

Israel Adventure Tour

9 Day Land Tour

05/03/2024 - 05/11/2024

Don't miss out on this opportunity to travel throughout Israel with Justin Top. This will be an awesome opportunity to discover the beauty, power and spirit of the Holy Lands with Justin as your tour director. You will love his personable, fun, teaching style and amazing insights.

This tour requires a significant amount of hiking to a couple of waterfalls. We are trying to include a float down the Jordan River as well. You must be able to hike up/down mountains and walk long distances to participate in this tour.

Headliners:



Justin Top

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Home

May 3, 2024 (Friday)

Depart USA

Day 2: Arrive in Tel Aviv (Herods)

May 4, 2024 (Saturday)

Arrive in Tel Aviv (Herods)

Day 3: Caesarea Maritima, Arbel (Hike from top), Magdala (Ramada Nazareth)

May 5, 2024 (Sunday)

We will depart this first morning to Caesarea Maritima. In Caesarea, we will see examples of Herod's architecture, discuss the first gentile baptism, see the port where Paul was held prior to being sent to Rome. From there, we will go to Mount Arbel. Mount Arbel is a candidate for the Mountain upon which Christ gave his disciples the sermon on the mount. This is also part of the road that the Savior would walk as he went from Nazareth to Galilee. We will hike down from the top of the Mount. We will finish the day at Magdala and see a first century synagogue, likely a synagogue in which Christ taught and the likely hometown of Mary Magdalene. Hotel in Nazareth (B,D)

Day 4: Tel Dan, Banias, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum

May 6, 2024 (Monday)

We will wake up early to drive the northern border of Israel (ancient and modern). Our first stop is the nature reserve of Tel Dan. Here we will hike through the reserve to an altar. Jeroboam set up golden calves for worship here when the kingdom divided. We will then go to Banias/Caesarea Philippi, which is where Christ promised Peter the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. We will hike from here to beautiful waterfalls where the bus will pick up the group. If we are able to arrange it, we will then raft down the upper Jordan River. We will finish the day with a visit to Capernaum, where Christ performed many healings and a Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee. (Ramada Nazareth)

Day 5: Nazareth Village, Church of Annunciation, Cana, Megiddo, Mount Tabor, Gan Hashlosh or Mount Tabor

May 7, 2024 (Tuesday)

This morning we will visit Nazareth Village, where we will see what life would have been like in a small Galilean village during the time of Christ. We will visit the Church of Annunciation in Nazareth. We will visit Megiddo, the location of many ancient battles and where prophesy indicates Armageddon will commence. Time permitting, we will visit Gan Hashlosa national park for a swim in the hot springs. (Ramada Nazareth)

Day 6: Beth Shean, Jordan River, Wadi Qelt, Dead Sea.

May 8, 2024 (Wednesday)

Today we will go from the Galilee to Jerusalem. On the way, we will stop at the amazing Greco-Roman city of Beth Shean. Here we will see the world of the gentiles during the first century. Then we will stop at the Jordan River, in the general area where the ancient Israelites would have crossed over into Canaan and where Jesus would have been baptized. We will float in the Dead Sea before going up to Jerusalem. Time permitting, we will stop at Wadi Qelt, for a scenic Judean wilderness overlook in

Jericho. (Olive Tree)

Day 7: Jerusalem - Pools of Bethesda, Old City, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Temple Mount, Pools of Siloam

May 9, 2024 (Thursday)

Today we will spend in Jerusalem, visiting the Pools of Bethesda, walking through the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (believed by many to be the place of crucifixion). We will visit the Western Wall and the Davidson Center Museum, where we can walk up the southern temple mount steps. We will conclude the day at the City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel. If possible, we will do an underground hike from the pools of Siloam to the temple mount, following the path many would have taken on the feast of Tabernacles. (Olive Tree)

Day 8: Bethlehem, House of Caiphas, Garden Tomb

May 10, 2024 (Friday)

We will begin the morning in Bethlehem, where we will see the grotto-cave where it is believed Christ was born (Church of the Nativity - assuming the line isn't super long). We will then go to the Shepherd's Fields. In the afternoon, we will return to Jerusalem to see sites we may have missed on Thursday including possibly the House of Caiphas, the High Priest and the Last Supper Room. We will end the day at the Garden tomb and Golgotha. (Olive Tree)

Day 9: Gethsemane, Ein Gedi , Jerusalem Center, Jordan/Flight Home

May 11, 2024 (Saturday)

Our last day in Israel will begin at the Garden of Gethsemane, where we will ponder the events that took place there. We will then go to the Jerusalem Center for Church Services. In the afternoon, we will go to Ein Gedi, where David discovered Saul in a cave and we will hike to the waterfalls.

Those going to Jordan will transfer to the Red Sea border crossing. The others will transfer to the airport. Plan on arriving to the airport around 7:00 PM.

Day 10: Optional Tour to Petra

May 12, 2024 (Sunday)

Arrive Home or Continue to Jordan/Petra

Day 10: Wadi Rum, Red Sea, Aqaba

May 12, 2024 (Sunday)

If going to Jordan, you will spend today at your amazing resort on the Red Sea. In the morning, you will take a pickup ride through the Wadi Rum desert.

Free time in the afternoon to enjoy at the resort or snorkel in the Red Sea.

Day 11: Petra, Flights Home

May 13, 2024 (Monday)

Today we will leave the resort. We will spend the day in Petra (about 5 hours) before transferring to the airport around 8:00 PM for our flights home.

Information:

Space is limited so BOOK NOW!

INCLUDED

4-5 Star Hotels â€“ Herods, Nazareth Ramada, 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 are usually around \$1,500-\$1600 out of SLC.

Lunches, Personal Items, Phone, Internet, etc.

Pricing:

Price

- \$2,580 per person based on double occupancy if paying by credit/debit card.
- If paying by cash/check, there is a \$85 per person discount (\$2495 per person).

Optional Petra Add-on

- \$675 per person based on double occupancy
- \$25 cash/check discounted price of \$650
- 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.
- Exit tax is about \$35 and will be added to your final payment invoice.

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. 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 due to a pandemic or civil unrest: 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 Driver's License for domestic tours.

COVID: Vaccines are currently not required to enter Israel

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED and must 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.