



**Peninsula Bible Church Palo Alto**  
**Israel Tour Itinerary**  
**March 19-31, 2019**  
(sign up form page 3)



**Day 1: Tuesday, March 19**

We depart San Francisco for Tel Aviv, Israel.

**Transatlantic**

**Day 2: Wednesday, March 20**

On arrival we are met and assisted by our guide. Our coach is waiting, and we are transferred to our hotel in Tel Aviv and a good night's rest.

**Tel Aviv**

**OVERNIGHT TEL AVIV**

**Day 3: Thursday, March 21**

**Caesarea Maritime, Mount Carmel, Tel Megiddo, Magdala**

After a full Israeli breakfast, we travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned before being sent to Rome. Toward Haifa, we see the magnificent panoramic view from Mount Carmel, the location of Elijah's altar where he slew the prophets of Baal. We'll tour the excavation of Tel Megiddo overlooking the Valley of Armageddon. The ruins of Megiddo are 30 civilizations deep going all the way back to the Canaanites. Continuing to the Sea of Galilee, we visit the ruins of Magdala on the western shore. It is the home town of Mary Magdalene.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE**

**Day 4: Friday, March 22**

**Nazareth, Jesus Boat, Boat Ride, Tabgha  
Mount of Beatitudes, Primacy of Peter, Capernaum**

After breakfast we travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth and visit the recreated Nazareth Village. Back to Galilee we see the ancient boat from Jesus' time which was recently recovered from the lake. We board another Galilean boat for a sail on the Sea of Galilee and a time of worship. Afterwards, we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount followed by a stop along the Galilee shore for a visit to Tabgha where Jesus fed 5000 with the fish and loaves of a small boy and also visit the Primacy of Peter where Christ told Peter to "feed my sheep." We continue to Capernaum, the city of Jesus to see the town so central to Jesus ministry. The ruins of Peter's house are still seen along with the ruins of the ancient synagogue.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE**

**Day 5: Saturday, March 23**

**Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi,  
Golan Heights, Bethsaida, Kursi, Yardenit**

Early this morning go northward to ancient Tel Dan, where the Dan Tribe emigrated. Visit the unearthed city gates, a paved road, and remains of fortifications. We also see Baniyas Springs, the source of the Jordan River and visit Caesarea Philippi where Peter confessed Christ as Messiah. Returning to the Sea of Galilee via the Golan Heights, we stop at Bethsaida where Jesus healed the blind man. Bethsaida was the hometown of Peter, Philip and Andrew. Then we drive to Kursi, site of the miracle of the swine and where Jesus fed the 4000. Later in the afternoon we stop at the Jordan River site of Yardenite where you can be baptized if you wish.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE**

**Day 6: Sunday March 24**

**Gideon Springs, Beth She'an, Jordan Valley  
Bedouin Lunch, Bethlehem**

This morning on our way to Jerusalem, we stop at Gideon Springs where Gideon chose 300 to fight against the Midianites. We continue to visit the Decapolis city of Beth She'an. The ancient city on the hill is where Saul and his sons were hung after their defeat at Gilboa. It is one of the best preserved of all the Decapolis cities. We drive the Jordan Valley and ascend the Judean Hills near Jericho for a delicious Bedouin lunch in "Abraham's

tent.” Coming into Jerusalem we continue to nearby Bethlehem where we see the shepherd’s fields and visit the site of Jesus’ birth.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM**

**Day 7: March 25, Monday      Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Temple Mount Southern Steps, Western Wall, Kotel Tunnel, Pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, Mount Zion, Room of Last Supper**

We drive to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area. We visit the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of All Nations and then travel into the Old City to the southern steps of the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. We traverse the Kotel Tunnel to the Sheep gate near the site of Stephen’s martyrdom. We next stop at the Pool of Bethesda just inside the gate and sing in the acoustical marvel of Saint Anne’s church there. We continue along the traditional Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Then we walk through the shops of the Jewish quarter to Jaffa Gate and continue then to Mt. Zion where we visit the Room of the Last Supper and the traditional tomb of King David.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM**

