



2025 CHRISTMAS HOLY LAND TOUR

Escorted by Jonathan Brinley • December 26 - January 5, 2026

Come join Jonathan Brinley in 2025 and let Israel come alive for you as you travel your own personal journey through the Holy Land. Israel means much to many different things to different people. Walking in the footsteps of the Savior will bring you peace, hope, and understanding. You can bring your scripture study to life as you visit sites such as the Garden of Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Qumran & Masada, Caesarea, the Mt of Beatitudes & many important sites on the Sea of Galilee to name a few. Now is the time to visit Israel and have the experience of a lifetime.

Date	Daily Schedule	
12/26 - Fri	U.S.A. - Transatlantic Flight	<p style="text-align: center;">Price from \$2,955 per person/double occupancy (11 Days/10 Nights)</p>
12/27 - Sat	Tel Aviv, Israel	
12/28 - Sun	Caesarea - Mt Carmel - Megiddo	
12/29 - Mon	Valley of the Doves/Magdala/ Sea of Galilee/Mount of Beatitudes/Tabgha/Capernaum	
12/30 - Tue	Mt Tabor/ Nazareth /Beit She'an/Gideon's Spring	
12/31 - Wed	Bethbora/Qumran/Masada/Dead Sea/Jerusalem	
01/01 - Thu	Dome of the Rock/ Old City/ Old Jerusalem	
01/02 - Fri	Sifting Project/Davidson Center Archeological Park Western Wall/Hezekiah's Tunnel	
01/03 - Sat	Sacrament Services at the BYU Jerusalem Center /Bethlehem/Garden Tomb	
01/04 - Sun	Mount of Olives/Gethsemane	
01/05 - Mon	Tel Aviv • U.S.A.	

As we prepare to return to Israel, we are moving forward with optimism and hope for the ongoing peace in the region, allowing us to once again walk in the footsteps of Christ and experience the sacred sites of the Holy Land. The safety of our travelers remains our top priority, and we are committed to monitoring both the U.S. State Department travel advisories and the operations of the BYU Jerusalem Center to ensure a secure and meaningful experience. As some may still feel uncertain at this time, we want our travelers who are ready to book their tour to have peace of mind, which is why we will continue to honor our FULL REFUND policy on all Israel tours that must be canceled due to safety concerns. We look forward to returning to this sacred land!

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Jonathan Brinley is a professional religious educator with over 25 years of teaching experience and has been a regular speaker for Especially for Youth. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Near-Eastern Studies including a semester in Israel and later received a master's degree in education. He and his wife, Denise, are the parents of seven children.

Price Includes:

- Accommodations tourist class 4/5-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees and all activities as specified in the itinerary.
- Hotel portorage - 1 bag per person.
- Whisper technology headsets are to be used throughout the tour.
- Experienced LDS guide traveling and Services of a bilingual licensed Israel tour guide throughout the tour.
- Minimum prepaid gratuities for your Israeli guide and driver
- Transfers via deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches
- Group airport transfers when arriving and departing with the group.
- Destination study and informational book
- Travel bag and Documents

Price does not include:

- Round-trip airfare from Salt Lake City–Tel Aviv–Salt Lake City
- Additional possible airfare from cities other than Salt Lake City
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- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for the Morris Murdock Tour Director

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- Double Occupancy - \$2,955
- Single Occupancy - \$3,715
- Triple Occupancy - \$2,955
- \$100 off per person for final payments made by check

Payment Information:

- \$500 per person deposit is due at the time of booking
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- Morris Murdock Escorted Tours Terms & Conditions apply

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Day 1: Friday, April 26, 2025

U.S.A. - Transatlantic Flight

We take a morning flight from our various U.S.A. homes and arrive the next afternoon at the Ben Gurion International Airport.

Meals: In-flight

Day 2: Saturday, December 27, 2025

Tel Aviv, Israel

Welcome to Israel! As you begin your journey in this ancient land, you will notice that the mountains have hidden secrets and the old ruins have legends. For 3,000 years on this small patch of land, men have toiled and battled; prayed and worshiped; and added their own small humanity to the history of this country. Listen and let the land of Israel tell you the stories of its past. Tonight, we rest from our journey at a seaside hotel in Netanya. After our welcome dinner, we will gather to get to know our group members better.

Meals: Dinner

Day 3: Sunday, December 28, 2025

Caesarea - Mt Carmel - Megiddo

And on the morrow, they entered into Caesarea Cornelius thy prayer is heard. Enter Caesarea, the remains of a city founded by Herod, the residence of Pontius Pilate, and a prison for Paul. Sit in the well-preserved amphitheater overlooking the blue sea and hear the story of Paul's conversion of the Centurion. The scenery begins to change to the beautiful green pastures and high rolling hills of the Jezreel Valley as we approach Mt Carmel where the prophet Elijah and the priests of Baal contested their faith. Not far away is Megiddo, the tragic site of ancient bloody battles where nations were won and lost. Upon these same tragic fields, the great and terrible last battle of Armageddon will be fought. We end our day at the beautiful Sea of Galilee where we will stay for the next 3 nights. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 4: Monday, December 29, 2025

Valley of the Doves/Magdala/ Sea of Galilee/Mount of Beatitudes/Tabgha/Capernaum

Today we have a great day planned as this morning we walk a short distance in the Valley of the Doves to experience the route Jesus would have taken from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. We then visit the Magdala Center where we explore a 1st century synagogue. On the Sea of Galilee, we board a replica of an ancient fishing boat and then enjoy a delicious lunch of St. Peter's Fish. Following lunch, we visit the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. This is always a highlight for visitors. While here we can see how it was possible for Jesus to teach the multitude all at the same time as we learn more about his teachings. From here we will visit Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. There is a beautiful Byzantine mosaic on the floor you will not want to miss. We will then venture over to Capernaum, where Jesus lived and recruited his first followers



among the fishermen. The well-preserved city will amaze you as you sit in the synagogue and imagine Jesus' teaching and performing miracles for the masses. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 5: Tuesday, December 30, 2025

