

May 8-19, 2025 • Optional Jordan and Egypt Post Tours

Embark on an extraordinary journey with Dean Garner as we navigate the sacred landscapes of the Holy Land. Dean's personal crafted itinerary promises a profound exploration of biblical history and cultural understandings. You will have the opportunity to walk where Jesus walked around the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Where the teach-ings of Jesus unfolded. We will visit the iconic Dome of the Rock and learn about the history of this sacred site. Feel the spirit amidst the serene beauty of the Garden of Gethsemane and explore Jerusalem with its rich tapestry of history and its profound significance to numerous religious and cultural traditions of the world. In addition we are offering a post Tour option in Jordan and Egypt.

Date	Daily Schedule	Date	Daily Schedule
05/08 - Thu	Home Cities - Transatlantic Flight	05/14 - Wed	Dead Sea - Masada - Beersheba -
05/09 - Fri	Layover - Tel Aviv, Israel		Jerusalem
05/10 - Sat	Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Megiddo - Nazareth -	05/15 - Thu	Old City of Jerusalem
	Magdala	05/16 - Fri	Jerusalem - Bethlehem
05/11 - Sun	Nof Ginosar - Dan - Caesarea Philippi	05/17 - Sat	Jerusalem & Last 24 Hours of the
05/12 - Mon	Mount Tabor - Mount of Beatitudes -		Savior's Ministry
	Capernaum	05/18 - Sun	Jerusalem
05/13 - Tue	Beit Shean - Jericho - Jerusalem	05/19 - Mon	Tel Aviv - Transatlantic flight - Home

Price from \$3,689
per person/double occupancy
(15 Days/14 Nights) ISRAEL ONLY

OPTIONAL POST TOUR TO JORDAN: MAY 19-22, 2025 OPTIONAL POST TOUR TO EGYPT: MAY 22-27, 2025

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#### **Your Tour Host:**



**Dean Garner's** educational experiences reflect a great love of learning and of ancient history. He earned a bachelor's degree in art, with an emphasis in education and photography, from Weber State University in 1987. He received a master's degree from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, focusing on curriculum development in education. His graduate work was performed at the University of Arizona in Near Eastern studies, with an emphasis in archaeology. His experience with the Holy Land has been a lifetime pursuit in and out of formal settings, developing into a great interest in Holy Land peoples and other ancient cultures.

# **Highlights of the Tour:**

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour!
- LDS tour Director on for the whole trip along with local guides
- VERY INCLUSIVE rate tour, transportation, tips & taxes, breakfast/dinner daily + several lunches
- We include all tipping for hotels and restaurants where meals are provided, for the Israeli & Jordan guides, & drivers!!
- Licensed, insured, and bonded travel agency with 60 years of experience!! It matters who you travel with!

### **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

#### Not included:

- Round-trip air from your home city (please contact your Travel Advisor for flight information)
- 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, emails, etc.)
- Travel insurance (highly recommended!)
- Lunches

# **Pricing Options:**

- Double Occupancy \$3,689.00 per person (ISRAEL ONLY)
- Single Occupancy \$5,189.00 for private room
- Triple Occupancy please contact for availability

### **Payment Terms:**

- \$500.00 per person deposit due at booking
- Final payment due February 13, 2025
- We offer a **CASH DISCOUNT of \$125 per person.** Inquire for details!

\*This tour is based on a minimum of 30 passengers

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# Day 1: Thursday, May 8, 2025

Home Cities - Transatlantic Flight

An afternoon flight from our various U.S.A. homes, changing planes in Minneapolis, Minnesota, will bring us to Amsterdam, Netherlands, for a few hours of an enjoyable layover. Travel safe! **Meals: In-flight** 

# Day 2: Friday, May 9, 2025

Layover - Tel Aviv, Israel

From Amsterdam we will board an evening flight that will take us to the Ben Gurion International Airport, where we will drive in to Tel Aviv and check into Metropolitan Hotel for a good night's rest. **Meals: Dinner, In-flight** 



# Day 3: Saturday, May 10, 2025

Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Megiddo - Nazareth - Magdala