**Day 8: March 26, Tuesday      Dead Sea / Qumran / Ein Gedi / Masada**

Leave Jerusalem for the Shore of the Dead Sea -the deepest point on earth (1200 feet below sea level). Drive via the Judean Wilderness to the Dead Sea. Visit Qumran, the ruins of an ancient Essene community where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Then drive to the Nature Reserve Ein Gedi, where King David found shelter from the rage of King Saul. Ascend to Masada by cable car to visit these magnificent ruins. Masada is the fortress where from 70-73 AD the Jewish Zealots made the last stand against the Roman Empire. Enjoy a short swim in the Dead Sea, if time and weather permit, and travel via the Judean Wilderness to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM**

**Day 9: Wednesday, March 27      Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Yad Vashem, Garden Tomb**

This morning, we proceed to visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited and where the amazing model of ancient Jerusalem is. Then to Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial. Moving from images of hopelessness to hope, we visit the garden tomb of Jesus followed by an orientation beside Calvary where Jesus was crucified and have a special communion service. We return to our hotel for dinner.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM**

**Day 10: March 28, Thursday      Allenby Bridge / Jerash / Madaba / Petra**

This morning we leave Jerusalem and continue to the Allenby Bridge near Jericho to cross the Jordan River into the kingdom of Jordan. After clearing customs, we ascend the eastern mountains to visit the Decapolis city of Jerash. Continuing to the south we stop at Madaba where we view the most ancient map of the Holy Land which dates from 600AD. We continue to Petra.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT PETRA**

**Day 11: March 29, Friday      Petra / Amman**

After breakfast, we arrive at the entrance to the Siq which leads us to Petra, one of the ancient wonders of the world. An easy walk of about a mile leads us to the end of the narrow canyon which opens spectacularly to the familiar Treasury which is carved out of predominately red stone. Further down, the valley opens to even more wonders. For the hardy there is a climb to the traditional burial site of Aaron, Moses’ brother. In the late afternoon proceed to Amman.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AMMAN**

**Day 12: March 30, Saturday      Mt. Nebo / Baptismal Site / Allenby Bridge / Jerusalem**

On our final day in the Holy Land we depart from our hotel on our way back to the Allenby Bridge. We stop atop Mt. Nebo to see the same view as Moses had. Going down toward the Jordan River, we stop nearby to see the Jordanian site which is believed to be the most likely place where John the Baptist baptized. It is also here on the plains of Moab where Elijah ascended into heaven in a chariot of fire. We cross back into Israel and have dinner in Jerusalem.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM**

**Day 13: March 31, Sunday      Transatlantic / USA**

We transfer to Ben Gurion Airport to board our flight for home. We arrive in San Francisco the same day.

**BREAKFAST JERUSALEM AND TRANSATLANTIC**

**PRICE**  
**ISRAEL AND JORDAN COMBINED \$5298**  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1246**

**BREAKDOWN**

<b>Israel \$4350 double occupancy</b>	<b>Single Supplement \$864</b>
<b>Jordan \$ 948 double occupancy</b>	<b>Single Supplement \$382</b>

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coach class flight from San Francisco to Tel Aviv and back, including an allowance of up to \$500 for fuel charges and airline taxes.</li> <li>2. Lodging double occupancy in 4 star hotels.</li> <li>3. Full Israeli breakfast and dinner daily.</li> <li>4. Touring coach &amp; English-speaking, government-licensed guide on the sightseeing days.</li> <li>5. Transfers from / to the airport in Israel.</li> <li>6. Entrances to sites listed in itinerary.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel.</li> <li>8. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates.</li> <li>9. Visit the Kotel Tunnel.</li> <li>10. Bedouin Lunch at Genesis Land.</li> <li>11. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.</li> <li>12. Visit to Nazareth Village.</li> </ol> |
|--|---|

**Not included in the above quotation:**

Airline fuel surcharges and taxes in excess of the allowance mentioned above; Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. Approximately \$16.00 per person per day' All lunches except Bedouin lunch; Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.; Transfers to or from SFO and passenger's home or organization; Travel insurance; Cost of obtaining passports, visas, handling fees, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours, transportation from cities other than San Francisco and vice versa, tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included. Price based on payment by check. Payment by credit card (call for details)

**Not included (Jordan):**

Israeli Bridge Crossing Taxes, (\$48), Jordanian Bridge Crossing Taxes (\$14); Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. Approximately \$16.00 per person per day' All lunches; Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.; Travel insurance; entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours; tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included. Entry Pass (Visa) to Jordan: (\$27) per person