

# Israel 2026

OCTOBER 5-14 (Main Tour)

OCTOBER 14-17 (Optional Rome, Italy Extension)



## **"BIBLICAL IMMERSION"**

### **10-Day Tour in Israel**

with an **Optional Rome, Italy Extension**

**Journey Christian Church / Led by Pastor Scott McFarland**

Land Only: \$3,895 pp | Land & Air: \$5,595 pp (ESTIMATED)

Optional Rome, Italy Extension: \$2,560 pp

Single Supplement: \$1,395 pp (Main Tour), \$595 pp (Optional Rome, Italy Extension)

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TEL AVIV



CAESAREA MARITIMA

## MAIN TOUR ITINERARY

- DAY 1** **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 | DEPART USA FOR TEL AVIV, ISRAEL**  
The group departs for Tel Aviv, Israel. Dinner served on the overnight flight from the US.  
*Dinner (on flight)*
- DAY 2** **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 | ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV, ISRAEL**  
Arrive in Tel Aviv. Be met at airport and assisted with arrival procedures. Dinner and overnight beside the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.  
*Dinner*
- DAY 3** **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 | TEL AVIV / JOPPA (FREE DAY)**  
No planned touring today. On your own to relax, take a walk on the beach, walk to the ancient city of Joppa (Jaffa). Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv.  
*Breakfast, Lunch (on your own), Dinner*
- DAY 4** **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 | CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN COAST / JEZREEL VALLEY / SEA OF GALILEE**  
Get to know your fellow travelers while heading north along the Mediterranean shore through the lush Jezreel Valley to the Sea of Galilee. Encounter God on Mt. Carmel and look over the beautiful Valley of Armageddon as you contemplate biblical prophecy (Megiddo). Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.
- Caesarea Maritima**
- View extensive ruins of an ancient port city built by King Herod and seat of the Roman governors (Acts 12:19)
  - Peter proclaimed the Good News to the Roman centurion at Caesarea Maritima (Acts 10:23-26)
- Mt. Carmel**
- Elijah prayed at Mt. Carmel and God defeated 450 prophets of Baal with fire from heaven (1 Kings 18)
- Megiddo (Valley of Armageddon)**
- Site of the final battle (between the forces of good and evil), synonymous with Armageddon (Revelation 16:16)
  - A major city-state in the ancient Near East was conquered and rebuilt many times (Joshua 5:19, 2 Kings 23:29)
- Nazareth Village**
- An open-air Galilean village museum recreating life during the time of Christ
- Mt. Precipice**
- Tradition says Jesus disappeared in the crowd at Mt. Precipice after being chased out of the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-30)
- Tiberias (Sea of Galilee)**
- The area of key events in Jesus' ministry
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*



NAZARETH VILLAGE



MT. PRECIPICE / MEGIDDO



SEA OF GALILEE



YARDENIT

DAY 5

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 | SEA OF GALILEE / GOLAN HEIGHTS / JORDAN RIVER (BAPTISMS)**

Wake up to a sunrise on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus walked on water and calmed the storm. Follow Jesus along the shore as well as into the Golan Heights learning what He taught His disciples. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

**Caesarea Philippi (Banias)**

- Where Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" with opportunity to reflect on the same question (Mark 8:27-30)
- Historical significance as a center of pagan worship during biblical times

**Tel Dan Nature Reserve**

- Named for the Tribe of Dan, one of the twelve tribes of Israel (Joshua 19:40)
- Immerse in the natural beauty of the reserve, which features lush vegetation and flowing streams

**Mt. of Beatitudes**

- Take time for spiritual reflection and meditation on Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-15)

**Capernaum**

- Base of Jesus' early ministry (Matthew 4:13, Luke 4:31) and site of many healings (Mark 1:31-38)
- Home of Simon Peter (Mark 1:21, 29)

**Sea of Galilee Boat Ride**

- Board a replica "Jesus Boat," the same kind of fishing boat used by the disciples of Jesus for a ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Visit the Boat Museum and view a fishing boat from time of Jesus discovered in 1986

**Yardenit for Baptisms**

- Participants will have the opportunity to experience baptism in the Jordan River (*Note: White robes must be worn over clothing or swimsuits for baptisms. Robe and towel are rented on-site for a minimal fee.*)

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

DAY 6

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 | JUDEAN WILDERNESS / JERUSALEM**

Before leaving the Galilee, enjoy a time of reflection from a panoramic viewpoint. Continue the day's journey traveling through the Judean wilderness passing by Jericho. Ascend to the majestic city of Jerusalem! Dinner and overnight at the Jerusalem. (*Note: Hotel check-in could be late due to Shabbat.*)

