

2024 INSIGHTS INTO THE HOLY LAND TOUR

December 9-19, 2024



Escorted by John Valletta, Scott Read & John Lawson

Join us on a journey to Israel! This extraordinary journey invites you to explore the rich tapestry of biblical events that unfolded in this sacred land. As we delve into the historical and religious significance, our adventure begins with a visit to the city of Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. An exhilarating boat ride awaits us on the iconic Sea of Galilee, followed by stops at significant sites such as Capernaum, the focal point of Jesus' Galilean ministry, and the Mount of Beatitudes and much more, where the profound Sermon on the Mount will be discussed. Embrace the diversity and significance of Israel as you embark on this unforgettable journey.

Date	Daily Schedule	Price from \$3,699 per person/double occupancy (11 Days/10 Nights)
Dec 09	U.S.A. - Transatlantic Flight - Tel Aviv, Israel	
Dec 10	Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel	
Dec 11	Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Muhra - Nazareth	
Dec 12	Sea of Galilee - Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes - Tel Dan - Banias - Golan Heights	
Dec 13	Galilee - Mount Tabor - Beth Shean - Jerusalem	
Dec 14	Jerusalem - BYU Jerusalem Center - Bethlehem	
Dec 15	Jerusalem - Dead Sea - Masada - Ein Gedi - Qumran - Jerusalem	
Dec 16	Jerusalem - Old City of Jerusalem	
Dec 17	Bethlehem - Jerusalem - Model City - City of David - Hezekiah's Tunnel	
Dec 18	Jerusalem - Footsteps of Jesus	
Dec 19	Transatlantic Flight - U.S.A.	

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour!
- Morris Murdock LDS tour Director for the whole trip along with local guides
- Pre-Departure Zoom seminars to help prepare you for a true spiritual experience
- VERY INCLUSIVE rate
- Licensed, insured, and bonded travel agency with 60 years of experience!! It matters who you travel with!

MORRIS MURDOCK

ESCORTED TOURS

Book online at www.mmetours.com

Call Morris Columbus Travel:

(800) 888-6699

or Morris Murdock Escorted Tours:

(800) 809-9910

Scan the
QR code for a
full detailed
itinerary!



Your Tour Hosts:

John was born in Salt Lake City, grew up in Chicago Illinois and served a mission to New York City. He earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History from Weber State University. John earned a master's degree from the University of Utah in Educational Psychology. He is currently pursuing a PhD and resides with his family in Layton, Utah. He has taught both Seminary and Institute for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a life-long student the Bible and the Holy Land as well as religious history. He has taken tour groups to Israel since 2006. John and his wife Melodee have three young boys. He and his family love playing board games together

Please note that due to the nature of this tour, you must be able to climb stairs and walk unassisted at a moderate pace. You will walk an average of 4-6 miles each day. The days are full of touring from breakfast to dinner time with "down-time" only in the evening.

Price includes:

- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Local guides
- Accommodations in moderate-class hotels
- Sightseeing tours as outlined on the itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Gratuities
- Breakfasts and dinners during the land portion

Price does not include:

- Round-trip airfare from Salt Lake City to Tel Aviv
- Additional possible airfare from cities other than Salt Lake City
- Sightseeing not included on the itinerary
- Additional hotel accommodations
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., phone calls, room service, e-mails, etc.)
- Travel insurance which we highly recommend!
- Lunches

Payment Options:

- \$500 PER PERSON deposit is due at the time of booking
- The final payment is due on September 9, 2024

Pricing Options:

- Double Occupancy - pricing coming soon!
- Single supplement - pricing coming soon!

Call your Morris Columbus Travel advisor at (800) 888-6699 **MORRIS MURDOCK**
or Morris Murdock Escorted Tours at (800) 809-9910 **ESCORTED TOURS**
Book online at www.mmetours.com

Tour ID # 9224L09 – Tour Manger: Kim Meyer, phone#: (801) 483-6315, email: kmeyer@morrismurdock.com

Day 1: Monday, December 9, 2024

U.S.A. - Transatlantic Flight - Tel Aviv, Israel

We will take a morning flight from our various U.S.A. homes and change planes at the JFK International Airport in New York. We will arrive in Israel late the following afternoon. Travel safe!

