

# BIBLICAL WONDERS OF ISRAEL

MARCH 19-27,  
2024



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Executive Travel, I would like to invite you to this historical and Biblical tour of Israel. Christians around the world put Israel at the top of their travel bucket list. This tour will have special significance as it will be held and feature being in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday is the week before Easter, and Christians celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Our tour will allow you to walk the path where Jesus rode his donkey and the crowds cheered, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Our tour will also be completed in time for you to return home and share your once-in-a-lifetime experience with family and friends on Easter Sunday.

We welcome you to join this wonderful tour of Israel and promise you that our tour will enhance your knowledge of the Bible and strengthen your Faith.

Sincerely,  
Steve Glenn  
Chairman of the Board

 **ExecutiveTravel**



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



## Capernaum



### March 19, 2024 - Tuesday Traveling to Tel Aviv, Israel

Our wonderful and life-changing adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service. Welcome aboard!

### March 20, 2024 - Wednesday Caesarea, Megiddo, Nazareth

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, pass through customs, and meet our tour guide, who will accompany us during our journey in Israel.

We travel to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We will see the Roman Amphitheatre and aqueduct and then journey to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal.

Next, we travel through the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the Armageddon Battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization.

We drive through the area of Cana and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. We visit the Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides.

Dinner and overnight lodging for the next two nights in the Tiberias area on the Sea of Galilee.

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### March 21, 2024 - Thursday Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Capernaum, Magdala, Sea of Galilee Boat Ride

Following breakfast, our morning travels take us to two valuable northern sites. Dan, where the children of Israel fell to the depths of alternative sacrifice, and Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's Confession and

## Sea of Galilee



pagan worship. We pass the possible site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes in Bethsaida and the Mount of the Beatitudes.

Returning to Tiberias for a St. Peter's Fish Lunch, we then visit the ancient Fisherman Boat, followed by a relaxing cruise on the Sea of Galilee. A brief scripture reading and devotional on board bring to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples. In Capernaum, we view the excavations of the seaside village and Peter's home, followed by a visit to Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene. The recent excavation of the First Century Synagogue and the well-preserved village makes Magdala one of the most interesting Biblical sites in Israel.

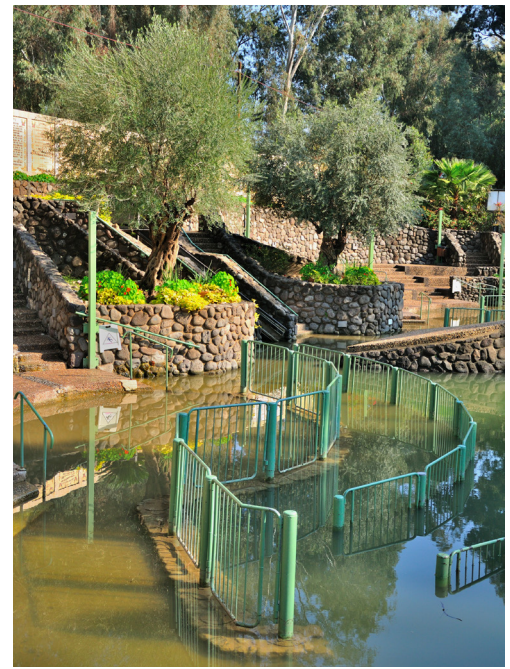
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### March 22, 2024 - Friday Jordan River Baptism Site, Beth Shean, Dead Sea

We begin our day with the opportunity to be baptized at the Jordan River Baptismal site. Next, we travel southward to Beit-Shean/Scythopolis, the most magnificent archaeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys. Like Jericho, it has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of Beit Shean. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis - a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government.

Following the fertile Jordan Valley, our guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey" and Israel's intricate irrigation development. We pass ancient Jericho and view from a distance this

## Jordan River Baptismal Site



city famed as the oldest in the world. To the east of Jericho along the Jordan River Valley (Qeser El Yehud) is the Israeli side of Bethany Beyond the Jordan. In this area, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, Elijah and Elisha crossed the Jordan, as well as the children of Israel, led by Joshua, entered the Promised Land.

Our lodging for the evening is at the Dead Sea - the lowest place on earth. Spend time in the special spa and enjoy a dip in the Dead Sea for a relaxing float before dinner.

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### March 23, 2024 - Saturday Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls, Abraham's Tent

After a hearty breakfast, we take a cable car ride to the mountaintop fortress of Masada. Here our guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand.

Afterward, we proceed to Ein Gedi, "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we will visit Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

This afternoon we will take part in the Genesis Land dinner in Abraham's Tent, where we enjoy a trip back in time: a reliving of life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, and authentic food.