**Mt. Arbel**

- Enjoy a short hike to see an incredible panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee before leaving this area

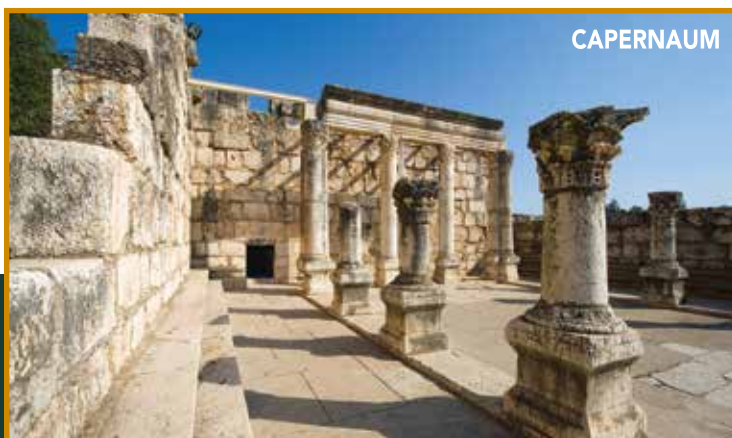
**Beit She'an**

- Known for its historical significance, including the poignant site where the bodies of King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls after their defeat by the Philistines (1 Samuel 31:10-12).

**Israel Museum**

- Marvel at the Shrine of the Book, housing the Dead Sea Scrolls and providing insights into ancient Jewish life
- Explore the 1:50 scale model of Jerusalem, depicting the city as it would have appeared during the time of Jesus.

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



CAPERNAUM



MT. OF BEATITUDES





MT. OF OLIVES

DAY 7

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 | JERUSALEM

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the King! Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### Mt. of Olives

- Stand on the beautiful Mt. of Olives to behold the breathtaking panorama of the Holy City
- Gaze at the gate Jesus will walk through when He returns

### Palm Sunday Road and Garden of Gethsemane

- Sing Hosanna as you descend down Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees (Luke 22:39-44, Matthew 21:1-11, 26:36-53, John 18:1)
- Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane just as Jesus prayed on the night of His betrayal

### Pools of Bethesda

- Where Jesus healed a cripple (John 5:2-15)
- Explore St. Anne's Crusader Church, renowned for its magnificent acoustics

### The Pavement and Via Dolorosa

- Visit the Pavement, where Jesus stood while being tried by Pilate
- Follow the Via Dolorosa, retracing the steps of Jesus, culminating in a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- View the Ecce Homo Arch, a Roman-era triumphal arch in Jerusalem that marks a traditional site on the Via Dolorosa

### Church of the Holy Sepulcher

- According to traditions, the church contains both the site where Jesus was crucified and the empty tomb where he was buried and resurrected.

### Western Wall and Western Wall Tunnel (time permitting)

- Approach this sacred site where Jews gather for prayer, with the opportunity to tour the Western Wall Tunnel
- Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel and see the area believed to be the closest to the Holy of Holies

### Southern Steps

- Steps to the Second Temple main entrance during the time of Jesus, and it is believed that he and his disciples walked

### Upper Room and King David's tomb (time permitting)

- Believed to be the location of where Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples
- Tomb of King David on Mt. Zion, revered as one of the most holiest places for the Jewish people

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



VIA DOLOROSA

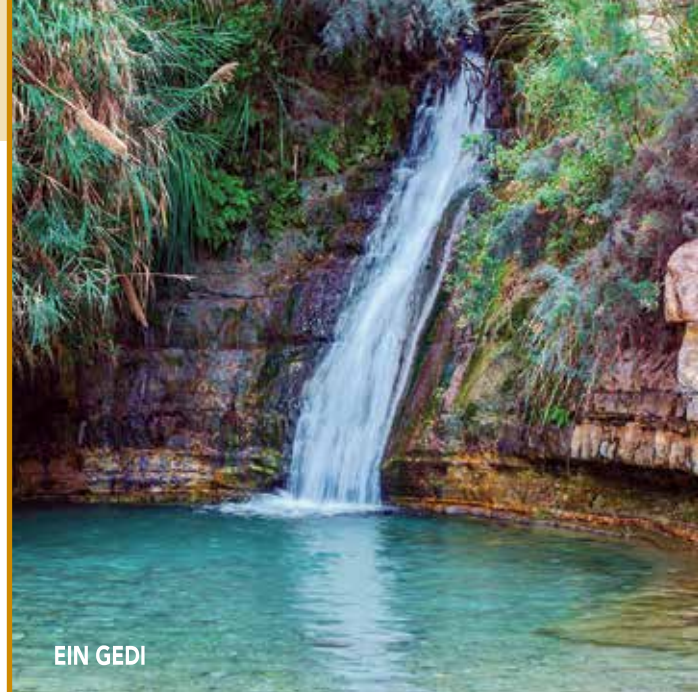


GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE





MASADA



EIN GEDI

DAY 8

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 | DEAD SEA

Journeying through the desert by the Dead Sea offers captivating sights of arid landscapes, date palm groves, salt formations, and rugged mountains. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### Masada Fortress

