Holy Land Tour

9 Day Land Tour

05/02/2025 - 05/11/2025

Donâ€™t miss out on this opportunity to travel in the Holy Lands with John Hilton III & Bountiful Travel. This will be an awesome opportunity to discover the beauty, power and spirit of the Holy Lands with John as your tour director. John has taken many, many groups to the Holy Lands and lived there while teaching students at the Jerusalem Center. He has a great scriptural approach to his teaching. You will love his personable, teaching style and amazing insights.

You can add onto any of our Israel tours with a trip to Jordan/Petra or Egypt. Petra extensions are listed below in the itinerary.

Headliners:

John Hilton III

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Home

May 2, 2025 (Friday)

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

Day 2: Arrive in Tel Aviv

May 3, 2025 (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 - Jaffa - Caesarea - Mt. Carmel

May 4, 2025 (Sunday)

We will begin our vacation with a bus tour of Tel Aviv and then a visit of Old Jaffa (Joppa) and the Artistâ€™s Quarters. Jaffa is where Peter received his vision leading to the expansion of missionary work to the Gentiles and is also the place that Jonah attempted to flee from the Lordâ€™s presence aboard a ship bound for Tarshish. We will discuss the doctrinal implications of the two events. From Jaffa, we will travel along the Mediterranean coast to the Roman, New Testament capital, Caesarea. Once in Caesarea, we will see an ancient Roman theatre, hippodrome and study a couple of the Biblical events that happened here. From Caesarea, we will go to Tiberias stopping at Mt. Carmel on the way, where we will discuss the epic battle between Elijah and the wicked priests of Baal. We will overnight at our hotel on the Sea Galilee.

Day 4: Cana - Church of Annunciation - Nazareth Village - Nazareth Precipice or Megiddo

May 5, 2025 (Monday)

Today we will spend most of the day discovering the early childhood home of Christ. Here we will see the Church of Annunciation and possibly a local synagogue church, which would be similar to the synagogue Christ taught in as a youth. We will visit Nazareth Village, which will demonstrate life in a small, first century village such as Nazareth. We will visit Cana, where the first recorded miracle of Christ took place in the turning of water to wine. Time permitting, we will visit Megiddo, the site of many ancient battles and the prophetic site of Armegeddon. We will then return to our hotel in Galilee.

Day 5: Sea of Galilee - Magdala - Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes - Caesarea Phillipi (Banias)

May 6, 2025 (Tuesday)

Today will begin with a peaceful boat ride across the Sea of Galilee before arriving at traditional site where Christ delivered the Sermon on the Mount. On the Sea, we will read through and discuss several of the miracles that took place here. Upon arriving at the Mount of Beatitudes, we will find a quiet place to study the doctrines of that amazing sermon. Then we will visit Capernaum, which was the center of Jesusâ€™ Galilean ministry. In Capernaum, Christ performed many miracles and gave many profound teachings, including the Bread of Life sermon. We will see the remains of a synagogue from the time of Christ, which very well may have been the synagogue in which He taught. Lunch today is included as everyone will have the opportunity to try St. Peterâ€™s Fish. We will continue our day with a visit to

Banias (Caesarea Phillipi), which is the site of Peterâ€™s testimony of Savior (Thou art the son of the living God â€“ Matthew 16) and one of the sources of the Jordan River as it emerges from the foothills of Mount Hermon. Time permitting we will visit the site of Magdala, which is believed to be the home town of Mary Magdalene and the site of a first century synagogue. Return to our hotel in Galilee.

Day 6: Bet She'an - Jordan Valley - Jericho Overlook (Wadi Qelt) - Jordan River (Bethabara) - Dead Sea Float

May 7, 2025 (Wednesday)

We will depart this morning from Galilee to Jerusalem. We will begin our drive with a stop at the strategic site of Bet She'an. At these impressive ruins we will see the splendor of Roman life and Hellenistic culture. Here Saulâ€™s body was nailed to the city walls when he was captured. We will then drive through the Jordan Valley passing by Jericho and review some of the important scriptural events that took place on the road to Jericho from an overlook known as Wadi Qelt. We will stop at the traditional site where Christ was baptized and near where the Israelites crossed into Canaan. Before ascending into Jerusalem, we will float in the Dead Sea (optional). From here we will continue on to Jerusalem. We will check into our hotel in Jerusalem. Following dinner, we will visit an olive wood shop for those who are interested.

