



Temple Mount with Dome of the Rock above the Western Wall of The Temple from Jesus' Time



NOBTS' Indiana Jones



Magdala, Sea of Galilee setting first four nights' lodging

PROVIDENCE TRAVEL/NOBTS ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE

May 19 - 28, 2022

Tour price of only \$3,995 (\$995 for qualified NOBTS students)

Led by Dr. Clay Corvin and Dr. Jim Parker



Garden of Gethsemane



Empty Tomb



Dead Sea Scroll Cave

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10 days, May 19-28, 2022

Only \$3995 (qualifying NOBTS students \$995)

Blanca Phillips, tour leader

Day 1, Thursday, May 19: flight to Israel from New Orleans (MSY). Anyone wishing to fly from a different airport should contact the tour organizers.

Day 2, Friday, May 20: morning arrival in Israel to meet our English-speaking guide. Board the deluxe coach and head up the Mediterranean seacoast to **Caesarea Maritime**, artificial harbor and city built by Herod the Great. A restored Roman theater, where proof of the historical existence of Pontius Pilate was found, is a highlight, along with a Crusader fortress and an aqueduct built by Herod the Great. Continue north to **Mt Carmel** and the Carmelite monastery *Muhraka* for a breath-taking view of the Jezreel valley from the spot where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal. Check in for four nights at a lovely hotel situated on the **Sea of Galilee**. Time for an orientation meeting and Bible study after dinner. Full breakfast and dinner are included each day in Israel throughout the tour.

Day 3, Saturday, May 21: start Shabbat morning blessed by a sail on the **Sea of Galilee** in an enlarged version of the boats used by Jesus and His fishermen disciples--and see an actual boat from the time of Jesus as marine archaeologists raised it from the lake. At **Caesarea Philippi**, center of Roman might and pagan worship in Jesus' time, explore the ruins of Herod Agrippa's palace. In this setting, Jesus challenged His disciples then and now, "Who do men--and who do you--say that I am?" Caesarea Philippi is also where the headwaters of the **Jordan River** meet at the foot of **Mt Hermon**. Continue to the northern-most city of biblical Israel, **Dan**, and see the actual excavated gates that Abraham entered as he first journeyed through the Promised Land. Explore the Dan Nature Reserve on an easy hike, including rushing rivers, massive trees . . . and the foundation of the pagan "high place" where Jeroboam set up the

golden calves during his rebellion against rule by Solomon's son Rehoboam.

Day 4, Sunday, May 22: walk the extensively-restored streets of **Bet Shean**, where the bodies of King Saul and his sons were hung by the Philistines. A Decapolis city in Jesus' day, Bet Shean was both destroyed and preserved by an earthquake—and archaeologists have now done a fantastic restoration. Dip a hand in, perhaps lap the water of **Ein Harod**, the spring where the Lord had Gideon winnow his soldiers in unique fashion. Drive to **Megiddo**, the always strategic city in biblical history and biblical Armageddon (Rev. 16:16). Megiddo is the setting of a highly recommended historical novel, James Michener's *The Source*. Marvel at intricate and lovely mosaics (including "The Mona Lisa of the Galilee") and a 1500-year-old synagogue in the ancient city of **Sepphoris**, which some believe carpenter Joseph and his young son apprentice helped construct. Drive through the Galilean hills to Nazareth, stopping at the precipice overlooking **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home, at the spot where his neighbors assembled to hurl Him to His death for the supposed "blasphemy" of claiming to be Messiah. Time permitting during the day, on the slopes of Mt Gilboa, visit **Bet Alpha**, an excavated sixth-century synagogue.

Day 5, Monday, May 23: Re-experience the Sermon on the Mount at the **Mt of Beatitudes**. At **Capernaum**, where Jesus based His 18-month Galilean ministry, stand within the foundations of the synagogue where He preached and healed and see the house of Peter's family where He stayed. **Tabgha's** ancient mosaic remembers the Miracle of Loaves and Fishes and recalls where the risen Jesus fed His disciples after a miraculous catch and gave Peter his commission to "feed my sheep." See **Chorazin**, which Jesus cursed for its unbelief.

Day 6, Tuesday, May 24: head south along the Jordan Valley, stopping first at the banks of **Bethabara**, thought by many to be where Jesus was immersed by John the Baptist. Crossing the lunar landscape of the Judean wilderness, come to **Qumran** on the shores of the Dead Sea, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Ascend by cable car to **Masada**, the fortress-palace built by Herod the Great overlooking the Dead Sea, where zealous Jews resisted Rome after the 70 AD destruction of the Temple. View the date palm oasis of **En Gedi** where David spared King Saul. Then it's "Up to Jerusalem," perhaps singing a Song of Ascent like Psalm 122: "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'" to Jerusalem, the Holy City. Our deluxe hotel for the rest of the tour is within walking distance of the Jaffa Gate into the Old City, the Ben Yehuda pedestrian shopping mall, and the colorful outdoor Mahane Yehuda spice, fruit, and vegetable market.

Day 7, Wednesday, May 25: starting from the summit of the **Mt of Olives**, walk down the Palm Sunday path where Jesus rode the donkey and heard the hosannas from the crowds. Stop at **Dominus Fleuit** where "Jesus wept" and view the Eastern or Golden Gate through which Messiah rode. At the bottom of the hill, in the **Garden of Gethsemane**, surrounded by olive trees still growing from roots dating to Jesus' time, pray as He did for strength to face the ultimate tests of life.

