

# Holy Land

9 Day Land Tour

11/08/2024 - 11/17/2024

Don't miss out on this opportunity to travel in the Holy Lands with Mark Beecher. This will be an awesome opportunity to discover the beauty, power and spirit of the Holy Lands with the Mark as your tour director. Mark has taught at BYU education week and taken a couple of groups to Israel. He is a great teacher. He's very personable. You will love having Mark as your tour leader. The weather is great and crowds are a little lower in the late Fall. Join Mark and Bountiful travel Fall of 2024 in Israel. Make the most of our tour with your optional Jordan/Petra extension.

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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:



Mark Beecher

## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Depart Home

November 8, 2024 (Friday)

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

### Day 2: Arrive in Tel Aviv

November 9, 2024 (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. Dinner is included first night if you arrive at the hotel before 9:00 PM.

### **Day 3: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Mt. Carmel (time permitting) - Nazareth (Church of Annunciation)**

November 10, 2024 (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 Nazareth stopping at Mt. Carmel on the way (time permitting), where we will discuss the epic battle between Elijah and the wicked priests of Baal. We will overnight at our hotel in Nazareth.

### **Day 4: Cana - Nazareth Village - Mount Tabor or Nazareth Precipice - Megiddo**

November 11, 2024 (Monday)

Today we will spend most of the day discovering the early childhood world of Jesus. We will begin the morning with a visit to Nazareth Village, which will demonstrate life in a small, first century village such as Nazareth. From there, we will pass through and visit Cana, where the first recorded miracle of Christ took place in the turning of water to wine. In the afternoon, we will visit Mount Tabor, the traditional Mount of Transfiguration as found in Matthew 17. We will also visit Megiddo and the Jezreel Valley, where we will see the location where prophecy indicates the last battle of Armageddon will commence. In the afternoon, we will visit Mount Tabor, the traditional Mount of Transfiguration as found in Matthew 17. We will also visit Megiddo and the Jezreel Valley, where we will see the location where prophecy indicates the last battle of Armageddon will commence.

### **Day 5: Sea of Galilee - Magdala - Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes - Caesarea Phillipi (Banias) - St. Peter's Fish Lunch**

November 12, 2024 (Tuesday)

We will start the morning with a bus ride to the ancient and modern, northern-most border of Israel. We will start with a visit to Banias (Caesarea Phillipi in the New Testament), 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. We will then go to the traditional Mount of Beatitudes, where we will find a quiet place to study the doctrines of that amazing sermon. Following lunch (included on this day), we will visit Capernaum, which was the center of Jesus’s 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 built on top of the synagogue in which He taught. 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 Nazareth.

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

November 13, 2024 (Wednesday)

We will check out this morning and head to Jerusalem, driving through the Jordan River Valley. We will begin our drive to the strategic site of Beth Shean. At these impressive ruins we will see the splendor of Roman life and Hellenistic culture. Bet She’an was one of the Decapolis/Pagan cities of the New Testament. After seeing these ruins, we will then drive through the Jordan Valley passing by Jericho (maybe lunch stop in 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 Mount Steps - Church of the Holy Sepulchre/Old City - House of Caiaphas the High Priest/Gallicantu**

November 14, 2024 (Thursday)

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/Ecce Homo. We will walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall, visit the Herodian Quarter. In the afternoon, we’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.

## **Day 8: Bethlehem - Jerusalem - Garden Tomb & Golgotha - Hezekiah's Tunnel**

November 15, 2024 (Friday)

Today, we will then head out to Bethlehem, where we will see the church of the Nativity as well as the Shepherd's fields.

Returning to Jerusalem, we will visit any sites we missed on Saturday, including the ancient City of David. You will have the option of going through Hezekiah's tunnel to the ancient Pools of Siloam.

Before returning to our hotel, we will visit the Garden Tomb and Golgotha, where we will be able to go inside the tomb. Here we will discuss the glory of His death and resurrection.

## **Day 9: Garden of Gethsemane - Jerusalem Center - Masada**

November 16, 2024 (Saturday)

This morning will begin with a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane where we will discuss the miraculous events that took place along this hillside and where you will be given a moment to ponder those events prior to sacrament service. We will then continue our day with a drive to Masada. Once we get to Masada, 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 Zealots' last stand against the Romans.

From Masada, we will transfer to the Red Sea, where we will cross into Jordan. Those going home will go from Masada back to the airport in Tel Aviv. Transfer to airport around 7:00 PM for late night flight home. Flight should be scheduled for after 11:00 PM.

For those continuing to Jordan/Petra, the bus will go south from Masada to the Red Sea. From there we will cross over into Jordan.

## **Day 10: Arrive Home or Continue to Jordan**

November 17, 2024 (Sunday)

Arrive home for those not going onto Jordan

## **Day 10: Red Sea Snorkeling (optional on own) - Wadi Rum Jeep Tour**

November 17, 2024 (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).

## **Day 11: Petra**

November 18, 2024 (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 Ma'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 Tel Aviv, Nazareth Ramada, 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: A\$100 per person collected in advance.

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-\$1,700 out of SLC.

Lunches, Personal Items, Phone, Internet, etc.

## **Pricing:**

Price

- \$2480 per person based on double occupancy if paying by debit/credit card.
- \$85 cash/check discount (\$2395) per person.
- Single Supplement â€“ \$150 per night

#### Optional Petra Add-on (can be added at any time)

- \$710 per person based on double occupancy if paying by debit/credit card.
- \$25 per person cash/check/Zelle/ACH discount.
- Single Supplement of \$300 if traveling alone in the room.
- Jordan Visa included (\$65 per person)
- Israel Exit Tax is included in the price (\$35 per person).

#### 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. Tips for the LDS guide are greatly appreciated but not required.
- Tips are not collected in advance for any tour extensions, such as Jordan or Egypt. We recommend \$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. The deposit is non-refundable unless either you or Bountiful Travel can find someone to fill your spot.
- 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 and can fill your spot, we will refund your deposit.
- If we cancel the tour due to pandemic or security issues: 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. If we cancel for any other reason, the tour & 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.

**COVID:** Vaccines are currently not required to enter Israel

**PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED** and must be valid 6 months after the end of the tour. They are currently taking 3-4 months to process.

**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 be walking 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.