

# The Light

A SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF ISRAEL

10 DAY TOUR FEB. 15 - FEB. 24, 2019

\$4,199.00 PER PERSON

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROUND TRIP FROM CHARLOTTE, NC.



# Inclusions

## Trip Includes

- Current round trip economy air fare from Charlotte to Tel Aviv on Lufthansa Air Lines.
- Current airport departure taxes, fuel surcharges, customs & security fees.
- Superior first-class (4 star) hotel accommodations throughout (8 nights);

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| Tel Aviv  | 1 night  | Renaissance Tel Aviv |
| Tiberias  | 2 nights | Leonardo Plaza       |
| Jerusalem | 5 nights | Olive Tree           |

- Breakfast and dinner daily, including one St. Peter's fish lunch and a farewell dinner.
- Comprehensive daily sightseeing per itinerary by private deluxe motor coach with qualified driver and English-speaking, licensed guide/escort, who meets you upon arrival after clearing Israeli customs (as per itinerary) and stays with the group throughout until he returns you to the airport for your flight to U.S.A.
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing, including the Sea of Galilee boat ride, Masada and the Western Wall Tunnel.
- All transfers and portorage (one suitcase per person).
- All tipping to hotel and restaurant personnel, porters, drivers, and guides.
- Wilcox World Travel and Tours flight bag and Holy Land Journal.

## Trip Excludes

- Single room supplement \$ 805.00.
- Insurance: Travel, baggage, trip cancellation, etc – cost \$285.00
- Beverages with meals, or meals not specifically mentioned on itinerary (lunches).
- Passports
- Personal Items and Immunizations

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# Trip Summary

## Trip Highlights:

Jerusalem  
Sea of Galilee  
Capernaum  
Jordan Valley  
Dead Sea

## Start:

Tel-Aviv

## End:

Jerusalem

## Duration:

10 Days

## Israel:

We shall call it “the Holy Land.” Today’s politics divides it into Israel and Palestine. (One may include parts of Jordan too, but we’ll treat that separately).

When you travel horizontally through this land, you can stop just about anywhere and take a “time-sounding,” in the present, you may be in Israel or Palestine, but your sounding will take you down through the many generations that have trod here: Ottomans, Mamlukes, Crusaders, the early Arab dynasties, the Byzantines, the Romans, the Greeks, the Jews who returned under Persian rule, and so on back to the Canaanites and beyond.

We owe this historical richness, in part, to the fact that the land is a bridge joining Asia, Africa and Europe. But only in part. For when you take your time-sounding, you will also find stories of people who knew the land not as a bridge, rather as home. These stories are not confined to the past. They reach right up into our present lives, helping to make us who we are. In other words, many of us grew up in cultures imbued with the Bible, and like it or not, the Bible affects how we see and think and feel.

Touring the Holy Land, therefore, is not like any other touring. It is a kind of homecoming, a discovery of roots



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|--------------------|--|----------------|
| Day 2 - Israel     | - Arrive - Meet Guide - Private - Vehicle/Driver<br>- Jaffa  | Renaissance    |
| Day 3 - Tiberias   | - Meggido<br>- Nazareth                                      | Leonardo Plaza |
| Day 4 - Tiberias   | - Upper Galilee<br>- Tiberias                                | Leonardo Plaza |
| Day 5- Jericho     | -Beth Sean/ Jericho / Jerusalem                              | Olive Tree     |
| Day 6- Dead Sea    | - Masada<br>- Ein Gedi<br>- Dead Sea<br>- Shrine of the Book | Olive Tree     |
| Day 7 - Jeruslalem | - Bethlehem<br>- Shepherds Fields<br>- City of David         | Olive Tree     |
| Day 8 - Jerusalem  | - Western Wall<br>- Pool of Bethesda<br>- Via Dolorosa       | Olive Tree     |
| Day 9 - Jerusalem  | - Mt. Olives<br>- Garden of Gethsemane<br>- Farewell Dinner  | Olive Tree     |
| Day 10 - USA       | - Arrive in USA  | Depart for USA |

# Day by Day Itinerary



## Day 01 – FRI. FEB. 15 - DEPARTURE

Today we depart Charlotte for our flight to Tel Aviv, Israel, with a connection in Munich.