An early morning departure through Tel Aviv (the largest Jewish metropolitan area in the world), will take us to north to King Herod's Roman port city, Caesarea (the pride of the Mediterranean world), where Paul the Apostle

was tried before being sent to Rome. We will visit the amazing aqueducts that Herod built to bring water into his city from the spring in the north. We will then travel through the Jezreel Valley to Tel Megiddo with its 22 levels of historical occupation. Continuing across the valley, we will stop at Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Here we will step back in time as we visit the Nazareth Village, a wonderful re-creation of the days of Jesus. We will pass through Tiberias (originally built by Herod Antipas in honor of his Roman emperor) to Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene, if time allows. We continue on to Ein Gev where we will spend the next three nights. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner** 



## Day 4: Sunday, May 11, 2025

Nof Ginosar - Dan - Caesarea Philippi

This day begins with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to Nof Ginosar to see the remains of a boat, dating to the New Testament time period. We will then drive north, passing the ruins of Hazor, an ancient Canaanite citadel conquered by Joshua, on our way to Tel Dan, the ancient northern limits of Israel ("from Dan to Beersheba"). We will visit Banias, ancient Caesarea Philippi, at the foot of Mount Hermon. We drive up through the Golan Heights, home of the majority of the Druze population of Israel. It is here that fierce fighting between Israel and Syria took place in 1967 and again in 1973. As we return to the hotel, we pass ancient Bethsaida, home of Peter and Andrew, another city where Jesus taught. We will also remember Gadara and discuss the swineherd experience.





## Day 5: Monday, May 12, 2025

Mount Tabor - Mount of Beatitudes - Capernaum

Leaving early to drive to the village of Devaria, we will take taxis to the top of Mount Tabor, the traditional site of Christ's transfiguration. From its heights we will see many important New Testament sites. We will then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where we will discuss that wonderful discourse, the Sermon on the Mount. Then to the site of ancient Capernaum, Peter's home and the headquarters for Jesus' Galilean ministry. We will end the day with a tour of what archaeologists have found at Magdala, the amazing village that once was, if we did not have time on Saturday. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner** 



# Day 6: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Beit Shean - Jericho - Jerusalem

We will begin our trip southward with a stop is at Yardenit, where the Jordan River exits the Sea of Galilee. From Yardenit we will drive though the Jordan Valley stopping at the amazing Beit Shean, an exciting archaeological park. Here the bodies of Saul and Jonathan were hung on the wall for all Israel to see. Following the flow of the Jordan River south, we will stop at Qasr el-Yahud the traditional baptismal site (Bethabara) of Jesus. We will next stop at Old Testament Tel Jericho. We will check in to the Oasis Hotel for the night. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner** 



## Day 7: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Dead Sea - Masada - Beersheba - Jerusalem

Our early morning travels will take us south to the Dead Sea, 1,300 feet below sea level. Our first stop will be Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We will continue on to the ancient mountain-top fortress built by King Herod, Masada. We will ride the tram to the top and explore the ruins there. After the tram returns us to the bottom, we will have lunch before our bus takes us to one of the most unusual swimming experiences of a lifetime. We will continue our tour west to the home of the prophet Abraham, Beersheba. We will make our way north to the Valley of Elah, where David fought Goliath. We will stop at the ancient city of Beit Shemesh (the location where the captured ark of the covenant was returned to Israel by the Philistines). Our final destination is Jerusalem (the city of gold), where we will check in to the Olive Tree Hotel for the rest of our nights in Israel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner** 

### Day 8: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Old City of Jerusalem

The day begins with a walk up to the Temple Mount, which is located atop Mount Moriah—the place where Abraham took Isaac to offer him as a sacrifice. It was also the site of the temples of Solomon and later Herod; today it is occupied by the magnificent Dome of the Rock and the El Aksa Mosque, making this city the third-most sacred site in all of Islam. Near the Western Wall, we tour the Hasmonian Tunnel, visit the Jewish Quarter to see Hezekiah's Broad Wall, and stroll down the Roman Cardo, which was originally built by the Roman emperor Hadrian. A great adventure will be had when we walk through the excavated City of David, including Warren's Shaft, and into Hezekiah's Tunnel — the ancient water system carved through the hill in the time of Isaiah. We'll continue to the Pool of Siloam, site of one of Jesus' miracles and as time permits walk up to the temple mount on the original road. The evening will be free to enjoy Jerusalem's night life in the Jaffa Gate area. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner** 

