



Crossroads
BAPTIST CHURCH

ISRAEL GROUP TRIP

MARCH 10 - 18, 2024



TRIP ITINERARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 | ARRIVAL DAY

Welcome to the Holy Land! We will land at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv and meet our guide. Depending on arrival time, we'll make a short stop at Old Joppa. Joppa was the ancient seaport city where Jonah boarded the ship headed to Tarshish and where Peter received his vision while on the housetop (Acts 10). From Joppa, we'll drive to Hadera on the coastline of the Mediterranean Sea for dinner and an overnight stay.

Hotel: Ramada HaderaResort

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 | TOUR DAY

We'll checkout after breakfast and start the tour with a drive along the coast to Caesarea Maritima (the ancient seaport city built by Herod the Great). Here, Peter preached to the Roman Centurion, Cornelius, who came to faith with all his household (Acts 10); Paul shared his testimony (Acts 26); and from where the Gospel was carried out to other nations. We'll visit Mt. Carmel (where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18). After lunch, we'll proceed to Tel Megiddo, one of the most important ancient cities in Bible times, and view the valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16, 19). We'll drive on to Mt. Precipice (from which the people of Nazareth wanted to throw Jesus over the cliff in Luke 4) and to get a view of the city of Nazareth. We'll arrive to Tiberias in the afternoon and stay at our hotel by the Sea of Galilee for dinner and an overnight stay.



Hotel: Gai Beach Tiberias

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 | TOUR DAY

We'll start our day with a boat ride on the beautiful Sea of Galilee. Upon landing, we'll visit an ancient boat museum where we'll see an authentic boat from the time of Jesus. Then, we'll proceed to the Valley of the Seven Springs (Tabgha), the place where Jesus fed the 5,000 men (Matthew 14). It is also believed to be the area where Peter was restored (John 21). Next, we'll continue to Capernaum (Jesus' ministry base in Galilee). We'll have a fish lunch (St. Peter's Restaurant or another available option). Then, we'll travel along the eastern coast to Kursi, the land of the Gadarenes, where the Miracle of the Swine happened (Matthew 8, Mark 5, Luke 8). Our last stop of the day will be at the Jordan River for baptisms. Afterwards, we'll return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.



Hotel: Gai Beach Tiberias

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 | TOUR DAY

In the morning, we will go up to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus taught the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Then, we'll proceed to the ruins of Chorazin, one of the three cities (together with Bethsaida and Capernaum) cursed by Jesus. Next, we'll continue up north, close to the Lebanese border to Tel Dan, the most northern ancient city in the Kingdom of Israel. Next, we'll head to Caesarea Philippi, located at the foot of Mt. Hermon (Israel's highest mountain). At this location Jesus asked his disciples "who do men say that I am" (Matthew 16). Going up along the Damascus Road, we'll travel through the Golan Heights region. Then, we'll go back down to the Sea of Galilee area to visit the ancient city of Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalena. Afterwards, we'll return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Hotel: Gai Beach Tiberias

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 | TOUR DAY

Today, we will leave Galilee, going south along the Jordan Valley. Our first stop will be Gideon's Spring where the 300 men were chosen by God (Judges 7). We'll explore the ruins of Beit She'an (Scythopolis in Jesus' time), the most complete Roman-Byzantine city ever to be found in Israel, and the city of Decapolis. The city walls of Beit She'an was where the Philistines hung the headless bodies of Saul and his sons after their death on Mt. Gilboa (1 Samuel 31). We'll then continue south to Beth Abara, the place where the Israelites came across the Jordan River (Joshua 3) and the place where Jesus was baptized by John (John 1:28). Next, we'll proceed to Jericho, the oldest and lowest city in the world. Jericho was the first city conquered by the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. Then, we'll view the traditional Mount of Temptation, where Jesus was tempted by Satan. Following the Old Jericho Road, we'll stop to view the Valley of the Shadows of Death and to share Psalm 23. Finally, we'll head up to Jerusalem, the Holy City of God, to the Mt. Scopus Overlook. Afterwards, we'll check into the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Hotel: Ramat Rachel Jerusalem



FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 | TOUR DAY

We begin the day on the Mount of Olives, overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem. This is the place where the Lord will set His foot when He returns according to Zechariah 14. We'll follow the Palm Sunday path from there. We'll stop at the place where the Lord wept - Dominus Flevit Chapel (Matthew 23: 37-39, Luke 19: 41-44), continue to the base of the mountain and the Garden of Gethsemane to have a special prayer service in a private garden. Next, we'll proceed to the palace of the high priest Caiaphas (Saint Peter's sin Gallicantu) where Peter denied Jesus three times and where Jesus was held during the night before his appearance before Pilate (Matthew 26: 57-63, John 18: 15-18, 25-27). Going south out of Jerusalem, we'll visit Shepherd's Fields where the angel of the Lord appeared before the shepherds at night telling them that a Savior was born in the City of David. We'll end the day shopping at the beautiful Olive Wood Christian store in Bethlehem before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Hotel: Ramat Rachel Jerusalem



