesus and the Bible





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 color!

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.

**Dr. Scott Pauley** 

# **Tour Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 (Dec 3) - Travel to Israel

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

#### DAY 2 (Dec 4) - Jerusalem

Accommodation: Dan Jerusalem Hotel

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv your tour guide will meet you at the airport and direct you to your luxury bus. After boarding, you will drive to Jerusalem, the ancient biblical capital of Israel. Here you will enjoy your first dinner and a restful first evening in Israel.

#### DAY 3 (Dec 5) - Jerusalem

Accommodation: Dan Jerusalem Hotel

You begin the day with a visit to the **Temple Mount**, where the Jewish temple stood until its destruction by the Roman Legions in 70 A.D. There you will see the **Dome of the Rock** built over the rock where Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac. This was also 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, view the **Eastern Gate** that faces the Mount of Olives. This is the gate where Jesus will make His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. (Ezekiel 43:1-2,4; 44:1-3).



View of Eastern Gate from outside of Temple Mount

You will walk through **St. Stephen's Gate**, now known as the **Lions Gate**. It is the only gate in the eastern wall of the Old City of Jerusalem. In the Christian tradition, it is thought that the stoning of St. Stephen (Acts 7) occurred outside of this gate.

View the **Pool of Bethesda**, (John 5:1-31), where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle healing the lame man at this pool. **St. Anne's Church**, with incredible acoustics, is perfectly preserved and dates back to the time of the Crusades.



Ruins of the middle porch of the Pool of Bethesda





Then take a walk along the **Via Dolorosa** (the way of suffering) and then onto **Antonia Fortress** (Ecce Homo) where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. (Luke 23:1 -11). You will visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** the traditional site of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Continue through the **Jewish quarter** of the old city and see **the Cardo** and **Hezekiah's Broad Wall**.

You will walk to the plaza and see the famous **Western Wall**. The open-air portion of the **Western Wall** where many gather to pray is actually only a small part of the entire wall. From within the tunnel, you can see much of the well-preserved Temple wall including two stone blocks weighing 600 tons each!

Afterward you will have an opportunity to pray at the **Western Wall**. This is one of the most iconic landmarks in all of Israel. This is as close as Orthodox Jews will get to the **Temple Mount** until the new temple is built.

Throughout the day and night, hundreds of Jews gather to pray at the Western Wall and leave handwritten prayers in the spaces between the stones.



Orthodox Jews at the Western Wall

You will then see **Robinson's Arch** before walking underground through the **Western Wall tunnel tour (Rabbi's Tunnel)**. This tunnel runs the length of the Western Wall underneath many buildings of the old city.

Enjoy time at the **Israel Museum** with the **Shrine of the Book** and view several priceless artifacts including the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. Adjacent to the museum is the open-air **miniature model of Jerusalem** that depicts the city of Jerusalem as it would have looked circa 70 A.D.



Second Temple model in Jesus' time

#### DAY 4 (Dec 6) - Jerusalem

Accommodation: Dan Jerusalem Hotel

After an Israeli breakfast you will visit the **Mt of Olives** and stand and enjoy a remarkable view of the **Temple Mount** and **Eastern Gate** from this vantage point. This is the place where, forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven. (Acts 1:9).



Mt of Olives in the background

You will then walk along the **Palm Sunday Road** where Jesus began His Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Visit **Dominus Flevit**, the place where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Then you will stop to pray beneath the ancient olive trees in the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus prayed the night before his crucifixion. (Matthew 26:36).







Garden of Gethsemane

Then, you'll continue down through the **Kidron Valley**, and see the **tombs of Absalom** and the high priest **Zachariah** before entering some of the oldest areas of Jerusalem that date back to the time of **King David** and tour his ancient city.

The days tour continues with a visit to the **Temple Institute** where you will see the Rabbi's preparations for the third temple. Then a walk back near **Temple Mount** with a visit to the **Davidson visitors center** at the **Southern wall** excavations and examine some of the most important archaeological finds in Jerusalem. Discover the significance of these historical findings and how they help us understand life in Jerusalem thousands of years ago.

Stand upon the **Southern Steps** where Jesus and His disciples walked and where Peter preached on the day of Pentecost in Acts, chapter 2.



Southern steps with the Mt of Olives in the background

Journey on foot to the bottom of the ancient **City of David** and visit the **Pool of Siloam** where Jesus sent the man who was born blind to wash his eyes to be healed. (John 9:1-11). You may even choose to walk through **King Hezekiah's tunnel** to get there!



The recently discovered Pool of Siloam

#### DAY 5 (Dec 7) - Jerusalem

Accommodation: Dan Jerusalem Hotel

The tour of Jerusalem continues with a visit to the **Garden Tomb**, from where 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.



The Garden Tomb

While at the **Garden Tomb**, you will enjoy a special service with a time of praise and thankfulness to God for the resurrection.

Step inside the empty tomb, experience the reality of the Resurrection and remember, "He is not here, for He is risen!"

On **Mount Zion**, you will pass by the **Upper Room**, revered as the site of the Last Supper (Mark

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14:12), and then visit the church of **St. Peter in Gallicantu**. This church was built over the ruins of what is believed to be the High Priest **Caiaphas' house**, where some say Jesus was held in the morning hours before his crucifixion.

