



# Bible Land Discovery

2023 Holy Land Journey



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## Day 1 - Depart the USA

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight.

## Day 2 - Arrive & Transfer to Bethlehem

You will be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel to enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

## Day 3 - Kings of Israel

Begin your tour in the Holy Land by visiting the **Herodion**, the fortified palace and final resting place of Herod the Great. In **Bethlehem**, gaze out over **Shepherds' Field** and visit the **Church of the Nativity**, where the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace resides in the world's oldest functioning church (Luke 2). Overnight in Bethlehem.

## Day 4 - The Wilderness Experience

Visit **Qasr el Yahud**, the traditional site of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Stop in **Jericho**, the oldest known inhabited city in the world. Visit the ruins of the ancient city, which was conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6: 1, 2, 20), and see parts of the ancient city walls, which have been uncovered. From Jericho, you can see the traditional site of the **Temptation of Jesus** (Matt. 4: 1-11) and the Judean wilderness. Visit **Qumran**, the site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery, to discuss the mysterious community of the Essenes who once lived on the shores of the Dead Sea. Stop briefly at the shores of the **Dead Sea** for a quick dip in the salt and mineral-laden waters. Overnight in Bethlehem.

## Day 5 - Jesus' Ministry in the Galilee

Explore the **Church of the Loaves and Fish** at **Tabgha**, the traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). On the **Mount of Beatitudes**, contemplate the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt. 5-7). Visit **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23). Cross the waters of the **Sea of Galilee** on a very special boat ride, complete with an onboard worship service. In **Magdala**, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Day 6 - Jesus in Jerusalem

Visit **Mount Zion** and stand in the **Upper Room** (John 13) near the traditional site of the Last Supper (Mark 14). Walk through some of the ancient rooms of **Caiaphas**, the **High Priest's house** beneath the **Church of St. Peter** in **Gallicantu**. Here, Jesus was held overnight before His crucifixion (Luke 22). Visit the **Temple Mount**, once the site of the Temple of Solomon. Take time to pray at the **Western Wall**. Sit on the **Teaching Steps** where Jesus once taught.

### Day 7 - The Week that Shook the World

Stand atop the **Mount of Olives** as Jesus did and enjoy a remarkable view of the "Golden City" of Jerusalem. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1: 9-12). Pray in the **Garden of Gethsemane** (Matthew 26) among olive trees in the Kidron Valley across from the walls of Jerusalem. View the **Pool of Bethesda**, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle (John 5: 1-31). Sing a hymn in the **Church of St. Anne**, known for its amazing acoustics. Visit **Herod's Antonia Fortress**, where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23: 1-11). Walk the **Via Dolorosa**, "the Way of the Cross," and stand in reverence at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Your final destination allows time for reflection at the **Garden Tomb**. Enjoy dinner tonight before transferring to the airport for your return flight.

### Day 8 - Return Home

Arrive home with a new understanding of the Bible, the land and the life of Jesus!



*"It was an experience of a lifetime!  
The trip made the Bible come alive  
for me. Thanks."*

*- Dorene E.*



## Optional Experience

*Special experience available during touring*



### Dinner with a Palestinian, Christian Family and the Walled Off Hotel

Take part in a special two-evening experience. You'll enjoy a dinner prepared by a Palestinian, Christian family when you travel to Bethlehem, where a local family will host you at their table and invite you into their lives. Discover the joy, trials, and everyday life over scrumptious food and riveting conversation with 5 – 10 of your fellow travelers. Then you'll learn about what it's like to live near the separation wall during a visit to the Walled Off Hotel Museum and Gallery.

Optionals will incur an additional charge, are available on select dates and conditions permitting, may require a minimum number of guests to operate, and have limited availability. Optionals are offered to the group's guests at the discretion of the tour host. Contact your travel advisor for more information.