Meals: In-flight

Day 2: Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel

Welcome to Israel! We will arrive at the Ben Gurion Airport—which is near New Testament Lydda, where Peter healed Aeneas. We will visit Jaffa, where Peter received the important revelation about taking the gospel to the Gentiles if (time allows). We will check in to the Metropolitan Hotel in Tel Aviv, where we will have our group meeting before retiring for the night.

Meals: Dinner, In-flight



Day 3: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Muhraka - Nazareth

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. At the lovely city of Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, we will visit the Nazareth Village (developed to show life as it existed at the time of Jesus) and briefly reflect on His early life. We will then drive past ancient Cana toward the Sea of Galilee and check in to the Nof Ginosar Hotel for two nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4: Thursday, December 12, 2024

Sea of Galilee - Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes - Tel Dan - Baniyas - Golan Heights

Our day will begin with an exhilarating boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and seeing the ancient boat in their small museum.

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 Be-

atitudes, where the important Sermon on the Mount will be discussed. We will pass Hazor on our way north and briefly stop near Tel Dan to see a gate that dates back to the time of Abraham. We'll continue on to Baniyas 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. We will return to the Sea of Galilee area for a stop at Magdala, to see the shrine dedicated to some of the women in the Savior's ministry through some beautiful art. We return to Nof Ginosar Hotel to enjoy dinner and an evening on the lakeshore.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 5: Friday, December 13, 2024

Galilee - Mount Tabor - Beth Shean - Jerusalem

Today begins with our first stop at Mount Tabor. From this high point we will discuss biblical events associated with Gideon, Deborah, King Saul, and the Savior's Transfiguration and His visit to the village of Nain at the foot of Mount Moreh. Next we will see the impressive ruins of Beth Shean and visualize the splendor of Roman life and Hellenistic culture. We will then continue south down the Jordan Valley and view the meandering Jordan River and the Jordan Plateau to the east with its interesting biblical history. We will stop at Qasr El Yehud, the possible site of Jesus' baptism, and review some important scriptural events that took place in this area. If time, we will visit the Old Testament site of Jericho before driving to Jerusalem and checking in to the Olive Tree Hotel for the remainder of our nights on the tour. Following dinner at the hotel, we will have an evening lecture.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Jerusalem - BYU Jerusalem Center - Bethlehem

We will go early to the Orson Hyde Memorial Garden to review some LDS Church history in this city. We will then go to the BYU Jerusalem Center and have sacrament meeting with the Jerusalem Branch in the center's beautiful auditorium, with its spectacular view of the Holy City. The day continues with travel to Bethlehem, site of the Savior's birth, to visit the Church of the Nativity, which includes St. Jerome's Grotto. At Shepherds' Field overlooking Bethlehem, we will review the biblical events connected with this area. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 7: Sunday, December 15, 2024

Jerusalem - Dead Sea - Masada - Ein Gedi - Qumran - Jerusalem

Our morning drive will take us east then 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. Before leaving this desert fortress, we will visit the museum at Masada's base. As we drive north, we will stop for a quick float in the Dead Sea and lunch at Ein Gedi, one of the areas where David hid from King Saul. Then we'll drive on to Qumran, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and discuss their importance on the way to Jerusalem. We will next enjoy a brief 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. We will return to the Olive Tree Hotel in Jerusalem for the remainder of our nights in Israel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 8: Monday, December 16, 2024

Jerusalem - Old City of Jerusalem

We begin the day in Jerusalem with a visit to the Mount of Olives, where we can view and discuss the history of the Old City of Jerusalem. We then enter the Old City through the Dung Gate to visit the Holy Mount and to see the outside of 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 go to the site of the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne to discuss John 5. 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, if possible, we will make our first visit to Golgotha and the Garden Tomb. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 9: Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Bethlehem - Jerusalem - Model City - City of David - Hezekiah's Tunnel

We will first 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). We will proceed to the City of David to see the Jerusalem of Nephi's time and to walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel, a hydrological wonder of Isaiah's time. We'll spend a few moments to watch a wonderful 3-D presentation that will provide a great visual overview for the City of David and how it was established. We will also visit the true Pool of Siloam mentioned in John 9. We will enjoy some free time before returning to the hotel. We will return to the Western Wall in the late afternoon to watch the religious Jews welcome in the Sabbath. Dinner at our hotel will follow. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 10: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Jerusalem - Footsteps of Jesus

