

## March 14-24, 2027

# ANCIENT STONES AND LIVING STONES

## ISRAEL TRIP

**Pastor Matt Fletcher and seasoned Bible Teacher Steve Johnson invite you on a journey to the Land of the Bible.** Not only will you visit ancient sites right out of the pages of the Bible, but you will also connect with "Living Stones" – local Jewish and Arab believers in Yeshua (Jesus) - and serve alongside them.

### DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | PROGRAM | OVERNIGHT |
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| | March 13 (Saturday) | Travel day (for those coming from North America) | |
| 1 | March 14 (Sunday) | **Arrival at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv. (Please do not book your flights until your group leader confirms that the minimum number of participants has been reached). Dinner** together at the hotel's buffet, followed by a group meeting for orientation and an opportunity to get to know the rest of the trip participants. | Residence Hotel, Netanya or similar |
| 2 | March 15 (Monday) | **Pack and deliver food parcels** to an elderly club that ONE FOR ISRAEL supports. Visit **ONE FOR ISRAEL's Israeli headquarters and Bible College.** Learn about Messianic Jewish believers in Israel today and become familiar with the vision and programs. Meet with Arab and Jewish staff members who will share their testimonies and their present ministry focus**.** Enjoy a lunch (included) with ONE FOR ISRAEL staff. Then, it is on to **Caesarea** where Peter preached to Cornelius | Residence Hotel, Netanya or similar |

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| | | (Acts 10) and Paul gave his defense before Roman governors (Acts 24-26). Evening: **Teaching by OFI staff** | |
| **3** | March 16 (Tuesday) | Travel to Haifa and meet with a local Messianic ministry. Visit a viewpoint on **Mt. Carmel** to visualize the story of Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. Tour **Megiddo** (associated by some with New Testament Armageddon) and then continue to **Nazareth Village**, a reenactment of village life in Nazareth at the time of Yeshua. Connect with a **local Arab Christian pastor** to learn about his work and participate in a service project. Continuing to our hotel by the **Sea of Galilee.** | Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Mansions or similar |
| **4** | March 17 (Wednesday) | Travel up to the northern borders for a day of ministry, prayer and sightseeing. Begin at **Kiryat Shmona with a ministry project** alongside a Messianic pastor. While at the northern border, we will pray over Lebanon and Syria, then visit **Tel Dan** (I Kings 12/Judges 18) and **Caesarea Philippi** (Matthew 16). Continue to the **Golan Heights** for a view into Syria.<br>Evening: **Time of fellowship and sharing with OFI staff** | Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Mansions or similar |
| **5** | March 18 (Thursday) | Begin the day **sailing on the Sea of Galilee**. There will also be an opportunity to view the remains of a **fishing boat from the time of Yeshua**. Visit the synagogue at the town of **Magdala** (probable home of Mary Magdalene) and **Tabgha**, Peter's fishing spot and the probable site of his restoration after denying Jesus. Tour **Capernaum**, Yeshua's ministry base. Enjoy a **fish lunch** together (included). Stop at the **Jordan River** where there will be an opportunity for baptisms for those who choose. | Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Mansions or similar |

