



# Israel

*October 21 - 29, 2025*

*Mount of Beatitudes*



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*Church of the Annunciation*



*Yardenit*

**Day 1: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 • Depart USA**

We begin our pilgrimage with flights from St. Louis to Tel Aviv.

**Day 2: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 • Arrival in Tel Aviv**

Upon our arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport our Israeli host assists us with the transfer of our luggage. We then board a motor coach, meet our guide, and drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to our Tel Aviv hotel. Time permitting, we take a walking tour of Joppa/Jaffa, the ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narratives of Jonah and the whale, and Solomon's import of the cedars of Lebanon. It is also where Simon the Tanner lived, and Peter stayed during his missionary activities. **D**

**Day 3: Thursday, October 23, 2025 • Galilee Region**

After our first Israeli breakfast, we board our coach and drive north up the coast to Caesarea Maritima, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. While here, we visit the Roman Theater, the Roman Aqueduct, and the Herodian Port. Next, we visit Nazareth where we enter the Church of the Annunciation and remember Mary's encounter with the angel in Luke 1:26-38. We see Mary's well and walk through Nazareth Village and gain more understanding of some of Jesus' parables. We continue to Galilee passing through Cana where we recall Jesus turning water into wine in John 2:1-11. We end the day in Galilee. **B, D**

**Day 4: Friday, October 24, 2025, 2025 • Galilee Region**

Our morning begins at the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Lk. 4:31-37) as we stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We also see Peter's house. We visit Tabgha, commemorating the feeding of the 5,000 (Lk. 9); Mensa Christi, where the Lord appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (Jn. 21); and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We stop at Chorazim and Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. We embark on a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and stop to see the 2000-year-old Jesus boat. We end the day in a time of spiritual blessing as we stop at Yardenit, the famous baptismal site at the headwaters of the Jordan River. **B, D**

**Day 5: Saturday, October 25, 2025 • Galilee Region**

This morning, we drive to Caesarea Philippi (Banias), a source of the Jordan River. Jesus here asked his disciples,

"Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and explained to them that he must go to Jerusalem (Mt. 16:13-23) and be crucified. At Tel Dan, we see where the tribe of Dan lived; it was originally called Laish. Dan introduced idolatry into the land of Israel, and it was here where King Jeroboam set up a high place of worship to a golden calf (1 Kgs. 12:25-33). We reflect on the significance of the Road to Damascus. In the Golan Heights, we recall the scene of bitter fighting during the Six Day War and the Valley of the Tears. We enjoy the snowcapped peak of Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in the Middle East. At Gamla, we view the remains of a 1st-century town and synagogue where Jesus likely preached, the beautiful waterfall, and the large vultures and eagles soaring above us. We visit Bethsaida and return to our hotel in the Galilee region for dinner and overnight. **B, D**

**Day 6: Sunday, October 26, 2025 • Jerusalem**

We depart early this morning for Jerusalem. Our first stop is at the top of the Mount of Olives where we enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City and the Kidron Valley. From here it is a short walk down along the Palm Sunday Way to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We stop at Dominus Flevit, the Tear Drop Church. Then we enter the Old City through the Lion's Gate, we walk along parts of the Via Dolorosa past Zion Monastery. We continue to Ecce Homo (site of Jesus' scourging) and see an authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following visits to Saint Anne's Church, the Pool of Bethesda, we walk through the colorful Arab Bazaar where the sounds and smells of the Middle East come alive. We stop to sing praises in the Upper Room (Lk. 22:7-38), view the traditional tomb of King David, and proceed to St. Peter Gallicantu, Caiaphas the High Priest's house (Jn. 18). We visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and end our day with dinner as a group. **B, D**

**Day 7: Monday, October 27, 2025 • Jerusalem**

This morning, we take an excursion to the Dead Sea. We make a brief stop at En Gedi and relive one of David's historic encounters with King Saul then continue to Qumran. We view Cave # 4, which contained the greatest quantity of scrolls. Our next stop is Masada, the famous stronghold where the Jewish people held out while being under attack from the Roman Army. We rise to the top by cable car and see remnants of the city from the top. We have lunch on our own and then continue to the Dead Sea, where we have a chance to



Garden Tomb

swim and float. As we return, we observe the desert terrain and ponder the Psalms and the life and heart of David. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. **B, D**

#### Day 8: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 • Jerusalem

Our final day in the Holy Lands begins with a visit to the Israel Museum where we see the Temple Model and the Shrine of the Book, the repository for some of the first discovered Dead Sea Scrolls. We continue to the South Steps where the Rabbi taught, and see the Pools of Siloam, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Warren's Shaft and David's Palace. Then we proceed to the Western (Wailing) Wall, Judaism's most holy site. We end our final day in Israel at the Garden Tomb with a very special communion service and a closing session. **B, D**

#### Day 9: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 • Return

We board our plane for our very early morning flight home.

**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**

#### **Please be aware:**

*This tour includes considerable standing and walking and some hiking. We recommend that tour participants be able to walk a mile or more at a moderate pace, navigate some uneven terrain, cobblestone streets, steps and hills. Caution is recommended for those with walking or breathing difficulties. If a guest requires mobility assistance, they must be accompanied by an able companion who is totally responsible for providing the guest's necessary assistance. Ed-Ventures does not provide personal attendant services.*

## Tour Price: \$5,239

Prices are *per person, double occupancy* with a minimum of 15 participants

20 or more participants - \$4869

**Single supplement: \$1,800**

#### YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- **Estimated airfare from St. Louis** to Tel Aviv and return including taxes and fuel surcharges. (estimated at \$1,800)
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist & moderate first class hotels
- Services of a **professional tour manager** throughout the tour
- Step on guides for tour highlights and city tours
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels where available
- All **taxes and tips** except restaurant and hotel tips, and end of tour tips for driver and tour manager

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages, *except for* juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast and coffee, tea and water with dinner
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- End of tour tips to the driver and tour guide and restaurant and hotel tips
- **Travel insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation (for land package; can be added to cover airfare at an additional cost when airfare is known)

#### Payment Schedule:

**Deposit with registration: \$500 per person**

**Final payment due July 18, 2025: Balance per person**

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Bursch has received a final payment, Bursch will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

#### Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

#### Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to the departure date. From the final payment due date until 31 days prior to departure, a \$300 per person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground supplies will be assessed. Airline tickets, once printed are not refundable. An individual canceling 30 days or less before departure will receive NO REFUND.

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## Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Include a photocopy of the picture page of your passport.*

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**  Male  Female (*required by airline*)

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Include a photocopy of the picture page of your passport.*

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Gender:**  Male  Female (*required by airline*)

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone/cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sleeping Preference** (circle one): Double bed (1 bed)    Twin Beds (2 beds)

**Roommate name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR Single supplement:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**    \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

## Travel Insurance (*Please check one*)

I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.

I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

## **Deposit Payment Information** (\$500 per person)

Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). *Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc..*

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

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**Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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