## Day 02 – SAT. FEB. 16 – ARRIVE / TEL AVIV

We arrive in the Holy Land late this afternoon where we are met by our Wilcox Tours agent and guide. Enjoy a scenic drive through Jaffa, the oldest port in the world. From here Jonah set sail for Tarshish, but he was swallowed by a whale. Jaffa was also the home of Tabitha who was raised from the dead by Peter. And, while lodging in the home of Simon the Tanner, Peter has his vision. Transfer to Tel Aviv where we'll have one overnight at our hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

## Day 03 – SUN. FEB. 17 -MEGIDDO / NAZARETH / TIBERIAS

Today we proceed northward to Caesarea Maritima from where the Apostle Paul sailed to Rome. Extensive ruins of the Roman aqueduct and amphitheater built by King Herod remain, including the sunken harbor and the hippodrome. We then drive to Mt. Carmel, with a panoramic view of the Plain of Jezreel (I Kings 18 – the confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal). We continue to Megiddo for the background to Armageddon (Revelations 16); more than 5,000 years old and once used by Solomon as an important chariot city. Journey through the Jezreel Valley to Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home, where we see the Grotto of the Annunciation and Nazareth Baptist Church. In Cana, Jesus performed His first miracle by turning water into wine. Then we cross over to the Arbel cliff for a magnificent view over the Sea of Galilee and the sites of Jesus' mission (Matthew 4). We continue to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and the next two overnights.

## Day 04 – MON. FEB. 18 - UPPER GALILEE / TIBERIAS

This morning we take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, pausing en route for a special service. The ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house still stands in Capernaum. Bethsaida Archaeological Park has been under excavation since 1987, and is now open! This ancient fishing village was home to the Apostles Phillip, Simon and Andrew. We'll see authentic first century homes and streets that have not been built over in the past two thousand years, but miraculously preserved from the days of Jesus' ministry! Marvel at the view of Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. Next we go to Tabgha, the traditional site of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. After a St. Peter's fish lunch we continue through the Hula Valley (part of the Great Rift Valley) to Hazor. Drive to Dan and Banias Springs at the foot of Mount Hermon. Here at Banias is Caesarea Philippi, where Peter made his great confession of faith. We will have a special baptismal service at the Jordan River. If you wish to be baptized or reaffirm your faith again by baptism, plan to join this ceremony.

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## Day 05 - TUE. FEB. 19 - JERUSALEM

Among Israel's most impressive ruins are those found in Beit She'an. Excavators have discovered 18 successive towns featuring black and white stones, marble columns, mosaics, and a 6,000 seat Byzantine amphitheater. Journey further south to the oldest city in the world, Jericho, settled in 9,000 BC. It is also the lowest, at 820' below sea level. This was the first city conquered by the Israelites in the Promised Land, under Joshua's command. View the Mt. of Temptation where Jesus was led into the wilderness and tempted by the devil, after His baptism. Continue through the deep and picturesque gorge of Wadi Kelt to Jerusalem, the city of David. The next four nights in Jerusalem!

## Day 06 – WED. FEB. 20 - MASADA / JERUSALEM

Early this morning we drive through Ein Gedi to visit the fortress Masada, rising 1,200 feet above the desert plain. See the restoration efforts of remains of buildings dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries AD. Afterward, those who wish may enjoy a "float" in the Dead Sea. View Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by a Bedouin shepherd in 1948, before visiting the Shrine of the Book, displaying the scroll of Isaiah. This evening, a shopping extravaganza

## Day 07 – THU. FEB. 21 - BETHLEHEM / JERUSALEM

Ephrath - meaning fertility, is now known as Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. In the Church of the Nativity we see a stone manger, where it is believed Jesus was born. This site next to the inn was where the animals were kept and fed. Continue to Shepherds' Field where an angel appeared before the shepherds to tell them of the birth of Christ. In Mt. Zion we visit the Coenaculum - Room of the Last Supper, and Tomb of David; the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ three times before the cock crowed - also known as the House of Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought after his arrest. In the Valley of Kidron we see the Pool of Siloam where Jesus healed a blind man.

## Day 08 – FRI. FEB. 22 - JERUSALEM / THE OLD CITY

Deep in the heart of Jerusalem we tour the Jewish Heritage Tunnel (also known as the Western Wall Tunnel) and see the Dome of the Rock Mosque, next to the Wailing Wall. Our walking tour in the Old City of Jerusalem will begin by the Lion's Gate, at the Church of St. Anne, and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus said to the man "Take up thy bed and walk." Along the Via Dolorosa - "Sorrowful Road," we see the stations connected with Jesus' crucifixion. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre represents the final station where He was crucified



### Day 09 – SAT. FEB. 23 - JERUSALEM

The Holyland Model affords us the opportunity to envision what Jerusalem might have looked like during the reign of King Herod. This magnificent work of art is continually being updated as new archaeological discoveries are being made. On the Mount of Olives we visit the Paternoster Church, where the Lord's Prayer is written in 35 languages, Church of Ascension, Tomb of the Virgin Mary, Garden of Gethsemane, and the Church of All Nations. Enjoy a breathtaking panorama of old and new Jerusalem. A special service will be held at the Garden Tomb. This afternoon is at your leisure. This evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner for our final night.