We the day with a visit to Gethsemane to begin our discussion of the Atonement. We will continue to the Upper Room, a reminder of the Last Supper and the ordinance of the sacrament. At St. Peter's in Gallicantu, the probable site of the palace of Caiaphas, we will discuss Peter and the trials of Jesus. We will continue on to Golgotha, the place of the crucifixion, and the Garden Tomb—where we will consider the final mortal events in Jesus' life and His atonement. If time allows, will return to the Mount of Olives to visit the Dominus Flevit or a garden where we can be by ourselves to discuss in depth the appearances of the Savior during His 40-day post-resurrection ministry, His ascension from the Mount of Olives, and His future appearance here as part of His second coming. The remainder of the day will be free for shopping and visiting any sites you wish to see on your own. This evening the director will give a lecture about scriptural symbolism and Jesus Christ **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 11: Thursday, December 19, 2024

Mt Scopus - City of David - Hezekiah's Tunnel

Finally, we will fly all night and arrive in New York to change planes in the early morning. This will involve going through customs. We hope to arrive home midday. **Meals: In-flight**

(Itinerary subject to change)

**Call your Morris Columbus Travel advisor at (800) 888-6699
or Morris Murdock Escorted Tours at (800) 809-9910**

Book online at www.mmetours.com

MORRIS MURDOCK
—◆—
ESCORTED TOURS

Introductory Terms and Conditions

(Full Terms & Conditions available on our website and included with each booking)

HEALTH & HYGIENE, MOBILITY and CANCELLATION POLICIES: By signing up for this or any of our tours, you are expressly agreeing to be bound by the TERMS & CONDITIONS contract that will be provided to you with your confirmation, specifically that you understand: i) All policies outlined therein regarding current health and hygiene requirements that may be required by the countries and locations visited; ii) The required mobility needed for the tour; and, iii) The Morris Murdock Escorted Tours cancellation policy may be more restrictive than a vendor or cruise line with which you are traveling.

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS: For all tours and cruises that include international air, a valid passport is required and must be valid for at least 6 months from the return date of the trip. Morris Murdock Escorted Tours must receive a copy of your passport information page by final payment date. Airlines have strict policies concerning name changes/corrections after tickets have been issued. If a name change/correction is required on your ticket, you will be required to cover the cost of any fees.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Morris Columbus/Morris Murdock Escorted Tours, ("Agent") gives notice that all services, reservations and arrangements for transportation, cruise, conveyance, hotel or lodging of any type, meals, sightseeing services, or any other activities made by Agent, are made by Agent as dual agent for the traveler/passenger and for the air carriers, hotels, sightseeing companies, transportation companies, cruise lines, and other companies (Suppliers) providing services for this program. As such, Agent shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reasons of defect in any vehicle or mode of transportation, through the acts, defaults, financial difficulty, bankruptcy, or omissions of the Supplier or person engaged in carrying out the arrangements of the trip or otherwise in connection therewith. Agent is not liable for delays and/or cancellations of services and resultant expenses or loss caused by acts of God, weather, disaster, government regulations, sickness or death, quarantine, strikes, war, terrorism, social or labor unrest, local laws, mechanical or construction difficulties, curtailment or disruption of transportation, abnormal conditions or other situations, actions, omissions or conditions outside Agent's control. Agent is not liable for loss of, or damage to, baggage or personal possessions. Agent and Supplier reserve the right to alter or cancel the itinerary or substitute services as conditions require or for the safety of traveler/passenger. Passengers must be in good health and able to care for their own needs. Please contact us regarding any health concerns you may have or if you need to bring any specialized medical equipment such as wheelchairs, oxygen tanks, C-Pap, etc. so that we can determine if Supplier can accommodate your equipment. Tour directors on the trip cannot be of assistance with such needs. We reserve the right to remove travelers/passengers from the group at their own expense if the care of or actions of a traveler/passenger become detrimental to the functioning of the tour. Payment of deposit(s) as outlined in this agreement shall be deemed consent to be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement. Airline schedule changes, mechanical or weather delays may affect flight times. Your connecting flights and/or transportation to and from the tour start and end point, whether issued by Morris Columbus Travel/Morris Murdock Escorted Tours or on your own arrangement, may be affected. Morris Columbus Travel/Morris Murdock Escorted Tours is not responsible for misconnections, delays, and/or cancellations.