

# The Holy Land

## A SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

FEATURING VISITS TO JERUSALEM, SEA OF GALILEE AND BETHLEHEM

HOSTED BY: THE LIGHT FM

10 DAY ISRAEL TOUR JAN. 31 - FEB. 9, 2020

\$4,529.00 PER PERSON

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY FROM CHARLOTTE NC

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TRAVEL



### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Current round-trip economy air fare from Charlotte to Tel Aviv on United Airlines.
- Current airport departure taxes, fuel surcharges, customs & security fees.
- First and Superior first-class (3 & 4 star) hotel accommodations throughout (7 nights).

Tiberias	3 Nights	Leonardo Plaza
Jerusalem	4 Nights	Ambassador

- 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 returning 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.
- Free water and soft drinks on the motor coach each day.
- Whispers headsets listening devices throughout tour.

### NOT INCLUDED

- Single room supplement \$ 675.00.
- Insurance: Travel, baggage, trip cancellation, etc.
- Beverages with meals, or meals not specifically mentioned on itinerary (lunches).
- Passports
- Personal Items and Immunizations



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### *Testimonials from The Light FM's 2019 Israel Tour*

*The spiritual insights of our guide coupled with number of places we were able to visit...amazing!*

*Kevin V. NC -*

*Our Tour guide was outstanding and everything was so organized and laid out so that we could see as much as possible on our trip.*

*Nina H. NC*

*I LOVED all the places we visited all over Israel, but since I have already been in Israel twice, I LOVED the new things I got to do... Jacob's Well, the tunnels in Jerusalem, going to Upper Galilee!! My favorite place is the Western Wall and the overlook from the Mt. of Olives!! Wilcox Travel rocks!! Very spiritual experience! The guide was so knowledgeable and informative!*

*Connie S. NC*

# Day by Day Itinerary

## DAY 1 – FRI. JAN. 31 – DEPART USA

Today we depart for our overnight flight to Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, with a connection in Newark.

## DAY 2 – SAT. FEB. 01 – ARRIVE ISRAEL

We arrive in Tel Aviv early morning and proceed through passport control where we are welcomed by our Wilcox Travel representative. After claiming our bags, our representative will lead us to the airport exit to meet our guide, board our bus, and begin our tour of the Holy Land. We drive north to the coast of Sharon where the baptism of the Gentiles began at [Caesarea Maritima](#) (Acts 10). There we view the sunken harbor, the hippodrome, the theatre, and the Roman aqueduct. We then drive to [Muhra](#) (“burnt offering”) on Mt. Carmel, with a panoramic view of the Plain of Jezreel. On the way to [Nazareth](#), we pass the ruins of [Tel Megiddo](#) (Armageddon, Revelation 16). In Nazareth, Jesus’ home town, we visit The Church of the Annunciation. We continue to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.



## DAY 3 – SUN. FEB. 02 – TIBERIAS / UPPER GALILEE / THE SOURCES OF THE JORDAN

After breakfast, we drive up the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of The Sea of Galilee from the east. We cross over to the [Mount of Beatitudes](#) (Matthew 5-7). We visit Tabgha where Christians have long remembered the first feeding of the multitude (Mark 6). We then visit [Tel Hazor](#), the largest Canaanite city of the Old Testament. We make our way to [Dan](#) where we combine a nature walk beside the upper Jordan River with views of ancient ruins, including the Israelite high place that supported a golden calf (I Kings 12). A short drive takes us to the spring of [Caesarea Philippi \(Banias\)](#) where Peter confessed his recognition of Jesus as Christ (Matthew 16). There we visit the stunning remains of a first-century AD palace belonging to Agrippa II. We view Mt. Hermon then drive around for a glimpse of Damascus, 45 miles away, and then head back over the Golan Heights. 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.