Our lodging for the next four nights will be in Jerusalem.

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Dead Sea view from Masada



Church of the Holy Sepulchre



Garden Tomb, Jerusalem



### March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday Jerusalem, Bible Times, Bethlehem

Conditions permitting, we will visit the Temple Mount, with commentary on the Temple Periods and the variety of belief systems, past and present, that make this area so valuable.

Next, we will visit the Wailing Wall and then the fascinating Rabbinical Tunnels leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply, and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel, we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders.

We move on to the Judgment Hall of Pilate, hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. From here, we will also be able to see the Pool of Bethesda, Stephen's Gate, and St. Ann's Church.

This afternoon we visit the Southern Wall Excavations. This southern side of The Temple was the main entrance for the common folk. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money exchangers exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place where Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost. Those who wish may stay in the city marketplace for shopping, while others may choose to spend the remainder of the day surrounding the birth of Christ with a visit to Bethlehem.

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**March 25, 2024 - Monday**  
**Israel Museum, Friends of Zion Museum, House of Caiaphas, Yad Vashem**  
After a filling breakfast, an interesting and

educational time awaits us today at the Israeli Museum.

Take a walk through collections of century-old Israeli artifacts, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, and then enjoy a guided walk through an accurately detailed model of Biblical Jerusalem. This model will help put into perspective all you have seen over the previous days of touring.

Next, we visit the House of Caiaphas, where Jesus was beaten and spit upon. See a pit where He may have been held for the evening and the ancient hillside steps He walked as He was taken to be condemned.

We conclude the day with a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum, for a needed reminder of what the Jews have suffered as a people.

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### March 26, 2024 - Tuesday Jesus's Steps, Last Days, Way of Suffering, Garden Tomb

Today we walk where Jesus walked, beginning the day with a panoramic view of the city, Mount Moriah and the Dome of the Rock from atop the Mount of Olives and then the Garden of Gethsemane. How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice, if only for a moment?

To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Jesus' prayer, and take time for personal reflection is important here. Passing by the Protestant Cemetery, we visit the "Upper Room" just outside the Zion Gate where the disciple John, whom Jesus loved, laid his head on His breast and where later Thomas cried, "my Lord & my God."

While walking along the Via Dolorosa, we are reminded of His way of suffering, along with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Our

guide will explain the differing opinions on the route that Christ was led and the actual place of crucifixion and burial site.

The climax of the day is the area of Golgotha (the place of the skull) and the Garden Tomb, where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise.

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### March 27, 2024 - Wednesday Traveling Home

All too soon, your journey has ended. Transfer to Tel Aviv airport in plenty of time to check-in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.

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*Itinerary subject to change.*

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner





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### ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://fs28.formsite.com/vLu8mE/ETIISR24/>

### Package Price:

Per person in shared double room: \$2,495

Per person in single room: \$3,695

We offer "Pair-and-Share" service.

Ask us to assist with finding your roommate if you would like to share a room!

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

### Payments:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on December 19, 2023, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payment after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

### Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services.

For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209.

Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

### Air:

Group airfare will become available by the end of April 2023. All registered travelers will be notified. Estimate \$1,400 per person, economy class, including taxes and fees.

### Tour Activity for this tour: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4.

This tour involves a considerable amount of activity such as substantial walking on cobblestoned streets, steep areas within the sites visited, and long times of standing (museums, sites). The tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Expect to walk 3-5 miles over the course of a day.

### Visa/Passport requirements (per 2/1/2023):

U.S. citizens must have a valid passport to enter Israel for stays of up to 90 days. The passport must be valid through September 28, 2024.

It is the traveler's responsibility to make sure all documentation needed to enter is per current regulations. We recommend you check [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) at least 90 days prior to your departure.

*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 35 travelers. We refer to our general Terms and Conditions found at [executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours](http://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours).*

### Included:

- 7 nights during the tour in Israel
- 7 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch
- 7 x dinner
- All transportation as per tour program (air conditioned deluxe motor coach)
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide in Israel
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Executive Travel Host
- All local taxes and fees as per February 1, 2023

### Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees. Your first checked bag up to 50 lbs is FREE on the international flights
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Gratuities to local tour guides and motor coach drivers (estimate \$12-15 per person per day in total)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

### Hotel Accommodation:

Tiberias / Sea of Galilee: Leonardo Hotel or similar

Dead Sea: Royal Hotel or similar

Jerusalem: Leonardo Hotel or similar

Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.

