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Ekklesia Christian Church

PRIVATE TOUR TO ISRAEL

$3,685 PER PERSON

Based on Double Occupancy
Land Package • Airfare Not Included
(Based on a minimum of 33 travelers)
Single Room Supplement: $1,495

SEPTEMBER 4–13, 2027

Journey Through the Land of the Bible with Ekklesia Christian Church

We're thrilled to personally invite you to join us in Israel in September 2027 for an unforgettable journey through the land of the Bible. Together, we'll explore its history, archaeology, and geography, experiencing the world of the Gospels with all five senses as we walk where Jesus walked and ministered. We'll personally guide you through an experience designed to deepen your confidence in Scripture. We believe you'll be left in awe and never read the Bible the same way again. We would love to experience Israel with you!



Led by

PASTOR MATT & TINA WILSON

Day 1 to Day 4 Tour

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OLD JAFFA & TEL AVIV



CAESAREA MARITIMA



CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION



CAPERNAUM & SEA OF GALILEE

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DAY 1 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2027 | Fly Tel Aviv

Our journey begins today as we depart on our way to Israel – the Land of the Bible. Sit back, relax and enjoy your flight. Get some rest. . .tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

Meals: **On Board** | **Overnight:** **On Board**

DAY 2 | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 05, 2027

Arrival in Israel • Tel Aviv • Old Jaffa

Today, we arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport, where we will be met and assisted by our Israeli tour guide and bus driver. We then travel to Tel Aviv—Israel's largest city—located approximately 25–30 minutes from the airport, and check in at our hotel. After a welcome dinner, we will enjoy an evening tour of Jaffa, one of the oldest port cities in the world. Here, we will see St. Peter's Church and take in a beautiful view of the Tel Aviv shoreline from Jaffa's hilltop.

Meals: **Buffet Dinner** | **Lodging:** **Herods Tel Aviv**

DAY 3 | MONDAY SEPTEMBER 06, 2027 | From Tel Aviv to the Sea of Galilee via the Mediterranean Caesarea • Mt. Carmel • Megiddo • Nazareth • Cana • Sea of Galilee • Tiberia

After breakfast, we start our tour by heading north to the Sea of Galilee. We will enjoy a relaxing drive along the beautiful Mediterranean coast and stop at Caesarea Maritima (Acts 9:30; Acts 10:24–48), which was an important center for early Christianity. Here, Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10). It was also here that Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25–26). Next, we will stop at Mount Carmel (Muhraka), where Elijah issued his challenge to the false prophets. We then continue to Megiddo (1 Kings 4:28; 9:15; 2 Kings 23:29; Revelation 16:16) and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16) to see remains from the days of Solomon and view the site where the Battle of Armageddon will be fought. We continue through the Jezreel Valley to visit Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26; 4:16–29; Matthew 2:23). Our final stop will be Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed His first public miracle—turning water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1–11). We then drive through the Lower Galilee region toward the Sea of Galilee and check in at our hotel along its shores. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Meals: **Buffet Breakfast and Dinner** | **Lodging:** **Leonardo Plaza Sea of Galilee**

DAY 4 | Tuesday, September 7, 2027 | Sea of Galilee and Upper Galilee • Magdala • Mount of Beatitudes • Tabgha • Capernaum • Upper Galilee • Caesarea Philippi

Today, we will explore the area surrounding the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus conducted much of His early ministry. After breakfast, we will visit Magdala, best known as the home of Mary Magdalene. We will walk through the ruins of a first-century Jewish town, where a synagogue dating from the time of Christ's ministry was discovered. We will then drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5–7), where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Here, we will visit the famous chapel designed by renowned architect Antonio Barluzzi and completed in 1938, while enjoying the breathtaking view. Next, we continue to Tabgha, the traditional site of the Feeding of the Five Thousand and the Primacy of Peter (Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:33–45; John 21). Here, we will visit the Church of the Multiplication, known for its beautiful fifth-century mosaic floor. We then continue to the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Matthew 4:13; 13:54; 17:24; Luke 7; Mark 1–2; John 4:46–54). Here, we can stand among the remains of the synagogue where Jesus ministered. Jesus conducted much of His Galilean ministry from this city, performing many miracles. It was also here that Peter's mother-in-law lived and was healed. We will drive into Upper Galilee to visit Banias—ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:13; Mark 8:27)—where Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church." We will hike through the beautiful Banias Nature Reserve to see its waterfalls. Our journey continues through the scenic Hula Valley and Upper Galilee region as we return to the Sea of Galilee. We will arrive at our hotel for dinner and a restful evening.

