

Holy Land Tour

10 Day Land Tour

06/06/2025 - 06/15/2025

Steve Densley - Private Group Tour (You must be invited to participate in this tour)

Don't miss out on this opportunity to travel in the Holy Lands with Steve Densley & Bountiful Travel.

This will be an awesome opportunity to discover the beauty, power and spirit of the Holy Lands with Steve as your tour director. Steve has taken many groups through the Holy Lands.

This is a limited-size, small group tour.

Headliners:



Steve Densley

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Home

June 6, 2025 (Friday)

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

Day 2: Arrive in Tel Aviv

June 7, 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

June 8, 2025 (Sunday)

We will begin our vacation with a bus tour of Tel Aviv and then a visit of Old Jaffa (Joppa) and the Artists' 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 Lord'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 Mount Tabor) - Megiddo -

June 9, 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 Armageddon. We will then return to our hotel in Galilee.

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

June 10, 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 Jesus' 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. Peter's Fish. We will continue our day with a visit to Banias (Caesarea Phillipi), which is the site of Peter's testimony of Savior (Thou art the son of the living God - 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

June 11, 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 Saul'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 - House of Caiaphas/Gallacantu - Hezekiah's Tunnel.

June 12, 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. Anne'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, we will 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

June 13, 2025 (Friday)

We will begin the morning in the Old City Jerusalem. In the afternoon, we will head out to Bethlehem, where we will see the church of the Nativity as well as the Shepherd'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 Christ's mortal life and his glorious resurrection.

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

June 14, 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. We will then head to Church Services 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.

If you are not going to Jordan, schedule your flight for after 10:00 PM on the 14th.

Day 10: Arrive Home

June 15, 2025 (Sunday)

Arrive Home - Those not going to Jordan will arrive home on the 14th.

Day 10: Wadi Rum - Red Sea

June 15, 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 movie. 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. Steve will not be with you on this part of the tour.

Day 11: Petra

June 16, 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

9:00 PM. Schedule your flight to depart after 11:00 PM.

Information:

Space is limited so BOOK NOW!

INCLUDED

4-5 Star Hotels â€“ Herods, Ramada Nazareth, Olive Tree (or Similar)

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-\$1,800 out of SLC.

Lunches, Personal Items, Phone, Internet, etc.

Pricing:

Price

- \$2800 per person based on double occupancy if paying by debit/credit card.

- \$2700 per person based on double occupancy â€“ Cash/Check discount

- Single Supplement: \$200 per night

- Minimum Group size 16 people. If numbers fall below 16, we will need to increase the tour rate.

Optional Petra Add-on

- Debit/Credit Card Price: \$775 based on double occupancy

- Cash/Check Price: \$750

- Guided By: Local tour guide

- Single Supplement of \$150 per night if traveling alone.
- Price includes 5 star, luxury hotel, visa, and local guide.
- Israel Exit tax & Jordan Visa is included
- Tips not included for Jordan – you will want to tip about \$10 per day for the guide, \$5 per day for the driver.

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.
- Tips are not collected in advance for any tour extensions, such as Jordan or Egypt.

Payment Schedule

- \$250 per person due at time of booking (deposit is non-refundable – 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 Driver’s™s

License for domestic tours.

COVID: Currently Israel is not requiring covid tests or vaccinations.

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. You 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.