

Holy Land

10 Day Land Tour

10/21/2022 - 10/30/2022

Join Donald Parry on a private group tour this spring to the Holy Lands. This tour is one day longer than most of our tours and visits sites that are not typically included in our base tour. Some of these sites are in the West Bank territory. Because of this, we have to check the conditions at those sites the week of the tour to confirm they are safe to visit. These include sites such as Shiloh, Beth-el and Hebron. If we are unable to get into these sites, they will be substituted with other sites such as the Herodian or others. This tour will be an amazing opportunity to experience the Holy Lands with an amazing tour director! Make the most of your tour with our optional Jordan/Petra extension.

Headliners:



Donald Parry

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Home

October 21, 2022 (Friday)

Depart for Israel. Overnight on the trans-Atlantic flight.

Day 2: Arrive in Israel

October 22, 2022 (Saturday)

Enjoy a relaxing evening, walk on the beach or swim in the Mediterranean as you recover from jet lag and prepare for our wonderful adventure.

Day 3: Tel Aviv - Mt. Carmel - Nazareth Village - Church of the

Synagogue

October 23, 2022 (Sunday)

We will begin our tour of the Holy Lands with a quick stop at Caesarea on our way to Nazareth. After departing our hotel in Tel Aviv, we will travel northeast to the Carmel mountain range. Once we arrive to the Muhraqa on Mount Carmel, we will discuss the epic battle between Elijah and the wicked priests of Baal. We will also be able to have a scenic view of the Jezreel valley. From there we will go to Nazareth, where we will stop at the Nazareth Village. Here we will have a glimpse into the life of villagers during Christ's childhood. Typical life in a small Galilean village is portrayed in this village. We will then visit the church of the synagogue. This will give you a feel for what a small town synagogue would have looked like where Christ made his first public speech. We will overnight at our hotel in Nazareth.

Day 4: Megiddo - Mount Tabor - Dinner with Bus Driver

October 24, 2022 (Monday)

We will start the morning in Nazareth with an optional visit to the Church of Anunciation, which is the traditional Catholic site where it was revealed to Mary she would be the mother of the Son of God. Time permitting, you may stop in Cana of Galilee, where the first recorded miracle performed by Jesus took place. We will then travel to Mount Tabor, where we will discuss the transfiguration as understood in context of modern revelation. We will finish the evening by dining at the home of our Bedouin sheik bus driver (if possible) before returning to our hotel in Nazareth.

Day 5: Sea of Galilee Boat Ride - Caesarea Phillipi - Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes - Magdala

October 25, 2022 (Tuesday)

Today will begin with a drive along the coasts of the Sea of Galilee, passing by Magdala (home town of Mary Magdalene) before arriving at traditional site where Christ delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Here we will find a quiet place to study the doctrines of that amazing sermon. Then we will visit Capernaum, which was the center of Christ's Galilean ministry. In Capernaum, Christ performed many miracles and gave many profound teachings, including the sermon on the Bread of Life. We will see the remains of a synagogue that possibly dates from the time of Christ, which may have been the synagogue in which He taught. For lunch you will have the opportunity to try St. Peter's Fish (or a chicken/lamb kabob). After lunch, we will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Feel the power and peace of this amazing location and learn of those miracles that took place on this Sea. We'll continue our day with a visit to Banias (Caesarea Phillipi) at the foot of Mount Hermon, which is the site of Peter's testimony of Savior and one of the sources of the Jordan River as it emerges from the

foothills of Mount Hermon. Return to our hotel in Nazareth.

Day 6: Jordan River (Bethabara) - Bethel/Ai - Gibeon - Shiloh

October 26, 2022 (Wednesday)

After checking out this morning, we will our journey south to Jerusalem. Along the way, we will stop at the traditional baptism site of Christ. It is also near the location where the ancient Israelites crossed over the Jordan into the promised land. We will also stop at Bethel. At this site Jehovah renewed the covenant with Jacob. It later became an important city in the Northern Kingdom as a religious center of worship. From there, we will visit Shiloh, which was a center of ancient religious worship in Samaria prior to the establishment of the Kingdom of Israel. The tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant were located there, making it a religious place of worship and pilgrimage. From there, we will continue into Jerusalem. We will check into our hotel in Jerusalem for a relaxing evening.

Day 7: Jerusalem - Mount of Olives - Gethsemane (Private Gardens) - Western Wall Tunnel - Davidson Center Museum - Temple Mount - Temple Institute - Church of the Holy Sepulchre

October 27, 2022 (Thursday)

We will begin our first full day in Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives, where we can view the Temple Mount. From the Mount of Olives, we will walk down to Gethsemane. Here we will study and ponder on the atonement. Today will focus on the Temple Mount and sites of the Old City. We will take the Western Wall tunnel tour to see how Herod built the platform upon which the temple rested. We will also visit the Davidson Center Museum, located on the south side of the temple mount. Sit on the steps that ascended to the temple mount from the time of Christ. We will tour the temple mount with an Islamic guide to learn of the Islamic history of the mount. It is the third most sacred site for Muslims. A tour of the Holy Sepulchre with Father Samuel to hear of the Orthodox tradition regarding the location of Christ's death and resurrection. To finish the day, we will visit the Temple Institute in the Jewish Quarter.

Day 8: Old City - Garden Tomb & Golgotha - Great Synagogue of Jerusalem Tour with Rabbi - Free Time & Anything Else Missed on the First Day

October 28, 2022 (Friday)

We will spend the day in Old City Jerusalem where you will have free time for shopping. We will also visit any of the sites in the Old City that we missed on Thursday, including a tour of the Great Synagogue. From there we will proceed to the Garden Tomb, where we will also be able to view the

ancient Golgotha. Here we will be discuss and ponder the final moments of Christ's mortal life and his glorious resurrection.