Day 7: Mount of Olives - Western Wall (Davidson Center Museum) - Southern Temple Steps - Church of the Holy Sepulchre - Herodian Quarter or House of Caiaphas - Hezekiah's Tunnel.

May 8, 2025 (Thursday)

This morning will begin with a scenic view on the top of the Mount of Olives. Today we will tour the Old City in which we will see Mount Zion, visit the St. Anneâ€™s Church with the Pools of Bethesda, and the Antonia Fortress. We will walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall, visit the Herodian Quarter or House of Caiphas and Room of Last supper. In the afternoon, weâ€™ll have an optional tour by way of the via dolorosa ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Free time in the Old City for those who would prefer. We will finish the day with the optional tour to Hezekiah's tunnel and the Pools of Siloam.

Day 8: Old City - Garden Tomb - Bethlehem - Golgotha

May 9, 2025 (Friday)

In the afternoon, we will head out to Bethlehem, where we will see the church of the Nativity as well as the Shepherdâ€™s fields. Coming back from Bethlehem, we will go to the Garden Tomb, where we are also able to view the ancient Golgotha. Here we will be discuss and ponder the final moments of

Christâ€™s mortal life and his glorious resurrection.

Day 9: Jerusalem Center - Gethsemane (private gardens) - Qumran - Masada

May 10, 2025 (Saturday)

We will begin our day in the Private Gardens of Gethsemane where we will be able to study and ponder the events of the atonement. Then we will head to Church at the Jerusalem Center. After Church, we will head to Masada. Here we will take a cable car to the top of Masada to see the ruins of the palace-fortress built by King Herod. We will discuss the history of the Zealotâ€™s last stand against the Romans. We will then transfer to the Red Sea to cross into Jordan or back to the airport in Tel Aviv.

Day 10: Arrive Home or Continue to Jordan

May 10, 2025 (Saturday)

Arrive home for those not going onto Jordan.

Day 10: Wadi Rum - Red Sea

May 11, 2025 (Sunday)

The morning begins with a pickup ride through the Wadi Rum desert. The scenery is surreal and the site of many movies, ranging from Lawrence of Arabia to the most recent Star Wars moving. After returning from the desert, you will have free time to enjoy shopping, swimming, snorkeling or just relaxing on the beach. The hotel is right on the beach. Or you can also try out the world class snorkeling in the Red Sea. For about $30 you can grab a shuttle to the reef where snorkel gear is included (paid for at the hotel).

Petra extension will be guided by a local guide. John will not be with you on this part of the tour.

Day 11: Petra

May 12, 2025 (Monday)

Today we will leave our amazing resort on the Red Sea around 9:00 AM to visit the amazing site of Petra. Petra is a historical and archaeological city in the Jordanian governorate of Maâ€™an that is famous for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system. It was made famous from the Indiana Jones movie. Petra was established sometime around the 6th century BC as the capital city of the Nabataeans. It is a symbol of Jordan as well as its most visited tourist attraction. We will have about 4.5 to 5 hours on site in Petra before leaving for the airport in Amman. We will arrive to the airport around 9:30 PM. Schedule your flight to depart after 11:00 PM.

Information:

Space is limited so BOOK NOW!

INCLUDED

4-5 Star Hotels â€“ Herods/Renaissance, Magdala or Sea of Galilee, Dan Jerusalem/Olive Tree

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 the 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 last year were around $1,500-$1,700 out of SLC.

Lunches, Personal Items, Phone, Internet, etc.

Pricing:

Price

- $2595 per person based on double occupancy (Check, ACH, Zelle Price)
- $2685 per person debit/credit price (based on double occupancy)
- Single Supplement: $150 per night

Optional Petra Add-on

- $710 per person based on double occupancy
- $25 per person discount if paying by check/cash.
- Guided By: Local tour guide.
- Single Supplement of $150 per night if traveling alone.
- Tips not included
- Price includes 5 star, luxury hotel, visa, and local guide.
- Price includes Israel exit tax and Jordan visa.

Tips

- Israel Local Guide and Israel bus driver: 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. 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. $50-$100 per person would be an appropriate tip for extra mile service.
- Jordan Tour: Tips are not collected in advance for any tour extensions. 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 either we or you can find someone to take your spot, we will refund the deposit.
- If we cancel the tour: Deposit is non-refundable if we cancel due to a pandemic or political unrest; 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. If we cancel for any other reason, the deposit will be refunded.
- 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: Currently Israel is not requiring covid tests or vaccinations.

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. You will walk about 4-7 miles per day.

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