

Hosanna Israel Study Tour



September 13- 27, 2019

Overview

Hiking the terrain of the Holy Land and visiting the locations of events from the life of Christ will give you greater understanding and clarity about the Good News message of the four Gospels. This study tour will focus on a chronological view of Christ's life and ministry. We will spend time learning about His early years. We will visit the wilderness to understand His ministry foundations. We'll spend several nights in the Galilee discovering Jesus' ministry training and outreach priorities. In Jerusalem, we will trace the sites associated with the teaching and passion of Christ. *This is NOT a typical shrine & souvenir tour!*

At each location, we will have our fantastic guide Andrey to give us the information we need to understand the biblical and historical setting of the site. Steve Hudson will teach from the Word about the life of Christ and what we can learn about His model and methods of disciple making. Imagine standing in the places you've studied about in the Bible and focusing on the life of Christ... We guarantee you will never read the Bible in the same way!

Team Selection & Size

We are praying for 30 participants.

Itinerary

Wilderness/Jericho/Galilee Area: Wadi Kelt hike from St. George Monastery to Jericho, optional baptism in the Jordan River, Dead Sea float, Nazareth Village, Nazareth Precipice, Bethsaida, Capernaum, Korazin, Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee boat ride, Caesarea Philippi, Sepphoris, Mt. Arbel, Jesus Boat, Kursi, Church of Primacy, Beth Shean, and Dan.

Jerusalem/Bethlehem Areas: Old City, Mount of Olives, Western Wall, Rabbinic Tunnel, Temple Mount, Pool of Bethesda, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Museums –Israel and YadVashem (Holocaust), Upper Room, Gethsemane, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Garden Tomb, Bethany/Bethpage overview, Dominus Flevit Chapel, Via Dolorosa, Herodium, Caiaphas' House, and Southern Steps.

Cost: \$2,550 for double, single \$3,600 (land portion) plus airfare, lunches, and airport transfer in Israel. Plan on an additional \$300 for your out of pocket expenses in Israel.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2019...or until trip is filled.

A required \$200 deposit is non-refundable for accepted applications. It is applied toward your total cost. It will be due at the time you fill out the application.

- **Land Cost includes:** lodging, deluxe bus transportation throughout the country, daily buffet breakfast and dinner, all entrance fees, the services of a professional guide and driver, and all tips.
- **Land Costs do not include:** Tel Aviv airport shuttle, lunches/snacks, beverages at meals, and souvenirs.

Note: Per IRS tax guidelines; this trip is NOT tax deductible for those going on the trip or their immediate family living with them who would contribute. You are however able to fundraise, as any other non family person donating is not receiving any benefit from their donation.



Flights and Transportation

You have the option to purchase your own *or* to have the team leader purchase it for you. The only requirement is to arrive anytime in Tel Aviv on Saturday, Sept 14, as the study tour begins on Sunday, Sept 15. (Flights should leave the U.S. on Friday, Sept 13, and return to the U.S. on Friday, Sept 27). Do NOT purchase any flights until your trip leaders tells you.

Requirements

- Advance Exercise - This trip will include long hikes and strenuous walking situations.** The area is very hilly. (Imagine the hills in San Francisco.) 95% is walking up or down. The streets and steps are ancient, uneven, and at times slippery. It is important that you are of good health and are willing to exercise in preparation for this trip. The previous team walked an average of 70 miles, with at least 5 miles per day. Prep for this trip could likely include walking up and down steep hills and stairs (two steps at a time.)
- Team Meetings** - There will be required reading in advance, as well as meetings to help get a grasp on the local and historical situation prior to arrival. We will be having 4-5 team meetings starting in April. **These meetings will occur on Monday evenings and must be a priority in your schedule. Meeting dates will be published in January.** Once accepted, you will get these dates to put on your calendar.
 - Jesus' Disciplemaking Ministry model
 - Israeli/Palestinian Conflict - What's the big deal?
 - Historical Geography of the Holy Land
 - Last Minute Logistics - What do I bring...who's on my flight...getting from airport to hotel
- Honoring Behavior** - One of the trip purposes is to understand the political, cultural & religious issues of today. For this reason, all applicants must be honoring and open to learning about all sides of the issues. Your application includes agreeing to be honoring even if you don't have the same point of view. We ask that you show the utmost respect and be willing to learn, and ask questions with grace and love. We understand that the controversy over land is a heated one. Hosanna! will intentionally not be taking a stand or preference, but we want you to understand the issues, as you will be interacting with both Israelis and Palestinians.
- Who is this trip designed for** – Primary consideration will be given to workers and leaders involved in ministry at Hosanna. We desire participants who will take intentional steps to be involved in Hosanna's MULTIPLY vision.

Lodging & Meals

We are staying at tourist-class facilities to keep costs as low as possible, yet still having a quality experience. These are not full service hotels with lots of amenities, but they are clean, safe and have good food. Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem is inside the Old City walls in the Christian Quarter, just steps from shops and sites. Location...location...location! When in the Galilee region, we will stay at the En Gev hotel, located on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Both hotels have nice buffets for breakfast and dinner featuring both American foods and local cuisine. Even for picky eaters, there will be options.

Safety in Israel

We are aware that news coverage frequently portrays Israel as a dangerous place to visit. The U.S. government might even issue travel advisories for Israel. In Steve's experience, such news and advisories seldom match the scene we witness once in the country. Events are typically very localized, but we'd be careful in certain areas in Israel, just as you would be careful in certain areas of Minneapolis. If problems do flare up, our guide is in constant contact with local authorities and makes adjustments to the itinerary to keep us from areas of potential trouble. Steve Hudson, Hosanna! Executive Pastor & our tour leader, has visited Israel over 50 times and has never had any safety issues.

Application: will be available January 23, 2019. If you want to be notified when applications are opened, email Ali Isabell at alii@hosannalc.org and your name will be added to a notification list.

Questions? Contact Ali Isabell at alii@hosannlc.org