- Formidable fortress constructed by King Herod and site of the last Jewish resistance against the Romans in 73 AD
- Ascend Masada by cable car, granting panoramic views of the surrounding landscape
- Survey the extensive ruins of Masada, including fortifications, waterworks, a synagogue, temples, and palaces

### Ein Gedi

- Explore the serene beauty of Ein Gedi, an oasis nestled in the desert landscape
- Explore the area where David penned many of the Psalms and sought refuge from King Saul (1 Samuel 24:1-7)

### Qumran

- Take a brief stop where the ancient Dead Sea scrolls were authored over 2000 years ago and discovered in 1947

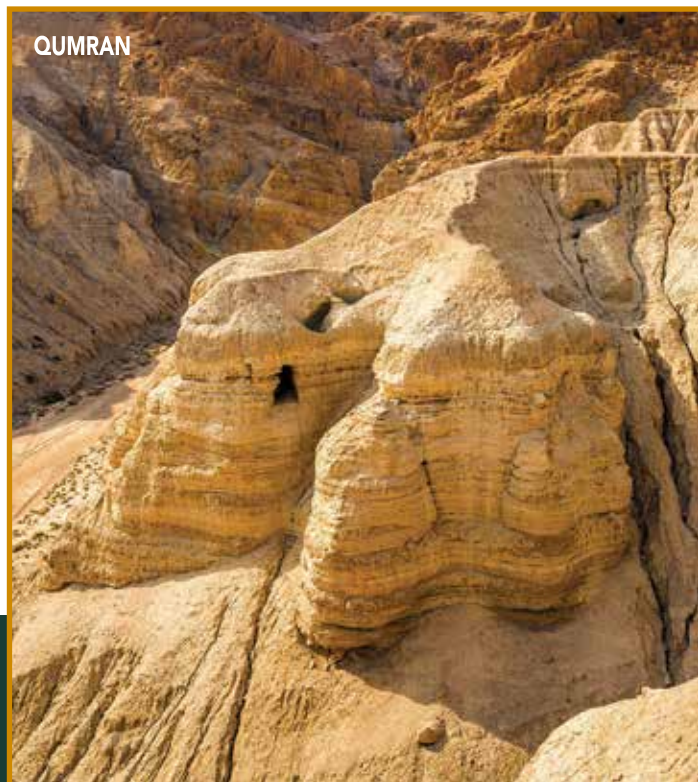
### Float in the Dead Sea

- Bring a swimsuit, towel (from the hotel) and water shoes at the bottom surface can be rough

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



DEAD SEA



QUMRAN





SHEPHERD'S FIELD



GARDEN TOMB

DAY 9

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 | JERUSALEM / BETHLEHEM

Continue to revel in the sights, sounds and tastes of the Holy City. End the pilgrimage in Israel with a time of quiet reflection, worship, and communion at the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### Bethlehem and Shepherd's Field

- Visit the Church of the Nativity, marking the sacred birthplace of Jesus
- Explore Shepherd's Field where the angelic announcement of Jesus' birth was made to the shepherds

### City of David

- Explore the excellent archaeological remains from David's period and the Kings of Judah (2 Samuel 5:8-10)

### Hezekiah's Tunnel and Pool of Siloam

- Walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel, a 2,700-year-old water tunnel constructed during the reign of King Hezekiah potentially getting wet (2 Chronicles 32:30) *Bring a flashlight and water shoes should you choose to walk the "wet" tunnel*
- Emerge at the historic Pool of Siloam, where Jesus healed the blind man (John 9:1-12)

### Garden Tomb

- Take time for quiet contemplation, reflection, and worship amidst the spiritual significance of the serene surroundings

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

DAY 10

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 | FLIGHT TO USA / OPTIONAL ROME, ITALY EXTENSION

Depart from the hotel and proceed to the Tel Aviv Airport for your return flight to the USA or to Rome, Italy.

