



April 19, 2021

14-DAY HOLY LAND TOUR

Especially prepared for Dwayne Howell

DEPARTURE: Monday, January 3, 2022

AIR TRANSPORTATION: From Louisville, applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers. Based on round-trip Louisville/Tel Aviv air fare on Delta, Air France, or other IATA carrier. **Current U.S. securities, customs and departure taxes, fuel surcharges and Israel departure taxes of approximately \$765 are included in the tour rate and are subject to change prior to departure.**

ACCOMMODATIONS: For a total of **11 nights in first-class/four-star and superior-tourist-class/three-star hotels and guesthouses** as indicated:

- 7 nights Jerusalem - **St. Andrews Scots Guest House**
(<http://scotsguesthouse.com/>)
- 3 nights Tiberias - **Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel**
(<https://english.ginosar.co.il/>)
- 1 night Tel Aviv - **Grand Beach Hotel**
(<https://www.grandhotels-israel.com/grand-beach-hotel-tel-aviv>)

Hotel facilities listed above are confirmed. Should a change become necessary, we will endeavor to secure accommodations of similar grade, price and service. Service charges & local taxes charged by the hotels are included.

MEALS: Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Also included is one lunch of **St. Peter's fish by the Sea of Galilee.**

SIGHTSEEING/GUIDES/GRATUITIES: Sightseeing (with entrance fees as necessary) as listed on the sample itinerary copy. Services of an English-speaking, Christian-oriented government-licensed guide. A "whisper system" consisting of a pocket-size receiver and earphones will be loaned to each passenger at the beginning of the tour. The "whisper system" will enable them to easily hear the guide even in busy areas or large crowds. The whisper system is to be returned at the end of the tour. **Gratuities to your guide, bus driver, hotel personnel, etc. in the amount of \$200 per person are included in the tour rate. These funds will be given to a group leader prior to the trip, along with instructions about how to distribute tips on behalf of the group while touring.**

TRANSFERS: In the airports and hotels on arrival and departure, including portage of one suitcase per person.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: We offer coverage through Allianz Travel's "OneTrip Prime" product. Further information may be found at <https://dehoneytravel.com/travel-insurance>. In order to calculate the "Trip Cost Per Person," a passenger should add the items listed in the "Not Included" paragraph in Tour Conditions to their brochure price from departure city - such as single room supplement, additional airfare if departing from a city other than Louisville, etc.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR RATE: Transportation between point of origin in the U.S. and Louisville. Single supplement (\$980); passport fees; excess baggage and forwarding of baggage; meals not listed as being included; after lunch and dinner beverages; items of a personal nature such as laundry; travel protection plan and any item not herein listed as being included.

TOUR RATE FROM LOUISVILLE: \$4,599 per person, sharing twin-bedded rooms, with a minimum of 20 total tour participants. This rate includes **one earned basic trip* after every 7 fully paid (so that every 8th person represents an earned basic host trip valued at \$4599)**. Or instead, you may sell the 7th trip to a fully-paying traveler and receive the cash value of that trip as an honorarium.

In blocks less than 7 not applied towards an earned trip, an amount of \$575 per traveler will be awarded as a pro-rated "in-between" honorarium. These funds may be used to help cover a group leader's single room supplement, etc.

Alternate price options:

\$4,469 with 1 earned trip after every 9 paying; in-betweens \$450

\$4,359 with 1 earned trip after every 12 paying; in-betweens \$325

** Basic trip from departure city as listed on the brochure copy. The host earned basic trip is not inclusive of single room supplement, travel protection, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, etc.*

PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES: Dehoney Travel will handle the pre-departure services for this group. An adequate supply of brochures will be provided for promotional use. After we have received an enrollment for each individual passenger, we will correspond with each individually, send full details about how to prepare for the trip, how to obtain a passport, travel protection plan information, etc. ***An Evangelical Guidebook to the Holy Land***, written by Dr. Wayne Dehoney, will be sent to each passenger. All monies will be collected from each passenger by sending them an individualized billing statement, listing their total tour cost and the amount due on their account. If there are any passengers departing from a city other than Louisville, Dehoney Travel will ticket domestic air tickets from their hometown to the international gateway city if they wish for us to provide this service.

A detailed host notebook will be given to you as group leader. The instructions given in this book detail the experiences you might anticipate as you travel hosting your group -- i.e., how to handle airline check-in, hotel room assignments, on-site inspirational services, etc.