As you leave Jerusalem, you cross over the security fence into the Palestinian Authority (PA) for a visit to the **Herodium**, a fortress built by Herod the Great near where Ruth gleaned fields and near **Bethlehem**. You will then spend some time surveying the **Shepherds' Fields** just outside the town.

On your way back to Jerusalem you will visit the famous site of the epic battle between David and Goliath in the **Elah valley**. Walking up to **Tel Azekah** you will see the biblical town ruins and reach the view point looking over the Elah Valley.

#### DAY 6 (Dec 8) - Jerusalem and Jordan

Accommodation: Kempinski Hotel, Amman

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**.

Take a hike to **Ein Gedi** the largest oasis on the western shore of the **Dead Sea**. It was here at Ein Gedi, that David and his men once hid from King Saul in the canyon caves. (1 Samuel 23:29).

Ride in the cable car up to the top of **Masada** overlooking the **Dead Sea.** This was the location of one of King Herod the Great's palaces. It is a spectacular hilltop fortress. Here your guide will treat you to the history of the famous zealot stand. Ruins of the walls and massive Roman siege ramp are still visible today.



Ariel view of Masada

Conclude the day's touring at the **Dead Sea**. At approximately 1,400 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest spot in the world. 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!



From here, you will cross over into Jordan and spend the night in the Jordanian capital, **Amman**.

#### DAY 7 (Dec 9) - Jordan

Accommodation: Kempinski Hotel, Amman

Travel south from Amman for a visit to the city of **Petra**. Its entrance passes through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq and can only be accessed by carriage, horseback or on foot. Once inside the city, marvel at the intricate detail of a city that was cut into the cliff sides of rose-colored rock. Return to **Amman** for dinner and overnight.



Petra



#### DAY 8 (Dec 10) - Jordan to Israel

Accommodation: Magdala Hotel, Migdal Galilee

Before crossing back over into Israel, you will visit the ruins of **Jerash**, one of the largest and bestpreserved Roman cities in the Middle East. It lies in a broad valley among the biblical mountains of **Gilead**, about 30 miles north of Amman.



Hadrian's Arch at the south entrance of Jerash

Once you enter back into Israel, you will continue along the **Jordan Valley** and will make a stop at the city of **Beit Shean** located at the intersection of the **Jezreel Valley** and the **Jordan River**. There you will see an ancient Roman city that the Bible mentions in reference to Saul and his son Jonathan whose bodies were hanged on the city wall. (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

Then on to **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

You will pass by the banks of the **Jordan River**, just south of the Sea of Galilee before arriving at your hotel at **Magdala**.

### DAY 9 (Dec 11) - Galilee Region

Accommodation: Magdala Hotel, Migdal Galilee

After breakfast you will tour the **Magdala** one of the most exciting archaeological sites in Israel today. This was the home town of Mary Magdalene.

After this you will stop by to view an **ancient boat** found in the Sea of Galilee. Then you will embark on a boat to **sail the waters of the Sea of Galilee.** Along the boat ride, your guide will point out various places along the Sea that are mentioned in the Gospels.







Explore **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' ministry, before going to the synagogue which stands on the site where Jesus taught. Recall His teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. (Matthew 4:13, 23).



The ancient Capernaum synagogue

Head up to **Mt Arbel** for breathtaking views, overlooking the Sea of Galilee and time of teaching on the Great Commission.



You will come down from the Mount and go for a brief walk along the **Jesus Trail** (Pigeon Pass Wadi Hammon).

See the place of 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.



Dr. Scott Pauley teaching from the Mt of Beatitudes

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

## DAY 10 (Dec 12) - North Galilee

Accommodation: Magdala Hotel, Migdal Galilee

Watch the sun rise over the **Sea of Galilee**, where fishermen work the waters with nets, much as in the time of Jesus. Then, you will spend today touring sites in the northernmost region of Israel. From several vantage points, as you drive up, you will see **Mount Hermon** in the distance, believed by many to be the site of the Lord's Transfiguration. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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You will visit **Tel Dan** where you will see the **altar of Jeroboam**, and an ancient city gate, like that mentioned in the story of Ruth. Tour the ruins of this ancient city that dates back thousands of years and also see **Abraham's Gate**, the place where the Patriarch Abraham would have entered the city roughly 4,000 years ago.

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**.

You will then travel through the strategic tableland known as the **Golan Heights (Bashan)**. The Israeli Army captured this region from the Syrians during the Six Day War.

### DAY 11 (Dec 13) - South Galilee

After an Israeli breakfast, start your day with a visit to **Nazareth**, 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).



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



Dr. Scott Pauley teaching from Mt Precipice

Leaving southern Galilee, 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!

Then a short drive 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 to convert to Christianity. This 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

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 12 (Dec 14) - Arrive home

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



# **Terms and Conditions**

Tour Costs (Package Rates): \$4,099 from a portal city airport (For example, New York, Chicago, Washington DC, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami) per person for airfares, land tour including: 9 night's accommodation.

**Reservations and deposits:** A \$250 deposit per person is required 240 days before departure. An additional \$1000 is due 180 days before departure, with the balance due 60 days from departure.

**Cancellations:** From day of registration to 180 days prior to departure, we will retain the \$250 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 (724) 882-8644. We will give every consideration possible in the event of an unavoidable cancellation. **Cancellation insurance is available and HIGHLY recommended.** 

**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: \$1099, Reduction of Child as third in room: \$70. Reduction of Third person in room: \$35.

**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.