## DAY 4 – MON. FEB. 03 – TIBERIAS / BEIT-SHE'AN / A DAY ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

Today we drive south and make our way to [Beit-She'an](#), we drive near Cana where Jesus performed his first sign (John 2). We then cross the plain and descend through the Jezreel Valley to Beth-She'an (one of the cities of the Decapolis). Here we may choose to climb the Tel and view the setting of the death of Saul. We survey the magnificent Roman and Byzantine ruins: the theatre, bathhouses, ancient rest rooms, market areas, and colonnaded streets. After a St. Peter's Fish lunch, we make our way to The Primacy of Peter, a church that is thought to be the site where Jesus prepared breakfast for His disciples. Then on to [Capernaum](#), where Franciscan archaeologists believe they have uncovered the house of Peter (Mark 1 and 2). Later we cruise The Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat modeled after one from Jesus' time. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



## DAY 5 – TUE. FEB. 04 – JERICHO / JERUSALEM

Today we continue south to [Jericho](#). We will drive to the traditional Baptismal site at Qasr El Yehud where John the Baptist baptized Jesus Christ. As we continue, we stop and take a brief look at one of the three surviving fig sycamores in Jericho (Luke 19:1-8.). At Jericho, we visit the Tell of this oldest city and view the traditional mountain of Jesus' temptation. Ascending the Roman road along Wadi Qilt, we stop for a view of St. George's Monastery. From here we take a drive in to [Bethlehem](#) before making our way to Jerusalem. Finally, atop Mt. Scopus, we behold majestic [Jerusalem](#) and proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

# Day by Day Itinerary Cont.

## DAY 6 – WED. FEB. 05 – JERUSALEM / MT. OF OLIVES / GETHSEMANE / BETHLEHEM

Today we begin by making our way to [The Mount of Olives](#) with the Old City tilted toward us. After some orientation, we descend the traditional Palm Sunday road to Dominus Flevit (“The Lord Weeps”) remembering Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19). We continue down to [Gethsemane](#) (Matthew 26) with a visit to the garden and The Church of All Nations. We drive to [The Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu](#). The church stands over the place where Jesus was kept just prior to His crucifixion. We drive toward Bethlehem passing Solomon’s Pools, Jerusalem’s main source of water for almost 2,000 years. We visit The Shepherds’ Field. We then walk through Bethlehem making our way through its alleys and markets to The Church of the Nativity. We travel back to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

## DAY 7 – THU. FEB. 06 – MASADA / EIN GEDI /



## QUMRAN / THE DEAD SEA

After breakfast, we drive through [Ein Gedi](#) to visit the fortress [Masada](#) rising 1,200 feet above the desert plain. We see the restoration efforts of remains of buildings dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries AD. We stop in Ein Gedi and climb a mountain path to the waterfall where David may have hidden when he was running from Saul. We make our way to [Qumran](#) where a Bedouin shepherd discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1948. Afterward, those who wish may enjoy a “float” in the Dead Sea! Then it’s back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.



## DAY 8 – FRI. FEB. 07 – THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM / THE ANCIENT COUNTRYSIDE

After breakfast we begin our day at [The Western Wall](#), Jerusalem’s holiest site. We walk through The Rabbinical Tunnel and examine two stone blocks each weighing about 600 tons. We visit the southern side of the Temple complex and examine ruins that include steps where we may be certain Jesus and the disciples walked. We drive to the [Shrine of The Book](#) and view The Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient artifacts, and an outdoor model of Jerusalem as the city may have looked in 66 AD--built to scale! Then we travel to Samaria and enjoy a picturesque drive. We make a stop at Sebastia, believed by some to be the burial place of John the Baptist. Farmers in Sebastia are still uncovering Roman glass as they plow their fields. In Samaria we visit a Greek Orthodox church in the town of ancient [Shechem \(now Nablus\)](#). This modern-day church is built over Jacob’s Well. Then it’s back to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

## DAY 9 – SAT. FEB. 08 – JERUSALEM / THE OLD CITY

We begin our day by ascending to [The Temple Mount](#). There we view [The Dome of the Rock](#) and [The Al-Aqsa Mosque](#), one of the holiest sites of Islam. Just to the north we find the [Pools of Bethesda \(John 5\)](#) and [St. Anne’s Church](#), perfectly preserved from the Crusader period with remarkable acoustics. We follow the Way of the Cross ([Via Dolorosa](#)) back as far as [The Church of the Holy Sepulchre](#). We then walk through the Arab souks and exit the Old City from The Damascus Gate. We make our way to the Garden Tomb where we conclude our day with a special visit and communion service. In the evening we enjoy a Middle Eastern farewell dinner at the Hotel before driving to the airport for our flight home.



## DAY 10 – SUN. FEB. 09 - ARRIVE USA

Today we arrive in Newark and travel back to our cities of origin.

## TERMS AND 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 \$675.00 (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.

**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 August 09, 2020 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. Installment payments are accepted and updated statements will be forwarded with each payment sent. 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 March, 2019 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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