Orient yourself to Jerusalem in Jesus' time by studying the incredibly-detailed, large-scale outdoor model of The Holy City at the **Israel Museum**, where you will also view actual scrolls and artifacts discovered in the Dead Sea caves of Qumran.

Travel through **Shepherds' Fields** to **Bethlehem** and to the oldest-continually serving church in the world, the 4th century Church of the Nativity, where a silver star marks the traditional spot of Jesus' birth.

Day 8, Thursday, May 26: stand on the very steps to the Temple where Jesus taught and watched in the days before His Passion. Give thanks today as you pray at the **Kotel** or Western (Wailing) Wall, leaving scrolls of your prayers in the giant stones remaining from the Temple, from where Jewish tradition says prayers go most-directly to heaven.

Actually go *under* the Temple area exploring the famous **Rabbi's Tunnel**. Up on **Temple Mount**, Muslim mosques squatting where Solomon and Herod the Great built the First and Second Temples cannot prevent Christians from standing at the Pinnacle of the Temple where Jesus was victorious over Satan's tempting.

Pray for loved ones back home at the healing **Pools of Bethesda**, then marvel at the acoustics as you sing in the **Church of St. Anne**. Stand on the pavement where Jesus was tormented by the soldiers in the **Judgment Hall of Pilate**. Walk the narrow streets of the Old City, still very much as when Jesus carried His cross on the Via Dolorosa. See remains of the original 4th century **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** in the **Russian Orthodox Church**, adjoining the current structure guarding traditional sites of Calvary and Empty Tomb. See the actual steps up which Jesus was dragged from the Garden of Gethsemane to his first imprisonment in the **House of Caiaphas**, high priest, where Peter denied His Lord thrice before the cock crew.

Time during the day for lunch on your own in **The Jewish Quarter** with shopping in the Old City bazaar and the restored shopping street called **The Cardo** or "The Heart" of Roman Jerusalem.

Day 9, Friday, May 27: **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust Museum, is a contrasting study of the evil humankind can do and the strength of faith that can allow men and women to become victors over evil. Outside the city, explore **Herodian**, the artificial mountain that was one of Herod the Great's palaces and recently-discovered tomb. Conclude the day and tour with a service of Holy Communion at **The Garden Tomb**, a lovely site overlooking a hillside nature has carved into what many see as a skull, Golgotha, and setting of an empty tomb from which the stone has been rolled away.

After dinner, to the airport for the flight home; back in the USA **Day 10, Saturday, May 28.**

Registration details on back of brochure

May in Israel is great, sunny skies with daytime high temperatures in the 80s. Bring a broad-brimmed or billed hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Lots of opportunities to swim for those who wish.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

U.S. passport valid through end of November, 2022, is required; anyone with non-U.S. passport, please contact tour operator.

Payment schedule: **non-student** \$100 deposit per person required to guarantee a place on the tour--completely refundable till February 1, 2022. Second payment of \$2000 is due March 10, 2022. Final payment of \$1895 is due April 10, 2022.

Scholarship student: \$100 deposit per person required to guarantee a place on the tour--completely refundable till February 1, 2022. Second payment of \$400 is due March 10, 2022. Final payment of \$495 due April 10, 2022.

Tour price includes . . .

Air transportation currently anticipated on United airline can be on any airline. Cancellations after air tickets have been issued are subject to a cancellation penalty as imposed by the airline. Current air fuel charge and taxes/fees are included. Please note: frequent flyer miles or credit card points cannot be used to purchase or upgrade air tickets, and group tickets cannot be upgraded to premium seating; however, if you arrange your own airfare, you can deduct \$1230 from the brochure price.

Accommodations in deluxe hotels, private bath. Additional cost for anyone staying in a single room \$1048.

Meals daily buffet breakfasts and dinners in hotels.

Sightseeing in the itinerary including entrance fees, services of English-speaking guide, and individual headsets.

One regular-sized suitcase, maximum 50 pounds, is currently allowed free of charge plus one personal item and one "carry-on" that will fit under the seat ahead or in the overhead bin. Tour organizers accept no liability for loss or damage to any baggage.

All tips to guide, driver, hotel and restaurant personnel, and porters are included.

Tour price does not include beverages not part of regular menu; sightseeing or services not specifically mentioned or noted as optional; baggage charges that may be implemented by airlines (none as of this printing).



Jerusalem at sunrise



Dan Panorama hotel, Jerusalem

Cancellation policy: Full refund for written cancellations received by February 1, 2022. Written cancellations February 2- March 10 are subject to a \$100 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellations March 11-April 14 are subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. No refund for written cancellations received after April 14, 2022. Funds from cancellations cannot be transferred.

No refund made for missed services while on tour. *In addition to the above cancellation fees*, airline tickets are not refundable once issued. **SCHOLARSHIP NOTE:** *in addition to the above cancellation penalties*, scholarship students will be required to reimburse the seminary for the full \$3000 scholarship amount for cancellations after April 14, 2022.

Brochure price is based on minimum 36 passengers and VAT policy and shekel/dollar exchange rate of October 15, 2021.

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Payment of deposit by tour participants indicates acceptance of above terms and conditions.

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