

SPRING HOLY LAND

March 9-22, 2023



2023 SPRING HOLY LAND SCRIPTURE DISCOVERY TOUR WITH JOEL JUDD

Come and see the Bible come to life with Joel Judd, a former teacher at Jerusalem Center and retired Institute teacher! This Holy Land experience is a longer, in-depth tour focused on tying the Scriptures and the land together for a deeper and more meaningful understanding of the Old and New Testament, with a focus on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Don't miss this opportunity if you want fuller teachings of Christ's life.

Date	Daily Schedule
March 9-10	Transatlantic Flight - Tel Aviv, Israel
March 11	Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Muhraka - Sea of Galilee
March 12	Sea of Galilee • Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes • Tel Dan • Banias • Golan Heights
March 13	Galilee - Megiddo - Nazareth Village - Mount Tabor
March 14	Beit Shean - Dothan - Samaria - Nablus - Jordan River - Jericho
March 15	Jericho - Jordan River - Dead Sea - Masada - Qumran - Jerusalem
March 16	Jerusalem - Old City
March 17	Nebi Samwil - Shephelah - Valley of Elah - Tel Mareshah - Tel Lachish
March 18	Jerusalem - Bethlehem
March 19	Jerusalem
March 20	Jerusalem - Footsteps of Jesus
March 21	Jerusalem - Footsteps of Jesus
March 22	Ben Gurion Airport • Transatlantic Flight • U.S.A.

Price from **\$3,669**
per person/double occupancy
(14 Days/13 Nights)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

Hotel accommodations in moderate-class hotels with private bath; Breakfast and dinner daily; Deluxe motor-coach transportation with air conditioning; Sightseeing tours as outlined on the itinerary; Entrance fees and gratuities; Hotel portage; Gratuities and meals for local guides and bus drivers; Tour headsets for an easier hearing of tour leaders; Travel Document Package

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itinerary!



Day 1 and 2: Thursday and Friday, March 9-10, 2023

Transatlantic Flight - Tel Aviv, Israel

We will take a flight from our various U.S.A. homes arriving in Israel the following afternoon or evening at the Ben Gurion Airport. If time allows, we will stop at Jaffa/Joppa where several important Old and New Testament events took place. We will check in to the Metropolitan Hotel in Tel Aviv for the night. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Muhraka - Sea of Galilee

We will drive through Tel Aviv, the largest Jewish metropolitan area in the world, and then north along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to the Roman New Testament seaside capital, Caesarea. Here in the ancient Roman Theater, we will study the biblical events that happened in this place. We will then drive to Haifa (modern port of Israel and center of the Baha'i faith), stop for a view, and recount some LDS Church history related to this area. We will drive along the top of Mount Carmel to Muhraka, the traditional site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal, to enjoy a view of the Jezreel Valley and talk about the importance of this valley both anciently and now. We will then travel toward the Sea of Galilee and stop at Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene, to see a synagogue that was in use at the time of Christ. (B, D)



Day 4: Sunday, March 12, 2023

Sea of Galilee • Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes • Tel Dan • Banias • Golan Heights

Our day will begin with an exhilarating boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Then we will visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry, where He performed many miracles and gave many teachings, including His "Bread of Life" sermon. We will pass St. Peter's Primacy on our way to the Mount of Beatitudes, where the important Sermon on the Mount will be discussed. We will pass Hazor on our way to Tel Dan, the ancient northern limits of Israel ("from Dan to Beersheba"), to enjoy a beautiful nature walk and to see this historic tel. We'll continue on to Banias at the foot of Mount Hermon, which is ancient Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's testimony of the Savior. This is where one of the sources of the Jordan River emerges from the foothills of Mount Hermon. We will then drive up on the Golan Heights, home of many Druze people, as well as the scene of fierce fighting between Israel and Syria in 1967 and again in 1973—to enjoy a view of Mount Hermon near Har Bental. (B, D)



Day 5: Monday, March 13, 2023

Galilee - Megiddo - Nazareth Village - Mount Tabor

Today begins at Tel Megiddo, with several of its 20 levels of occupation open to view, and talk of its importance—past, present, and future. Next, we will travel to the lovely city of Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, for an appointment with Nazareth Village, developed to show life as it existed at the time of Jesus and briefly reflect on His early life. We will stop at Debora for lunch and then visit Mount Tabor. From this high point, we will discuss biblical events associated with Gideon, Deborah, King Saul, and the Savior's transfiguration. We will make a brief stop at Nain to reflect on the Savior's ministry there. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Beit Shean - Dothan - Samaria - Nablus - Jordan River - Jericho

We will first stop to see the impressive ruins of Beit Shean and experience the splendor of Roman life and Hellenistic culture. We will travel through the Palestinian area of the West Bank in the Samaritan highlands, past Dothan at Samaria/Sabaste, the ancient capital of the northern kingdom of Israel, and visit the palace of kings Omri and Ahab. We will continue south to Nablus, the location of Jacob's Well, where Jesus taught the Samaritan woman. If possible, we will visit Joseph's tomb. We will then travel down into the Jordan Valley and view the meandering Jordan River and the Jordan Plateau to the east, with its interesting biblical history. Next, we will visit the Old Testament site of Jericho before checking into the hotel for the night. (B, D)



Day 7: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Jericho - Jordan River - Dead Sea - Masada - Qumran - Jerusalem