Day 9: Jerusalem Center (Church Services) - City of David - Hezekiah's Tunnel - Pool of Siloam

October 29, 2022 (Saturday)

This morning will be a relaxed morning. Church services begin at 10:00 at the Jerusalem Center. Following Church, we will go to the City of David. This is believed to be the part of Jerusalem, south of the Temple, from where David reigned over Judah. Then we will walk Hezekiah's tunnel. At the end of the tunnel, we will see the ancient pools of Siloam. Here we will discuss the miracle of the man blind from birth.

Day 10: Hebron - Bethlehem - Shepherd's Field

October 30, 2022 (Sunday)

This will be the final day of tour in Israel, we will check out of the hotel in the morning. The first stop on the day will be Bethlehem. Once in Bethlehem, we will visit the Church of Nativity, which is where tradition believes Christ was born. We will then go to the Shepherd's fields. Here we will discuss the birth of Christ from the scriptures. As an option, we can visit an olive wood shop, where we can see how the process of carving and then spend a few minutes shopping. The afternoon will be spent at Hebron. According to the Bible, the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the Matriarchs Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah are buried in the Cave of Machpelah. The burial of these three holy couples, the ancestors of the Jewish people, make Hebron the second holiest place for Jews in the world.

Day 11: Wadi Rum - Red Sea

October 31, 2022 (Monday)

We will start the morning from our beautiful 5 star resort on the Red Sea by driving to Wadi Rum. Once we arrive to Wadi Rum, we will get in pickups/jeeps to take a ride through the Rum Wadi desert. The scenery is amazing. It has been the location of many movies, including Martian and the most recent Star Wars movie. You can even ride a camel through the desert. This is a surreal experience not to be missed. The afternoon will be free to relax at our luxurious resort on the Red Sea or to go snorkeling. This is a great way to relax following a fast-paced tour. Hotel is the Intercontinental (5 Star luxury resort on Red Sea).

Day 12: Petra

November 1, 2022 (Tuesday)

This morning we will check out of our hotel and travel to the amazing site of Petra. Petra is a historical and archaeological city in the Jordanian governorate of Maan that is famous for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system. Petra was established sometime around the 6th century BC as the capital city of the Nabataeans and was later occupied by the Romans. It is a symbol of Jordan as well as its most visited tourist attraction. From Petra, we will travel about 3 hours to the north to arrive at the airport by 9:00 PM. Schedule your flights home after 11:00 PM.

Information:

Space is limited so BOOK NOW!

INCLUDED

Hotels – Inbal (5 star Jerusalem), Nazareth Ramada (3 star Northern Israel – best in the North except the Scots), Herods (5 star Tel Aviv)

Local Guide & LDS Tour Director

Breakfast & Dinner (lunches not included)

First Class Coach/Bus

All entrance fees

Whisper Head Sets

NOT INCLUDED

Tips: Additional information in pricing section below

International Airfare: We email the group about 4 months prior to the tour with the suggested flight schedule. We do not arrange group airfare since usually it is considerably more expensive to do so. We are flexible on flights and we will give you an arrival time for when you should arrive in Tel Aviv. Flights are usually around \$1,300-\$1,500 out of SLC.

Lunches, Personal Items, Phone, Internet, etc.

Pricing:

Price

- \$2,695 per person based on double occupancy for cash or check payments.
- \$2,795 per person based on double occupancy for credit card payments.
- Single Supplement – \$150 per night

Optional Petra Add-on

- \$650 per person based on double occupancy

Tips

- We collect pre-paid tips in advance of \$100 per person for the Israeli guide and driver. You will need to tip hotel baggage porters if they take your luggage for you. We are often asked about tipping the LDS tour director. They greatly appreciate tips. We recommend about \$4-\$5 per day. If you feel they did a good job and would like to thank them, this is an appropriate way to do so. As with any service, tipping is at your discretion.
- Tips are not collected in advance for any tour extensions, such as Jordan or Egypt. We recommend \$4-\$5 per day for the guide and \$2-\$3 per day for the driver on those tours.

Payment Schedule

- \$250 per person due at time of booking (deposit is non-refundable â€” it can be transferred to another person on the same tour date. We will attempt to find someone to take your spot if you cancel but we cannot guarantee it).
- Final Payment: Final payment is due three months before the tour departure date.

Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel: Deposit is non-refundable; however, it is transferable to another guest on a new booking, traveling on the same tour date. After final payment, the full amount is non-refundable. If you cancel and you can find someone to take your spot, we will refund the deposit. If we have a waiting list, we will refund your deposit by placing someone in your spot.
- If we cancel the tour for any reason: Deposit is non-refundable; however, it can be transferred to any other tour or kept as a future tour credit to be used at any time on one of our advertised tours (cannot be transferred to a cruise). The balance will be refunded or applied to a future tour as a credit.
- The only way to avoid trip cancellation penalties is to buy trip cancellation insurance. If you are interested in the insurance, we can help you purchase it.

Check Your Invoice Names: Please check to see that your names are spelled correctly. Your first and last names must appear as they appear on your passport for International travel and Driverâ€™s License for domestic tours.

COVID: Vaccines are currently required to enter Israel

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED and should be valid 6 months after the end of the tour.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the nature of this tour you must be able to climb stairs and walk unassisted at a moderate pace.

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better accommodate our group.