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 | TOUR DAY

Today, we'll drive down to the lowest point on the face of the earth, the Dead Sea. Our first stop will be Masada, the amazing desert fortress built by Herod the Great, and more than 70 years later, was used by Jewish zealots as the last stronghold during the great revolt against the Romans. Our next stop will be the desert oasis of Ein Gedi (the spring of the baby goat) where David hid from King Saul in the cave (1 Kings 24). Next, we'll continue to Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a shepherd boy in 1947. The Scrolls are the oldest Hebrew manuscript of the Bible, dating back to the second and first century B.C. We'll end the day enjoying floating in the healing, mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea.

Afterwards, we'll return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Hotel: Ramat Rachel Jerusalem



SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 | TOUR DAY

Our first stop of the day will be the Temple Mount (Mt. Moriah), the place where Abraham brought his son Isaac to offer him as a sacrifice (Genesis 22) and the place where the different Temples stood. We'll visit the Western Wall (the holiest place today for the Jewish people). The wall was built by Herod the Great on the west side of Mt. Moriah.

We'll follow it, walking underground all the way through what is known as the Western Wall tunnel. On the way to the Jewish Quarter, we'll make a short stop at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (site of the crucifixion and the tomb for Catholic and Greek orthodox). Then, we'll continue to Jerusalem's Archeological Park. The park includes the Southern Steps, the Herodian Staircase which led the Pilgrims up and down from the Temple platform during the three main festivals, and the area where the 3,000 were baptized and came to faith on the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2: 41). Afterwards, we'll return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.



Hotel: Ramat Rachel Jerusalem

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 | TOUR DAY AND DEPARTURE TO THE US

We'll start the last day of the tour at the Pool of Bethesda (St. Anne's Church) where Jesus healed a man who had been lame for 38 years (John 5:1-19). Next, we'll continue to the northwest corner of the Temple compound, the area of the Antonia fortress (Ecce Homo). This was Pilate's judgment hall where Jesus was condemned to the cross (Matthew 27, John 19). We'll then walk down the Via Dolorosa (Way of Suffering) and leave the Old City through Damascus Gate to visit Calvary (Skull Hill) and the Garden Tomb (the empty tomb) where a communion service will be held. Next, we'll travel to the Shrine of the Book, home of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. There we can examine an expansive model of Jerusalem depicting the city before the destruction by the Romans in the year 70 A.D. After that, we'll depart Jerusalem going southwest to Valley of Elah where David killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17). Finally, we'll have our farewell dinner and drive to the airport.



SHALOM TO THE HOLY LAND.

HOTELS AND ITINERARY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PRICING

SERVICE	RATE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT
Land Only	Adults - \$2,910 12 & Under - \$1455	\$1,100

- \$500 per person with registration to secure space
- Balance due on or before December 9, 2023 (90 Days prior to departure)

To register, visit crossroadsbaptist.com/israel

- Maximum travelers: 55

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 8 nights accommodation in 4 - 5 star hotels
- Licensed English speaking guide
- A/C luxury motor coach
- All entrance fees
- Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily)
- Welcome service at Ben Gurion airport
- Headsets
- Farewell dinner

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Accident and baggage insurance
- Passport costs
- Personal expenses
- Tips of \$140 per person for tour guide
- Tips of \$50 per person for driver

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

PASSPORT

A valid passport is required to leave the USA and must be obtained in advance by each tour member. No visas are required for Israel. Each passport must be valid for a minimum of six months after your return date. You will be denied boarding if your passport expires less than six months after your return date.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Up to 90 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation fee of \$200.

Cancellations received 90-59 days prior to departure: cancellation fee is 25% of tour cost.

Cancellations received 58-30 days prior to departure: cancellation fee is 50% of tour cost.

NO REFUNDS for cancellations within 29 days of departure.

All cancellation requests must be in writing by email to TGL TOURS. Phone calls for cancellations cannot be accepted.

COVID 19

As of October 2022, there are no requirements to present a recovery or vaccination certificate, or a negative COVID-19 test result, to enter Israel.

INSURANCE

TGL TOURS is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. For your own protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. You should carry proof of insurance in the event you need medical attention while in Israel.