TOUR RATE BASED ON MINIMUM 20 PASSENGERS, AIRFARE, LAND COSTS AND VALUE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR AS OF APRIL 15, 2021, AND IS SUBJECT TO ANY CHANGE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

Current air schedule from Louisville (25 seats)

January 3	Delta 2658	Louisville 12:50pm / Atlanta 2:16pm
January 3	Delta 082	Atlanta 3:30pm / Paris 6:10am (Jan 4)
January 4	Air France 1620	Paris 9:20am / Tel Aviv 2:35pm
January 16	Air France 1121	Tel Aviv 1:00am / Paris 4:55am
January 16	Delta 083	Paris 9:10am / Atlanta 12:55pm
January 16	Delta 2660	Atlanta 3:10pm / Louisville 4:30pm

Notes:

1. Another possibility for your stay in the northern part of Israel is the Sisters of Nazareth guest house, <https://www.nazareth360.com/accommodation/sisters-nazareth-convent>, which is adjacent to the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The majority of our Christian pilgrim travelers stay in or near Tiberias along the Sea of Galilee while in the north, and Nof Ginosar does provide a lovely park-like setting, but Sisters of Nazareth would offer a slight cost reduction of approximately \$60-\$80 per person.

2. It may be possible at a later date to book an air schedule with just one connection each way, rather than double-connecting in Atlanta and Paris as above. However, the single-connection options are on United and American Airlines, both of which require a non-refundable \$300 booking fee. Delta/Air France, on the other hand, allow us to hold group air space without obligation until 90 days prior to departure. Should you be willing to accept responsibility for the \$300 booking fee, we would be happy to research more convenient air options for the group.

DAY 1, MON, JAN 3 **USA/TEL AVIV**
Departure from the USA on our overnight journey to the Holy Land. (meals aloft)

DAY 2, TUE, JAN 4 **TEL AVIV/JERUSALEM**
We arrive today in Tel Aviv, which was founded on the outskirts of Jaffa (Biblical Joppa) in 1909 and today encompasses the ancient port city. From the airport we drive to Jerusalem, the "Holy City," and check into the **Scots St Andrew Guesthouse** for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 3, WED, JAN 5 **BETHLEHEM/JERUSALEM**
We spend the full day in Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus. First we drive along the wall that separates the West Bank from Israel and see some of the poignant artwork that sheds light on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Then we go to the Church of the Nativity, built over the traditional site of the birth of Christ and recently renovated to highlight the vibrant mosaics on its interior walls. Our day also includes some visits with local contacts at churches and organizations here in the West Bank. Before departing Bethlehem later this afternoon, we drive by the traditional Field of Shepherds, where the angel announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds. Then we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 4, THU, JAN 6 **HEBRON/HERODION/JERUSALEM**
Today we visit Hebron, the largest city in the West Bank and whose Old City has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We visit the historic city center, which surrounds the Cave of the Patriarchs, traditional burial site of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, and Leah. This afternoon we go to Herodion, a cone-shaped hill near Bethlehem where Herod the Great built a fortress and palace, and where he was buried. At the base of the hill, Herod built a kind of royal "country club," including a large pool, a bathhouse, and a roofed pool, surrounded by magnificent gardens. After our time here, we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 5, FRI, JAN 7 **VIA DOLOROSA/WESTERN WALL/SOUTHERN STEPS**
This morning in the Old City we visit St. Anne's Church and the Pools of Bethesda. Then we follow the traditional path of the Via Dolorosa, commemorating the route Jesus took between his condemnation by Pilate and his crucifixion and burial. Along the way we visit Pilate's Judgment Hall in the Antonia Fortress where Christ was imprisoned. The route concludes at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. At the Temple area we view the Western Wall, the most holy place accessible to the Jewish people; and Jerusalem Archaeological Park, where we climb the "Southern Steps" leading to the original main entrance of the Temple Mount in the

Second Temple period - stairs that Jesus would have climbed when he visited the temple in Jerusalem. Enjoy some free time in the Old City this afternoon, and then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 6, SAT, JAN 8 **MOUNT OF OLIVES/PATER NOSTER/GETHSEMANE/GARDEN TOMB**

We travel past the Hebrew University and on to the Mount of Olives. At the top, we visit the Church of Pater Noster, whose walls are decorated with 140 ceramic tiles, each one inscribed with the Lord's Prayer in a different language. We walk down the traditional "Palm Sunday Walk" where Christ made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, stopping at the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. We end our day at Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb, where in an inspiring service we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. From there we return to our hotel for dinner. (B,D)

DAY 7, SUN, JAN 9 **JERUSALEM**
We gather together this morning for a time of worship. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, or perhaps participate in an afternoon hike. (B,D)

DAY 8, MON, JAN 10 **QUMRAN/MASADA/DEAD SEA/JERUSALEM**
We drive past New Testament Jericho, believed to have been at the mouth of the Wadi Kelt, where Herod had his winter palace. From here we can see the Mount of Temptation. We visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and then continue to the majestic fortress of Masada, constructed by Herod the Great on top of a rocky plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. We ride the cable car to the top to explore the ruins and learn about the huge storerooms and cisterns that enabled Jewish defenders to stay well-provisioned for several years while under siege by the Romans following the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD. After riding the cable car back down the mountain, we conclude our day (time permitting) with the opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea. Then we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 9, TUE, JAN 11 **BEIT SHE'AN/NAZARETH/MT. PRECIPICE/SEPPHORIS/TIBERIAS**
We check out of our hotel this morning and go to Beit She'an, perhaps best known as the site where King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls by the triumphant Philistines. During the Roman era, it was renamed Scythopolis and became the capital city of the Decapolis - the only one of the 10 cities on the west side of the Jordan River. The site offers some of the best-preserved ruins in the Middle East, including the second-century Roman theater. Then we continue north to Nazareth, site of the boyhood of Jesus, for a visit to Mary's Well at St. Gabriel's Church, and the Church of