### Day 10 – SUN. FEB. 24 – U.S.A

Early this morning we drive to the Tel Aviv airport for check in for our flight home, arriving back in the USA the same day.



# Terms & Conditions

**Air Transportation:** ARC/IATAN jet economy class, round trip from gateway city applicable on all IATAN and ARC carriers, based on the non-refundable fare. Tours must be fully paid for and tickets issued no later than 60 days before the tour's departure date. If you cancel or change your reservation for any reason after tickets have been issued, a cancellation fee of 100% of the ticket price will be charged by the airline. **Fuel Surcharges:** We will review the air costs approximately 65 days before departure and notify you of any changes in air fuel surcharges or taxes. **Deviations:** Deviation requests should be in writing and will incur an additional service fee plus any applicable fare increases.

**Land Transportation and Transfers:** By private deluxe motor coach.

**Accommodations:** Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$805.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay the single room surcharge). Hotels used are superior first-class category.

**Meals:** Breakfast and dinner daily. Coffee or tea included with breakfast only; all other beverages are extra.

**Baggage:** Subject to change, free baggage allowance is governed by the airline on which you are flying. Baggage allowance guidelines will be included in your final documents. Excess baggage will be charged at the established rates. Due to limited motor coach capacity we urge our tour members to carry only one bag per person. Porterage for one checked bag is included in the tour price. Excess baggage charges from the airlines and motor coaches are the passenger's responsibility and will be collected at time of handling.

**Service Charges and Taxes:** Those normally levied by hotels and restaurants are included and all departure taxes and tipping.

**Not Included:** Passport costs, and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with regular table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident, baggage and trip cancellation insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special services not specifically mentioned as included; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone and cable expenses, internet access, room service orders, etc.; transportation between hometown city and gateway city.

**Insurance:** Acting only as agents for suppliers, Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. For protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. We recommend Allianz Travel Insurance. Travel protection is available to all residents of the U.S. and Canada, and includes coverage for lost luggage, medical emergencies and more. Guests booking this tour have the option of purchasing cancellation protection in the event they need to cancel their trip after making their reservations. This optional Guest Protection may be requested at time of booking and fee included with initial payment. Details will be provided with written confirmation of your tour reservation.

For tour participants 79 + years old, there will be an additional cost for insurance based on your age.

**Important Passport Information:** A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member at a local passport office. Passports must have an expiration date beyond September 03, 2019 in order to travel with this tour. If your expiration date is inside this date, you must renew your passport in order to participate.

**VISA:** A visa is not required for US citizens traveling to Israel.

**Deposits and Payments:** A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required immediately. The balance is due no later than 60 days prior to departure. Please check your statement for specific due dates. Tour conditions and airfares are subject to Governmental, ARC/IATAN, and airline regulation requirements in effect on the date of and during the tour. All airfares and land rates are quoted in US Dollars and are based on tariffs and cost in effect May 2018 and are subject to change without notice. Land costs are based on group rates and final tour cost may be dependent on number of tour participants.

**Guests with Disabilities:** Please be aware that certain land tours may not be fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Wilcox World Travel and Tours must be notified of any special medical, physical or other requirements of passengers at the time of booking. Should a passenger require the assistance of another to make this tour, it is the responsibility of that passenger to arrange for a companion to provide the assistance at all times and for the entire duration of the tour.

**Participating Air Carriers:** The services of any ARC/IATAN air carrier may be used by Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. for the air portion of these tours.

**Responsibility:** Your tour operator, Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., an ARC/IATAN appointed agent, acts as agent for you in the making and securing of all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing, or for hotel accommodations for the tour. Wilcox World Travel and Tours does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant, or any other supplier of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. Thus, by accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, you agree that neither Wilcox World Travel and Tours nor any of its Tour Hosts or Representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to you or your belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary, or schedules, etc. Also, remember that travel documents are your responsibility as well as compliance with custom regulations. No employee of Wilcox World Travel and Tours can change the terms under which you agree to take this tour. Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not onboard the aircraft. The passage contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole agreement between it and you.

**Cancellations and Refunds:** If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership up to 61 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation fee of \$250.00 to cover administration and communication costs. For cancellations within 60-46 days of departure date you will be subject to a 50% penalty or \$250.00 whichever is greater. Cancellations within 45 days are subject to a penalty of 100% of tour price. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Wilcox Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

**NOTE:** Wilcox World Travel and Tours reserves the right to cancel, withdraw, or change the tour, in part or whole, at any time. In the event of a change deemed necessary by Wilcox World Travel and Tours, the sole and exclusive obligation of Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. is to refund monies recovered.



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