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| **6** | March 19 (Friday) | Visit **Beit She'an (Scythopolis)**, perhaps best known as the place King Saul's body was put on display after his death (1 Sam 31). Later it became one of the most important Graeco-Roman cities of the Decapolis. Travel down the Jordan River Valley to spend time in the region of the Dead Sea. Hike **Ein Gedi** where David hid from Saul (1 Samuel 24). Visit **Qumran** where many Dead Sea Scrolls were found and enjoy a **float in the Dead Sea**. Then UP TO JERUSALEM! **Evening:** Welcome in the Sabbath together. | Jerusalem Prima Vera or similar |
| **7** | March 20 (Saturday) | Visit the **Mount of Olives,** the location of Yeshua's ascent and return, and **Dominus Flevit** where He wept over the city of Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44). Spend time at the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus prayed before His crucifixion. Join a **Messianic worship service**. Continue to **Bethlehem** to meet with a Palestinian pastor, learn about his ministry and pray for his congregation. Visit a **shepherd's cave** and an **olive wood shop** owned by local Palestinian Christians. | Jerusalem, Prima Vera or similar |
| **8** | March 21 (Sunday) | This morning there will be a guided tour of **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust Museum. Afterward, meet with a Holocaust survivor who will share their story with the group. In the afternoon, travel to **Shiloh** where the wilderness tabernacle stood and where Hannah prayed for and dedicated her son, Samuel (I Sam 1-3). Today, the site is also home to some "red heifers," bred for use in a future Temple. | Jerusalem, Prima Vera or similar |
| **9** | March 22 (Monday) | Tour **the Knesset** (the Israeli parliament) and have a **time of prayer** in the garden between the Knesset and the Supreme Court. Visit the **Israel Museum** to view the 50:1 scale **model of Jerusalem** from Yeshua's time and the **Shrine of the Book**, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Ascend **Temple Mount**, the site of the two temples. Join in prayer at the **Western Wall** before touring the **Western Wall Tunnels**, | Jerusalem, Prima Vera or similar |

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| | | walking along the length of the Temple wall from the time of Jesus. Continue through the Muslim and Christian Quarters. The rest of the afternoon is free to browse the **Old City Bazaars,** the shops on the **Cardo** and in **the Jewish quarter,** or to visit other sites of interest (on your own). | |
| **10** | March 23 (Tuesday) | Tour the **City of David excavations,** including **Hezekiah's Tunnel,** the **Pool of Siloam** and the newly opened **Pilgrim's Road.** Visit **Davidson Center** to learn about pilgrimage to Jerusalem at the time of Yeshua. View the streets and steps of the **Southwall Excavations.** End the day with a tour and worship service at the **Garden Tomb**. In the evening we'll have **our final group evening together**, and pack for flights home tomorrow. | |
| **11** | March 24 (Wednesday) | Visit the **Valley of David and Goliath**. Travel to the Mediterranean Coast for ministry projects in **Ashdod** and **Sderot.** While in the area, visit the **Sderot Police Station Memorial** (site of a large-scale Hamas attack on October 7, 2023) and **pray over Gaza** from an overlook on the border. We'll enjoy an early **farewell dinner** (included) on our way to the airport. | **No hotel included this night**. |

***The itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions, unforeseen events or at the discretion of the group leader for the good of the group.***

## GENERAL INFORMATION

| Israel 11-day /10-night tour | Price in USD |
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| Price per person in a **shared room for 2 people** | **$3300** |
| Price in a **Single room** (for a room on your own) | **$4130** |

**Please note:** The rates are in US Dollars and do NOT include flights. The rate is calculated for a minimum of 20 participants.

**The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:**

| Nights | Location | Hotel or similar |
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| **2** | Netanya | Residence Hotel |
| **3** | Sea of Galilee | Ohalo |
| **5** | Jerusalem | Prima Vera |

Please note that changes can occur in hotels, due to factors beyond our control.

## RATE (LAND ONLY) INCLUDES:

- Arrival & departure transfers from the airport as a group**. Please wait to book your flights until your group leader notifies you that the minimum number of participants for this tour has been reached.** Please choose flights that arrive on March 14 before 3pm (to allow time for passport control and to collect your luggage before the group bus to your hotel). For departure, please choose flights that depart from Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv after 11 pm on March 24 (flights that depart just after midnight on March 25 are also good choices.) **Individuals wanting to arrive at or depart from the airport at other times will be responsible for arranging and paying for their own transportation**.
- Ten nights' accommodation in a shared room for two people (additional payment for those requesting a room by themselves).
- Israeli breakfast and dinner daily, including a farewell dinner on the last day.

