



**Houston Community  
Pilgrimage Trip to Israel  
March 3-15, 2020**



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**Cost:**

Cost per participant (two/room)	\$2,670.00
Single supplement	\$1,250.00

**Saying at the following hotels:**

March 4-8, 2020 – *Ein Gev* Holiday Village (4 nights)

March 8-9, 2020 – Inbar Hotel, Arad (1 night)

March 9-13, 2020 – Mt Zion JLM (4 nights)

March 13-15, 2020 – Dan Panorama TLV (2 nights)

**The above rate include the following services:**

- 11 days sightseeing in a luxury touring bus.
- 11 nights' accommodation at the above hotels or similar
- English speaking licensed tour guide from arrival till departure.
- One group arrival and departure transfer from/to airport.
- Entrance fees and meals as per attached program.
- Porterage at hotels and at Ben Gurion airport upon arrival only.
- Meet and assist and escort to meet your guide at airport on arrival only.
- Secure website at which participants can register and pay for trip

**The above rate do not include:**

- Tips to guide, driver, waiters etc.
- Meals & beverages not mentioned in the above.
- Flights & travel insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature.

**Payment policy:**

October 27, 2019 - \$300 deposit per person. After this date the deposit becomes nonrefundable.

January 3 2012 – Balance due

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**Tuesday March 3 – Departure**

Depart from Houston

**Wednesday March 4 - Arrival**

Morning            Land at Ben Gurion Airport; meet guide  
Drive to Muhraka on Mt Carmel, traditional site where Elijah defeated the prophets of Ba'al

Afternoon        Lunch in Druze-style restaurant  
Drive to Megiddo National Park, the site of "Armageddon" where the great battle between the sons of light and the sons of darkness is to take place according to the Book of Revelation  
Drive to Sea of Galilee; check in to hotel

Evening           Dinner at hotel  
Review itinerary with group leaders and guide

Overnight        Ein Gev Holiday Resort

**Thursday March 5 – Around the Sea of Galilee**

Morning           Breakfast at hotel  
Drive up to Mt Arbel, overlooking the Sea of Galilee and the path probably used by Jesus between Nazareth, Cana and the communities on the sea  
Visit Magdala Project, site of excavations of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish fishing village where synagogue from the time of Jesus has been discovered  
Drive to Mt of Beatitudes, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount  
Continue to Capernaum, Jesus' base during his ministry in the north  
Stop along sea near traditional site of Kursi

Afternoon        St Peter's fish lunch at restaurant on shore of Sea of Galilee  
Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; visit "Jesus Boat" Museum  
Opportunity for baptism ceremony at *Yardenit*  
Return to hotel

Evening           Dinner followed by time together to discuss the day

Overnight        Ein Gev Holiday Resort

**Friday March 6 - The Golan Heights**

Morning           Breakfast at hotel  
Drive north to *Hazor* National Park, site of ancient *Hazor*  
Visit Tel Dan National Park, site of Canaanite and Israelite archaeological remains, including Jeroboam's altar, and springs which serve as a major source of the Jordan River  
Continue to Banias, whose powerful water serves as one of the sources of the Jordan River and is the site of Caesarea Philippi

Afternoon        Lunch on own in area  
Visit Mt *Bental*, overlooking site of decisive tank battle during 1973 Yom Kippur War; view into the Syrian city of *Kuneitra*, from a decommissioned army bunker  
Visit Gamla National Park for panoramic overview of the site  
Return to hotel; free time to relax and walk on the seaside promenade

Evening           Sabbath dinner at hotel

Overnight        Ein Gev Holiday Resort

### **Saturday March 7 – Rosh HaNikra & Akko**

Morning	Breakfast at hotel Drive to coast and descend in cable car at <i>Rosh HaNikra</i> to explore grottoes formed by the sea pounding against the rocks for millions of years Continue to Akko; tour Hospitallers Fortress and Templars Tunnel
Afternoon	Lunch on own Free time to explore market in Old Akko Return to hotel
Evening	Dinner at hotel
Overnight	Ein Gev Holiday Resort

### **Sunday March 8 – Belvoir, the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea**

Morning	After breakfast, check out of hotel Drive to Belvoir National Park, site of the remains of Crusader fortress with spectacular panoramic view of the Jordan Valley Continue to Qumran, where Dead Sea scrolls were discovered and tour site
Afternoon	Lunch on own at restaurant at site Drive to Masada; ascend via cable car; tour Herod's fortress and site of the Zealots' last stand against the Romans in 73 A.D.; descend via cable car Drive to Arad and check in to hotel
Evening	Dinner at hotel
Overnight	Inbar Hotel, Arad