*Breakfast*

## OPTIONAL ROME, ITALY EXTENSION

DAY 10

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 | ROME, ITALY

Depart Israel for Rome on a mid-late morning flight. Arrive at the Rome airport. Be met and assisted with luggage and transportation to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

### Rome

- Enjoy lunch upon arrival in Rome
- Enjoy a free afternoon for walking and sightseeing on own

*Breakfast (Israel), Lunch, Dinner (hotel)*



COLOSSEUM



TREVI FOUNTAIN



SISTINE CHAPEL



VATICAN

DAY 11

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 | ROME, ITALY: COLOSSEUM / ROMAN FORUM

After breakfast, begin a full day in the "city of love. Overnight also in Rome.

### Ancient Rome

- Visit the Coliseum, the largest ancient amphitheater ever built and symbol of the eternity of the Roman civilization!
- Walk throughout the ruins of Roman Forum—the political, legal, and religious center of the Roman Empire
- View the Mamertine Prison, the ancient jail where Apostle Paul and Peter may have been imprisoned
- See San Pietro in Vincoli, built in the 5th century AD by Pope Sixtus III to house the chains that bound Peter when he was imprisoned in Jerusalem. Also the site of Michelangelo's famous statue of Moses.
- View the Trevi Fountain, built in the 1700's and treasured as one of Rome's most iconic structures

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on your own**

DAY 12

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 | ROME

Take in the magnificence of Rome today visiting ancient sights and being immersed in the vibrancy of this overwhelming city! Overnight in Rome.

### Vatican City

- Smallest independent state in world—home to the Pope, the spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church
- See the Vatican Museum's extensive collection of art from ancient Egyptian artifacts to Renaissance masterpieces
- Be amazed at the Sistine Chapel, famous for its ceiling painted by Michelangelo, depicting scenes from the Book of Genesis, as well as the Last Judgment on the altar wall
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world overlooking the enormous Piazza San Pietro, and believed to be the burial place of Saint Peter, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and the first Bishop of Rome
- Admire St. Peter's Square, famous for its colonnades designed by Bernini and is a gathering place for papal events

### St. Paul's Outside the Walls

- One of four major basilicas in Rome located and located outside of ancient city walls
- Dedicated to St. Paul the Apostle and believed to be built over his burial site

### Catacombs

- Explore tunnels and see the carvings on the walls from early Christians
- Provided a place for burials and religious rituals away from persecution

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on your own**

DAY 13

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 | FLIGHT BACK TO USA

Depart from the hotel and proceed to Rome airport for the return flight to the USA.

**Breakfast**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve your space. Reservations received inside 90 days of departure must be accompanied with full payment. Late payment will result in a late payment fee of \$95 per person if received in the Faith Based Expeditions™ office within 14 days after final payment due date. This 14-day period is referred to as "Late Payment Period." If the final payment has not been received within the "Late Payment Period," then the participant/s will be notified in writing and immediately removed from the tour manifest and subject to the cancellation penalty outlined in the "Cancellation Penalties for Standard Tours" section in the Faith Based Expeditions Terms and Conditions.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- Any individual canceling between the date of registration and the Final Payment Due Date (Final Payment Due Date is 100 days prior to the tour departure date) will be penalized a non-refundable \$500 per person deposit and non-transferable administrative cost plus any non-refundable third-party supplier cost/s.
- Any individual canceling between 99 - 85 days prior to the scheduled departure date we will be penalized the entire tour deposit plus 10% of the total tour cost and any nonrefundable payments to any third-party supplier.



- Any individual canceling between 84 - 55 days prior to the scheduled departure date we will be penalized 50% of the total tour cost plus any nonrefundable payments to any third-party supplier.
- Any individual canceling between 54 - 45 days prior to the scheduled departure date will be penalized 80 % of the total tour cost plus any nonrefundable payments to any third-party supplier.
- Any individual canceling between 44 - 0 days prior to the scheduled departure date will be penalized 100 % of the total tour cost.
- Any individual canceling less than 60 days prior to the tour departure date and causes their assigned roommate to room alone and if there is no one to be assigned as the person's roommate, then the person canceling will be responsible to pay the Single Supplement fee.
- If a roommate is subsequently found for the remaining roommate, then the Single Supplement fee will be refunded to the canceling individual
- Allow up to 8 weeks for any refund to be issued.

## OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

### TRAWICK INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE PRICE CHART

Tour Cost	Insurance	Tour Cost	Insurance	Tour Cost	Insurance	Tour Cost	Insurance	Tour Cost	Insurance
\$1 - \$1,000	\$88.44	\$2,001 - \$3,000	\$211.14	\$4,001 - \$5,000	\$377.67	\$6,001 - \$7,000	\$527.54	\$8,001 - \$9,000	\$724.68
\$1,005 - \$2,000	\$139.00	\$3,001 - \$4,000	\$280.40	\$5,001 - \$6,000	\$424.91	\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$611.21	\$9,001 - \$10,000	\$895.64

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At Time of Registration  
Final Payment Due Date

#### WHICH PASSENGER

All Passengers  
All Passengers

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION

\$500 pp Non-Refundable per person Deposit  
June 27, 2026

**HEALTH DISCLAIMER FOR TRAVEL:** Activities for this tour require you to be in good health and able to climb stairs without assistance, walk at a modest pace for a few miles a day on uneven terrain, and be able to transport your own luggage. Please note that many international sites and facilities, as well as tour buses, do not have available accommodations for persons with mobility limitations (wheelchair, walker, cane, etc.). If you have a medical condition or use medical equipment which could affect your travel, please consult your health care provider and our office.

**HOTELS:** *Tel Aviv:* Dan Panorama Hotel, *Tiberias:* Leonardo Plaza Hotel, *Jerusalem:* Leonardo Plaza Hotel, *Rome:* Hotel Ponte Sisto

### MAIN TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- ESTIMATED: Domestic & International coach airfare out of San Francisco, CA
  - \* *Group Air cost for the Land & Air is an estimate based on 2025 prices. Actual air prices will not be released by the airlines until November 2025. Registrants will be notified if the Land & Air is adjusted from the posted estimated air cost.*
  - \*\* *Group air rate is based on a minimum of 10 full paying passengers registered as Land & Air. If less than 10 passengers for this category register, then group air reservations will be canceled by the airlines. Passengers can either secure their own air or request Faith Based Expeditions air consolidator to secure the reservation on the registrant's behalf. In both cases Faith Based Expeditions cannot guarantee that the flight schedule and price will not change.*
- 4 (+) Star hotel accommodations
- Meeting at the Tel Aviv - Ben Gurion Airport on arrival and departure
- Ground transfer from the Tel Aviv - Ben Gurion Airport to the group hotel on arrival and from the hotel to the Tel Aviv - Ben Gurion Airport at the conclusion
- All transfers on sightseeing days
- Gratuity for driver, guide, and hotel staff
- Luxury air-conditioned motor coach
- Entrance fees for sites indicated in the itinerary
- Daily buffet breakfast and dinner in hotels
- 6 lunches and gratuity for lunches as indicated in the tour itinerary
- Bottled water on board the tour motor coach while touring
- Headset (Whispers) for each passenger
- Porterage at hotels

### ROME, ITALY EXTENSION TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- One-way flight from Tel Aviv to Rome, Italy on Day 10
- 4 (+) Star hotel as shown above
- Dinner on Day 10
- Daily buffet breakfast in hotel
- Gratuity for tour manager, driver, Rome sightseeing guide, Vatican guide, hotel staff
- 3 nights in Rome
- 3 lunches during sightseeing and tours
- Full-time tour manager throughout the program
- Coach for arrival transfer and half-day Ancient Rome tour
- Coach for half-day Vatican tour plus stop by the Trevi Fountain
- 4 hours of guided city tour including the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Trevi Fountain
- Admissions to Colosseum, Roman Forum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Mamertine Prison
- Admissions to Catacombs including guided tour
- Whispers

### MAIN TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Domestic or International airfare for Land Only travelers
- Hotel cost for any traveler arriving prior to October 6, 2026
- Hotel cost for any traveler staying past 11:00 am on October 14, 2026
- Lunch and gratuity for Lunch on Day 3 and Day 10 (October 7 and 14, 2026) d
- Optional Travel Protection Insurance
- Optional sites not included in itinerary with an entrance fee
- All beverages including alcoholic beverages
- Personal incidentals charged to hotel room
- Single Supplement Fee for those requesting to room alone or if Faith Based Expeditions cannot find a male or female to assign as a roommate
- Items of personal nature

### ROME, ITALY EXTENSION TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Optional Travel Protection Insurance
- Hotel cost for any traveler checking out of the hotel after 11:00 am on October 17, 2026
- Dinner on Day 11 and 12
- Optional sites not included in itinerary that have entrance fees
- All beverages
- Due to multiple bus changes, bottled water may NOT be available on-board the buses
- Personal incidentals charged to hotel room
- Single Supplement Fee for those requesting to room alone or if Faith Based Expeditions cannot find a male or female to assign as a roommate
- Items of personal nature



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