- Two included lunches, as per itinerary: lunch with ONE FOR ISRAEL staff, and a fish lunch on the Sea of Galilee
- Eleven touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- Air-conditioned luxury tourist bus as per program
- Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Luggage loaders at hotels
- Headsets to listen to the guide
- Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff (included in the total price, but to be brought in cash)

## RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to or from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv
- Travel Cancellation Insurance for tour package and flights (highly recommended)
- Medical insurance (mandatory), valid in Israel
- Passport and visa fees if applicable (citizens of many countries, including the USA and Canada, need to pre-approve their visas online for a small fee)
- Lunches (except the two mentioned in the itinerary)
- Sodas and alcohol in the hotels and with meals
- All expenses of a personal nature

## BOOKINGS AND RATES

- If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single-room rates will apply.
- **Registration closes November 14, 2026 (or earlier, if the tour is full).**
- A **non-refundable** deposit of **$400 per person** is required at the time of registration.

## PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- **Final Payment** should be made by December 14, 2026

- 25% of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after December 14, 2026
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after January 14, 2027
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs after February 14, 2027

## TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

We strongly advise you to purchase **travel cancellation insurance** for your trip to Israel. **Cancellation insurance for the cost of your tour package** usually covers your expenses in case of cancellation due to unforeseen health and other issues (depending on the type of policy purchased). In addition, please check that your **medical insurance** covers you while you are in Israel. Derech-el shall not be liable or responsible for any injury, sickness, loss or damage to any person or property due to natural disasters, pandemics, strikes, civil disturbances or other factors over which the company has no control and cannot influence to change them. Derech-el offers no coverage or compensation of any kind in the cases stated above, nor for cancellations or inability to travel.

## DOCUMENTS

A **passport valid for at least six months after returning home** is required. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain, at their own expense, the documents required to enter Israel according to citizenship. Citizens of many countries, including the USA, need to pre-approve their visas online for a small fee, at https://israel-entry.piba.gov.il/. The Electronic Travel Approval (ETA-IL) is good for 2 years, or until you change your passport.

## PASSENGER FITNESS

This itinerary requires each participant to be in good health and be able to walk, as many tourist sites in Israel are unfortunately not accessible to people in wheelchairs or those who have difficulty walking. If there are any issues pertaining to your health or physical fitness, we ask that you consult with us prior to registration.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- **This tour** is organized by **DERECH-EL,** Israeli Association for Awareness of Biblical Roots, Registration Number 580241438 (Derech-El). It should be noted that Derech-El is not responsible for services which are not directly provided by Derech-El, such as hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises and other related services. Derech-El cannot assume any liability for any actions taken on the part of the suppliers, or the government of Israel or other countries, which results in any loss, accident, delay, irregularity, damage, or injury to you or your traveling companions or group members for any reason whatsoever, including measures taken to contain the spreading of the COVID-19 virus or hostile acts or war. Furthermore, Derech-El cannot

assume any liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which is caused directly or indirectly by the COVID-19 virus or hostile acts or war, or any foreseen or unforeseen developments.

- By embarking on the tour, you assume all risks involved in such travel, whether foreseen or unforeseen. *Derech-El* will not be liable to perform obligations under this trip agreement or liable for any loss or hardship arising from the delay or cancelation of scheduled tours resulting from acts beyond its reasonable control including, without limitation, acts of God, national disasters, embargoes, national closures, pandemics, epidemics, or other viral outbreak, shortage of supply, interruptions or malfunction of computer facilities, labor difficulties, wars or terrorist acts. *Derech-El* will provide trip participants with reasonable notice of delays or failure to perform that occurs by reason of force majeure.

- Derech-El reserves the right to cancel tours, or make changes to the itineraries, as it deems necessary or desirable – in accordance with Israeli government regulations, instructions, and recommendations. Derech-El will honor any refunds pending under its existing agreements with above-mentioned suppliers. It is recommended that each member of the tour purchase appropriate insurance coverage to the extent available with respect to risks associated with your travel to Israel at this time. Your registration shall constitute an acceptance of and consent to the above terms and conditions of this disclaimer.

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- I hereby dismiss, release, and waive Derech-El, **(**Israeli Association for Awareness of Biblical Roots, Registration Number 580-241-438) from all responsibility and/or liability and/or any legal action and/or demands of any kind for cancellations or any kind of additional expenses related to the flights to Israel and/or the tour and/or infection of the coronavirus and/or any costs associated thereby.