We will first stop at Qasr El Yehud, the possible site of Jesus' baptism, and review some important scriptural events that took place in this area. Our morning drive will take us south along the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the earth's surface. Here we will take the cable car to the top of Masada to see the ruins of the palace-fortress built by King Herod and to recall the story of the Zealots' last stand against the Romans. As we drive north, we will stop at Qumran, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls, for a walk-through and discuss the importance of the finds there. On the way to Jerusalem, we will stop for a quick float in the Dead Sea. If there is time, we will stop in the historic Judean Wilderness, where we will discuss the Savior's 40-day experience and temptations. We will make a brief stop in Bethany and talk of events related to Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead. As we approach Jerusalem, we will pause on the Mount of Olives and review its long history before we check into our hotel in Jerusalem for the remainder of our nights in Israel. (B, D)



Day 8: Thursday, March 16, 2023

Jerusalem - Old City

Our first full day in Jerusalem will begin as we enter the Old City through the Dung Gate. We will begin a walking tour of the Old City by visiting the Holy Mount to see the Dome of the Rock, built to honor Mohammed, Islam's founder. Later, we will stop at the Western Wall, where we will observe Jews as they participate in morning prayers and bar mitzvahs at Judaism's holiest shrine. We will visit the Ophel to examine how it looked at the time of the Savior. In the afternoon, we will visit the Jewish Quarter to see the Broad Wall and the Cardo. There will also be time spent in the Christian Quarter as we visit the major shrine of Christendom, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Leaving the Old City through the Damascus Gate, we will make our first visit to Golgotha and the Garden Tomb. (B, D)

Day 9: Friday, March 17, 2023

Nebi Samwil - Shephelah - Valley of Elah - Tel Mareshah - Tel Lachish

We will drive to Nebi Samwil, where we will view the Benjamin Plateau, the area where many important Old Testament events took place. We will then proceed down to the low hills west and south of Jerusalem called Shephelah.

We will stop atop ancient Beth Shemesh, where Israel received the lost Ark of the Covenant back from the Philistines. We'll continue on to the Valley of Elah, where David slew Goliath, and to the ancient Tel Mareshah and the interesting caves and structures in the area. Our next stop is at Tel Lachish, the ancient biblical fort city. In the early evening, we will visit the Western Wall to watch the Jews usher in the Sabbath. (B, D)

Day 10: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Jerusalem - Bethlehem

We will begin our Sabbath by going early to the BYU Jerusalem Center and having sacrament meeting with the Jerusalem Branch in the center's beautiful auditorium, with its spectacular view of the Holy City. Following the meetings, we will travel to nearby Bethlehem, site of the Savior's birth, and visit the Church of the Nativity. We will then visit Shepherds' Field, overlooking Bethlehem, and review the biblical events connected with this area in a special late afternoon program before returning to the hotel for dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Sunday, March 19, 2023

Jerusalem

As the morning begins, we visit the Yad Vashem Memorial, the Holocaust museum, in West Jerusalem. We will drive by the Knesset (Israel's parliament) on our way to visit the Israel Museum, including the famous Model City of Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls display). The afternoon will be free for shopping. Following dinner at the hotel, we will have an evening lecture. (B, D)

Day 12: Monday, March 20, 2023

Jerusalem - Footsteps of Jesus

Today we will walk from the Mount of Olives down to Bethphage as we focus on the events of the last week of the Savior's life, beginning with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will proceed down the west side of the Mount of Olives and stop at a viewpoint to discuss more of the Savior's final week. We will continue down the Mount of Olives to the Orson Hyde Memorial Garden where we will discuss the Savior's last hours of suffering. Next, we will stop at today's Gethsemane on the way to Mount Zion and the location of the Upper Room, a reminder of the Last Supper and the ordinance of the sacrament. At St. Peter's in Gallicantu, the possible site of the palace of Caiaphas, we will discuss Peter and the trials of Jesus. Our day will conclude at Golgotha, the place of the Crucifixion, and the Garden Tomb where we will consider the final mortal events in Jesus' life and His Atonement. (B, D)

Day 13: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Jerusalem - Footsteps of Jesus

Our day in Jerusalem will begin as we enter the Old City through Lion's Gate and go to the site of the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne to discuss John 5. We will then proceed to the City of David to see the Jerusalem of Nephi's time and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel, a hydrological wonder of Isaiah's time. We will also visit the true Pool of Siloam mentioned in John 9. We will have our farewell meeting and dinner before departure for home. (B, D)

Day 14: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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Your Tour Host:

Joel Judd was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and grew up in West Point, Utah before graduating from Davis High School. He served an LDS mission to New England under President Truman G. Madsen. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, Sociology and Psychology at Weber State College in 1970, and received a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology from BYU in 1975. Since that time he has been a student of Biblical Hebrew, ancient Near East History, and Geography of the Holy Land. Joel has taught at the BYU Jerusalem Center in Israel on three different occasions as a religion instructor and field trip director and has directed many tours to Egypt and Israel.

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Price does not include:

- Round-trip air to/from Tel Aviv
- Lunches
- Additional hotel accommodations
- Travel insurance and cancellation waiver (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)
- Tours not included on the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., phone calls, room service, laundry, etc.)

Payment Terms:

- \$500 per person deposit at the time of booking
- The final payment is due December 7th, 2023
- The single rate is \$5119.00 (for those with their own room, ask about our Single Share Program)

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