## Day 9: Friday, May 16, 2025

Ierusalem - Bethlehem

Leaving our hotel, we will pass through Mea Shearim (an ultraorthodox community) on our way to Yad Vashem, the sobering Holocaust memorial. We will pass the Knesset Building, where the Israeli parliament meets, on our way to the Israel National Museum, which includes the Shrine of the Book (the museum of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the

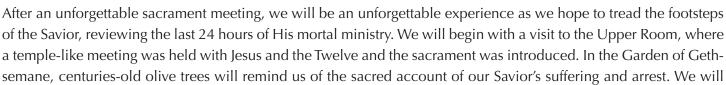
wonderfully re-created Model City of Jerusalem, which portrays the city as it looked near the time of Jesus. We will have lunch at Zion's Square (a modern Israeli shopping mall) and then continue on to Bethlehem. We will see the Church of the Nativity (traditional site of the birth of Jesus), visit a grotto which overlooks a shepherds' field, and discuss the wonderful event of the birth of Christ. If time allows, we will then drive to the Herodian, one of the fortified sanctuaries of Herod the Great and the location of his final resting place. This evening, we will hold a special seminar on the temple in Jerusalem for those who would like to attend.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

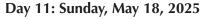


Jerusalem & Last 24 Hours of the Savior's Ministry

We begin this special Sabbath day at the beautiful BYU Jerusalem Center, where we will attend services with the Jerusalem Branch.



then return to Mount Zion, the traditional site of the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the Savior was illegally tried after His arrest in Gethsemane. We enter Lion's Gate, where we walk to the Pool of Bethesda area to discuss the events in John 5 before going on to the general area of the Antonia Fortress, where Jesus was sentenced to be crucified. From there we will walk out the Damascus Gate to Golgotha—the place of the Crucifixion. Our day will conclude at the Garden Tomb, where the body of Christ was interred and from which He rose on that Easter Sunday so long ago. We will end the day at the Western Wall to participate in the ushering in of the Sabbath. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



*Ierusalem* 

Today we will visit the Orson Hyde Memorial Garden for a view

of the Old City and visit any sites that we failed to get to yesterday. The rest of the day will be free to enter the Old City and walk the city wall, visit the quarry where stones for the temple were dug, or shop. We will begin our packing for tomorrow's departure from Israel. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner





# Day 12: Monday, May 19, 2025

Tel Aviv - Transatlantic flight - Home

For those not going on the option to Jordan and Egypt, we will board our plane around midnight for our flight to the U.S.A., arriving home in the morning—taking with us never-to-be-forgotten memories and friendships.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Date	Daily Schedule	
05/19 - Mon	Jerash, Jordan - Petra: Jabbok Brook	
05/20 - Tue	Petra: The Treasury (as seen in the movie Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade), Roman	
	Theater, Silk Tombs, High Place and the Monastery	
05/21 - Wed	Medaba - Mount Nebo - Amman	
05/22 - Thu	Flight to Cairo, Egypt	

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05/22 - Thu	Flight to Cairo, Egypt	
05/23 - Fri	Cairo - Egyptian Museum	
05/24 - Sat	Cairo - Luxor: Temple of Karnak and Temple of Luxor	
05/25 - Sun	Luxor - Cairo: Valley of the Kings, Tutankhamen, Funerary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut,	
	Pitt Tomb 33, Ramses II Storage Granaries and Funerary Temple of Ramses III	
05/26 - Mon	Cairo - Giza: The Three Great Pyramids - Memphis	
05/27 - Tue	Cairo - Transatlantic Flight to Home Cities	

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