

March 9-16, 2025

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

GEOGRAPHY OF THE BIBLE STUDY TOUR

Dallas Theological Seminary and Israel College of the Bible invite you to join an in-depth study tour focusing on the geography of the Land of the Bible.

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
1	March 9 (Sunday)	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to our hotel in Netanya.	Netanya, Residence Hotel (or similar)
2	March 10 (Monday)	Attend an Introductory Lecture at the Israel College of the Bible: <i>Overview of the Geography of the Land of the Bible</i> . Tour Caesarea Maritima , where the centurion Cornelius heard the gospel and Paul stood trial before governors Felix and Festus (Acts 24 and 26). Continue to Mt. Carmel , symbol of beauty in biblical poetry, where Elijah called a contest with the prophets of Baal and Asherah. Continue to Nazareth , Yeshua's boyhood home, with a panoramic view over the Jezreel Valley. Evening Lecture : The Geography of the Conquest and Judges.	Nazareth – Tabar Hotel (or similar)
3	March 11 (Tuesday)	Visit Nazareth Village , a reenactment of life in first century Nazareth. Travel to Megiddo , on the western fringe of the Jezreel Valley, and discuss its important roll throughout the biblical period and its suggested connection with New Testament Armageddon. Continue to Tel Jezreel , site of Ahab and Jezebel's summer palace (I Kings 21), and Gideon's Spring (Judges 7), where he tested his men. At the end of the day relax overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Evening Lecture : <i>The United and Divided Monarchies</i>	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House or similar
4	March 12 Wednesday	Tour Tel Hazor , the northern Canaanite town that headed the opposition to Joshua (Joshua 11). At Tel Dan enjoy a pleasant stroll along the stream to the ancient temple where the Jeroboam I set up one of the Golden Calves (1 Kings 12). Hike the region of Caesarea Philippi (Matt 16:13). Evening Lecture : <i>Geography of the Gospels</i> .	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House or similar

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5	March 13 (Thursday)	Today we spend the day around the beautiful Sea of Galilee, focusing on the geography of Jesus' ministry. Visit Kursi and discuss the possible locations of the casting out of demons from the man who dwelt among the tombs. Tour Capernaum (Yeshua's ministry base) and Magdala (home of Mary Magdalene). Visit the traditional Mt. of Beatitudes and Peter's Fishing Place at Tabgha. Evening Lecture: Geography of the Second Temple Period.	Sea of Galilee, Ohalo Guest House or similar
6	March 14 (Friday)	Follow the Jordan River to the area near Jericho where Yeshua was baptized by John. Tour Qumran , near the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, followed by the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea . Stop in the Judean Wilderness to remember the temptation of Yeshua, and the setting for his parable of the Good Samaritan. Then UP TO JERUSALEM! Enjoy a panoramic view over the city from the Mount of Olives . Visit the traditional Garden of Gethsemane . Welcome in the Sabbath together. Evening Lecture: Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period	Jerusalem, Ibis City Center (or similar)
7	March 14 Saturday	Take a walking tour through the Old City , stopping at the Pools of Bethesda (John 5), the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Garden Tomb . Visit Herodion (Herod the Great's palace and burial place), and a shepherd's cave near Bethlehem . There will be some free time for browsing the Old City markets, walking on the Old City walls, or other personal activities. No lecture this evening.	Jerusalem, Ibis City Center (or similar)

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8	March 15 (Sunday)	Learn about destructions, resettlement and subsequent growth of Jerusalem. Tour the City of David excavations, Hezekiah’s tunnel (alternatively, the Canaanite Tunnel) and the Pool of Siloam . In the afternoon there will be a tour of the “ Herodian Mansions ” (the Wohl Museum) - the remains of first century homes in Jerusalem’s elite quarter, the Southwall Excavations and the Davidson Center . Stop at the Western Wall and then explore the Western Wall Tunnels . Transfer to the airport for flights home.	Neither hotel nor dinner is included this night
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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 8-day / 7-night tour	Price in USD
Price per person in a shared room for 2 people (land only)	\$2,400
Single room supplement (additional cost for a room on your own)	\$ 590
Fee for 3 academic credit hours (optional)	Price for DTS Students: \$450 (\$150/credit hour) Price for students of other institutions: \$750 (\$250 / credit hour)

Please note: The rates are in US Dollars and do NOT include flights

The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar:

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Netanya	Residence
1	Nazareth	Tabar
3	Sea of Galilee	Ohalo Manor (superior rooms)
2	Jerusalem	Caesar

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RATE (LAND ONLY) INCLUDES:

- ▶ Arrival & departure transfers from the airport **as a group**. Please wait to book your flight until a staff member confirms that the trip has gathered the 15 participants necessary.
- ▶ Seven nights' accommodation in double rooms (a shared room for 2 people - there is an additional payment required for those requesting a room of their own).
- ▶ Israeli breakfast and dinner daily (except for dinner on the day of departure)
- ▶ Seven touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ▶ Five optional evening lectures
- ▶ Air-conditioned tourist bus as per program
- ▶ Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- ▶ Luggage loaders at hotels
- ▶ Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff (included in the above price, but to be brought in cash, separate from the final online payment)

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ▶ Flights to or from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv
- ▶ Travel Cancellation Insurance for tour package and flights
- ▶ Medical insurance (mandatory), valid in Israel
- ▶ Passport and visa fees if applicable (US citizens do not need to pay for Israeli visas, which are given upon entrance to Israel)
- ▶ Lunches
- ▶ Sodas and alcohol at the hotels
- ▶ All expenses of a personal nature

BOOKINGS AND RATES

- ▶ This tour is still gathering the minimum 15 participants needed for it to be “guaranteed departure”.
- ▶ Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control. Changes in price may also be necessary, due to exchange rate fluctuations, up to 60 days before departure.
- ▶ If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single-room rates will apply.
- ▶ Registration should be done online at this link (TBA)

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- ▶ Registration closes Dec. 9, 2024 (or earlier, if the tour is full).
- ▶ A non-refundable deposit of **\$300 per person**, paid online to Israel College of the Bible is required to secure registration. You will be directed to the payment site at the end of registration.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- **Final Payment** should be made by December 9, 2024
- 25% of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel 90-61 days before departure
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel 60-31 days before departure
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel 30-0 days before departure

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

We strongly advise you to purchase **travel cancellation insurance** for your trip to Israel. **Travel insurance** usually covers your expenses in case of cancellation due to unforeseen health and other issues (depending on the type of policy purchased). ICB Tours 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. Israel College of the Bible Tours offers no coverage or compensation of any kind in cases stated above, nor for cancellations or inability to travel. **In addition, please check that you have medical insurance which covers you while you are in Israel.**

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. (US citizens do not need to pay for Israeli visas, which are given upon entrance to Israel).



FITNESS OF PARTICIPANTS

This itinerary requires each participant to be in good health and able to walk, as many sites 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.

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