the Annunciation, commemorating the location where Mary was visited by the Archangel Gabriel. We drive outside the city to the top of Mount Precipice, traditional site where an angry mob tried to throw Jesus off a cliff following his Messianic proclamation in Luke 4. From this windswept hilltop, we take in the spectacular views of Mount Tabor and the Jezreel Valley. We end our day at Sepphoris, traditional home of Mary, mother of Jesus. From there we continue to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at the **Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel** on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (B,D)

**DAY 10, WED, JAN 12 MOUNT OF BEATITUDES/
CAPERNAUM/TABGHA/MT. ARBEL/
MAGDALA/TIBERIAS**

This morning we drive to the top of the Mount of Beatitudes. Somewhere on this green hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. From there we go to the ruins of ancient Capernaum. Jesus came here after being rejected by his hometown of Nazareth and adopted Capernaum as "his own town." Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Matthew all lived here, and this area became the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee. Then we visit Tabgha, the traditional site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes where we see the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter. This afternoon we go to the top of Mt. Arbel for a breathtaking view of the Galilee. Then we conclude our day at Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. When excavating the synagogue, archaeologists found a coin minted in Tiberias in 29 A.D., indicating that the synagogue dates back to the time of Jesus' ministry here in the Galilee. From there we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**DAY 11, THU, JAN 13 CAESAREA PHILIPPI/
SEA OF GALILEE/JORDAN RIVER/
GINOSAR/TIBERIAS**

Today we first drive north into the foothills of Mount Hermon to Banias (Caesarea Philippi) near the headwaters of the Jordan River. In this area, Peter memorably proclaimed Jesus to be "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" and Jesus affirmed this by declaring "...on this rock I will build my church..." We drive back through the Golan Heights past Gadara, one of the Decapolis cities. Matthew describes the miracle of Jesus delivering demon-possessed men who were "of the country of the Gadarenes." A highlight of the day will be a lunch of St. Peter's fish and a memorable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Near the southern tip of the sea, we visit a baptismal site on the River Jordan.

We finish our afternoon at Kibbutz Ginosar where we see the 1st-century "Jesus Boat," which was discovered in 1986 partially buried in the muddy shores of the Sea of Galilee. From here, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12, FRI, JAN 14 MEGIDDO/MT. CARMEL/
CAESAREA/TEL AVIV**

This morning we drive to the ruins of Megiddo, the Biblical Armageddon, where we see Ahab's stables and the famous water system. Then we drive to Mount Carmel where we see the traditional site of Elijah's dramatic confrontation with the prophets of Baal. The summit offers sweeping panoramic views. From there we continue to the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, constructed by Herod the Great several years before the birth of Jesus. The massive harbor could accommodate 300 ships, and the hippodrome could seat over 20,000 people at chariot races. It was in Caesarea that Peter baptized Cornelius the centurion and his household, the first known baptism of a gentile convert to Christianity. Paul visited here between his second and third missionary journeys and was later imprisoned here before being sent to Rome. After our time here, we continue to Tel Aviv and check into the **Grand Beach Hotel**, located along the Mediterranean shore, for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**DAY 13, SAT, JAN 15 JAFFA/BEIT GUVRIN/
ELAH VALLEY/ABU GOSH/TEL AVIV**

This morning we explore Jaffa, one of the oldest functioning harbors in the world, the port from which Jonah sailed when fleeing from the Lord. We visit the Church of St. Peter, marking the traditional site of Peter's vision of a large sheet filled with animals being lowered from heaven as he was praying on the roof. Following our visit we enjoy some free time along the picturesque waterfront Promenade for lunch on your own. This afternoon we drive to Beit Guvrin, an archaeological site which encompasses the remains of the ancient city of Tel Maresha, an important town in the Roman era. We explore some of the bell-shaped caves, remains of ancient quarries. Then we travel through the Elah Valley, where the Philistines and Israelites faced off and where David defeated Goliath. From there we continue to Abu Gosh, a Christian Arab village built on a mountainside that is synonymous with hummus - and not simple hummus but a wonderful, delightful mixture served in a variety of ways and with spicy garnishing! We enjoy dinner here and then continue to the airport for our overnight flight to the USA. (B,D)

DAY 14, SUN, JAN 16 RETURN USA

We arrive back in the USA and continue to our hometown. (meals aloft)

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. Hotels listed subject to confirmation. This tour is not recommended for those who have mobility limitations since it includes significant amounts of rigorous walking on uneven terrain. If a passenger is unable to get on and off the bus and walk without the assistance of another individual, the passenger must bring someone with them to assist them. Please note that the Americans With Disabilities Act is not applicable outside the USA and facilities in other countries may be sharply limited.