### **Monday March 9 - Arad, Tel Be'er Sheva, Lachish & Jerusalem**

Morning	After breakfast, check out of hotel Visit <i>Tel Arad</i> National Park, site of a fortified Canaanite city and fortresses from the time of the Kings of Judah Drive to <i>Tel Be'er Sheva</i> National Park; tour park considered to be site of Biblical Be'er Sheva
Afternoon	Lunch on own in Be'er Sheva Drive to <i>Tel Lachish</i> and tour site of this important Biblical site Drive to Jerusalem Arrive at Haas Promenade; panoramic view of Jerusalem including historical overview of the city Check in to hotel
Evening	Dinner at hotel Guest speaker: Israel Update
Overnight	Mt Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

### **Tuesday March 10 – Temple Mount, City of David & Israel Museum**

Morning	Early breakfast Drive to Old City; go up on Temple Mount and tour site Visit the Davidson Archaeological Park, with archaeological remains dating back from the First and Second Temple periods; see the Southern Temple Steps. Visit City of David, where Jerusalem began 3,000 years ago Opportunity to go on water hike in Hezekiah's Tunnel, carved out of the rock 2700 years ago and see the Pool of Siloam where the blind man washed the mud off his eyes and received his sight from Jesus.
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Afternoon Lunch on own in Machane Yehudah, Jerusalem's open-air market  
Visit the Israel Museum to see the famous Second Temple model of the city of Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book, telling the story of the Dead Sea scrolls found in *Qumran*  
Return to hotel

Evening Dinner at hotel  
Overnight Mt Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

**Wednesday March 11 – Old Jerusalem**

Morning Breakfast at hotel  
Drive to Mount of Olives for panoramic view of Old & New Jerusalem  
Walk down mount to Garden of Gethsemane; worship and learning in garden  
Enter Old City via Lions' Gate;  
Visit Pools of Bethesda and St Anne's Church, a beautiful Crusader church famous for its acoustics  
Walk along Via Dolorosa to Christian Quarter

Afternoon Lunch on own in Christian Quarter of Old City  
Visit Church of the Holy Sepulcher  
Visit the *Kotel* (Western Wall)  
Walk on the Cardo, the main street built by the Romans 1900 years ago  
Walk to traditional site of Room of the Last Supper on Mt Zion  
Continue to Caiaphas' House  
Return to hotel

Evening Dinner at hotel  
Overnight Mt Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

**Thursday March 12 – Yad Vashem & Garden Tomb**

Morning Breakfast  
Visit the *Yad Vashem* Holocaust Museum and Memorial

Afternoon Lunch on own at *Yad Vashem* cafeteria  
Return to Old City for free time to explore and shop on own  
Continue to Garden Tomb including communion service

Evening Dinner at hotel  
Free time in downtown Jerusalem  
Overnight Mt Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

**Friday March 13 – Tel Shilo, Tel Aviv & Rosh Ha'ayin**

Morning Breakfast; check out  
Drive to *Tel Shiloh* and tour site  
Drive to arts & crafts fair on *Nachalat Binyamin* Street pedestrian mall

Afternoon Lunch on own at fair or in the Carmel Market, Tel Aviv's open-air market  
Free time to shop and explore the market  
Check in to hotel; time to rest and freshen up  
Drive to *Rosh Ha'ayin* to join Reform Jewish congregation, *Kehillat Bavat Ayin*, in welcoming the Sabbath

Evening Go to members' homes for dinner  
Return to Tel Aviv  
Overnight Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

**Saturday March 14 – Caesarea**

Morning            Breakfast  
Walking tour of the ancient seaport of Jaffa  
See the entrance to the house of Simon the Tanner (Tabitha, Acts 9:36) Hear the story of Jonah and the whale (Jonah 1)  
Drive to Caesarea National Park, with archaeological ruins spanning over 2000 years including an impressive Roman theater and beautifully preserved aqueduct; tour park  
Return to Tel Aviv

Afternoon        Lunch on own in Tel Aviv port  
Free time  
Return to hotel for worship and final discussion wrapping up trip

Evening            Dinner at hotel

Overnight        Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

**Sunday March 15 – Back in US**

Morning            Breakfast at hotel, check out  
Depart for airport  
Fly back to US