Mt Tabor/ Nazareth /Beit She'an/Gideon's Spring

And he lifted up his hands and blessed them while he blessed them; he was carried up into heaven. Mount Tabor is one of the mountains traditionally claimed to be the site of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. You will thrill to the almost hair-raising taxi ride up the mountain, but once at the summit, you will feel the peace and calm of the surrounding valley. Our next visit will be Nazareth Village, the quaint town where Jesus Christ spent his childhood, learned his earthly vocation as a carpenter and grew and waxed strong in spirit. We will visit a recreated town from Christ's time and visit with the villagers to learn what life was like for Jesus as a boy. This afternoon we will travel to the ancient tel of Bet She'an, where 6,000 years of civilization seem to unfold among the ruins. It is believed to be the very Bet She'an of the Old Testament where the former King of Israel, Saul, was fastened to the city wall without his head by the conquering Philistines. Our last stop will be Gideon's Spring, also known as Harod Spring. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 6: Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Bethbora/Qumran/Masada/Dead Sea/Jerusalem

As we leave the fertile valleys of the Galilee, we enter the strange and barren desert of the Dead Sea. Once the Biblical Lands of Moab and Edom, the Dead Sea basin has been a refuge to prophets, zealots, and outcasts throughout time. We will follow the Jordan River Valley south to near Jericho where we will visit Bethabara the site where the Savior was baptized by John the Baptist. Buried in the beige limestone bluffs, the ruins of Qumran still tell the story of the essences, a reclusive Jewish sect that buried the now famous Dead Sea Scrolls. Further south lays Ein Gedi, the oasis where David hid from King Saul.

From the desert floor, ascend by cable car to the spectacular cliff-top fortress of Masada, where a community of 960 Jews preferred death at their own hands to the indignity of surrender to the overwhelming Roman forces. While at the Dead Sea, you cannot miss the opportunity to enjoy a dip in the buoyant waters and bathe in the wonderful medicinal mud! Even Cleopatra sent her slaves to retrieve this magical mud to preserve her legendary beauty. This evening we will journey to the beloved city of Jerusalem for the next four nights. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 7: Thursday, January 1, 2026

Dome of the Rock/ Old City/ Old Jerusalem

Happy New Year! Our first stop of the day is the Temple Mount to see the Muslim Mosque and Muslim shrine—Dome of the Rock. Next, we experience the incredible acoustics of the St. Ann Church. At the Pool of Bethesda, we marvel once again at Christ's miracles. In the Old City, we will see the area where the Antonia Fortress once stood and where Christ was scourged. We then walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After a break for lunch, we visit the House of Caiaphas where Jesus was imprisoned before His final day in mortality.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8: Friday, January 2, 2026

Sifting Project/Davidson Center Archeological Park Western Wall/Hezekiah's Tunnel

This morning we get our hands in the dirt as we have a special opportunity to participate in a sifting project of dirt taken from under the Dome of the Rock or the City of David. Here we can find a bone, pottery, and possibly an ancient coin! Next, we visit the amazing Jerusalem Archaeological Park, we see the ancient southern steps leading to the temple mount that Christ must have tread. From here we visit the Western Wall. The Western Wall, also known as the "Wailing Wall" or the "Kotel", is the most religious site in the world for the Jewish people. Our last stop will be at the City of David to explore the ancient waterway of Hezekiah's Tunnel! When Jerusalem was preparing defenses against the approaching Assyrian army in the 8th century B.C.E., King Hezekiah decided to protect the water source by diverting its flow deep into the city with an impressive tunnel system. This engineering feat was accomplished by digging a 1,750-foot tunnel into the mountain we can explore today.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 9: Saturday, January 3, 2026

Sacrament Services at the BYU Jerusalem Center /Bethlehem/ Garden Tomb

This morning begins with Sacrament services at the BYU Jerusalem Center. Next, we drive to the little town of Bethlehem. We enjoy a unique lunch in a Bedouin Tent restaurant overlooking the shepherds' field, then we spend some time in the shepherds' field as we contemplate the events that took place near there so many years ago. Next, we visit the Church of the Nativity to remember the birth of Christ. Our final stop is the beautiful Garden Tomb, believed by some to be the site of Jesus' burial. Next to the Garden, there is a limestone hill which many revere as Golgotha, site of the crucifixion.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 10: Sunday, January 4, 2026

Mount of Olives/Gethsemane

First thing, this morning we stop at the Mount of Olives overlook for an excellent panoramic view of the incredible city. Next, we visit the Garden of Gethsemane (and Orson Hyde Park if you want to walk UP the hill) and the Church of All Nations. Here we walk among ancient olive trees and feel the spirit of that sacred area. Following our stop at the Grotto of Gethsemane, we travel to the Church of Saint John the Baptist in Ein Karem. This church is built at the site where John the Baptist is believed to have been born. Our last stop before our farewell dinner will be Elah Valley, the Battle Site of David and Goliath.



After our farewell dinner, we transfer to the Ben Gurion International Airport for our late evening return flights home -- taking with us never-to-be-forgotten memories.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11: Monday, January 5, 2026

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Arrive home in the USA! Welcome Home

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight



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