Meals: **Buffet Breakfast and Dinner** | **Lodging:** **Leonardo Plaza Sea of Galilee**

Day 5 to Day 7 Tour

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SEA OF GALILEE


MASADA & DEAD SEA


MOUNT OF OLIVES


WESTERN WALL

DAY 5 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2027 | Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea • Sea of Galilee Boat Ride • Ancient "Jesus Boat" • Yardenit Baptismal Site • Beth Shean • Dead Sea

After breakfast, we will board a wooden boat and sail across the Sea of Galilee, just as the disciples did 2,000 years ago. We will dock at Kibbutz Ginosar and visit the Ancient Galilee Boat, also known as the "Jesus Boat"—the remains of a 2,000-year-old fishing boat discovered in 1986 and dating from the time of Jesus and His disciples. We conclude our Galilee tour with a visit to Yardenit, a beautiful baptismal site on the Jordan River. From there, we will travel south through the Beth Shean Valley to the ancient city of Beth Shean (Mark 5:20; 7:31) for an overview of this remarkable archaeological site. It was here that, after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31). We then continue to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth, and check in at our resort along its shores. Before dinner, we will have free time to relax and enjoy the resort. Walk to the beach and experience floating in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea. You may also take advantage of the Dead Sea's famous mud and mineral treatments at the hotel spa.

Meals: **Buffet Breakfast and Dinner** | **Lodging:** **Herods Dead Sea Resort**

DAY 6 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2027 | Exploring the Dead Sea and the Judean Desert • Masada • Ein Gedi • Qumran • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives • Garden of Gethsemane

Today, we will explore the Dead Sea and the Judean Desert, visiting some of the region's most important biblical and historical sites. After an early breakfast, we will drive along the Dead Sea to Masada, Herod's spectacular mountaintop fortress. We will ascend by cable car and explore the ancient synagogue, Herod's bathhouse, and other fascinating ruins. We then continue to Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul (1 Samuel 23), followed by a visit to Qumran, home of the ancient Essene community and the area where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. From here, we will ascend to Jerusalem, the Holy City of Zion. We begin at the Mount of Olives, where we will enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the city and the Kidron Valley. We will pass the Church of the Pater Noster, visit Dominus Flevit, and walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane, home to ancient olive trees dating back to the time of Christ. At the end of the day, we will check in at our hotel and enjoy dinner.

Meals: **Buffet Breakfast and Dinner** | **Lodging:** **Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem**

DAY 7 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2027 | Jerusalem: Old and New City • Temple Mount Archaeological Excavations • Southern Wall • Southern Steps • Davidson Center • Western Wall • Jewish Quarter • Mount Zion • Room of the Last Supper • Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu

Today, we will walk where Jesus walked. After breakfast, we will travel to the Old City and enter through the Dung Gate. Our first stop will be the Western Wall, also known as the "Wailing Wall"—the holiest site in Judaism and part of the ancient retaining wall that once surrounded the Temple Mount. We then continue to the Southern Temple Mount archaeological excavations. Here, we will visit the Southern Steps, the reconstructed Temple steps where Jesus often walked. From this area, Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money changers who were exploiting the people. We will explore the excavated southern section of the Western Wall, the ancient paved street, and Robinson's Arch. At the Davidson Center, we will view a documentary about the excavations and a short film depicting a pilgrim's visit to the Second Temple as it appeared during the time of Jesus. Our journey continues through the historic Jewish Quarter to Mount Zion. Here, we will visit the Room of the Last Supper before continuing to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. According to tradition, this was the site of the palace of Caiaphas, the high priest, where Jesus was imprisoned after His arrest (Mark 14:72).

Meals: **Buffet Breakfast and Dinner** | **Lodging:** **Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem**

Day 8 to Day 11 Tour

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DAY 8 | Saturday, September 11, 2027 | Jerusalem Old City • Garden Tomb • Lion's Gate • Via Dolorosa • St. Anne's Church • Pool of Bethesda • Judgment Hall of Pilate

After breakfast, we will visit the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the Resurrection with communion and a time of praise. We then enter the Old City through Lion's Gate, located in its eastern wall. The gate marks the beginning of the Via Dolorosa—the traditional route of Jesus' final journey from imprisonment to the Crucifixion. We will walk along the Stations of the Cross and visit St. Anne's Church, where we will sing and experience its remarkable 11-second echo. We then continue to the Pool of Bethesda and the Judgment Hall of Pilate. Later, we will enjoy free time to rest and shop in the colorful bazaars of the Old City before returning to our hotel for dinner.

Meals: **Buffet Breakfast and Dinner** | **Lodging:** **Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem**

DAY 9 | Sunday, September 12, 2027 | City of David

City of David • Western Wall Tunnels • Bethlehem

After breakfast, we will explore the City of David, the birthplace of Jerusalem and the site where King David established his kingdom. Those who wish may walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel, an ancient water channel carved through the rock beneath the City of David. Guests choosing the wet route should be prepared to walk through water. We then continue along the Pilgrimage Road, the ancient route traveled by pilgrims on their way to the Temple. Next, we will visit the Western Wall Tunnels, where we will walk beneath the streets of the Old City and discover fascinating archaeological remains dating from the time of the Temple. We conclude our day in Bethlehem with visits to the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2:1–7) and Shepherds' Field (Luke 2:8–20), where the angels announced the birth of Jesus.

Meals: **Buffet Breakfast and Dinner** | **Lodging:** **Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem**

DAY 10 | Monday, September 13, 2027 | Ein Karem

Elah Valley • Tel Azekah • Farewell Dinner • Departure from Tel Aviv

After breakfast, we will visit Ein Karem, the picturesque village traditionally associated with the birthplace of John the Baptist and the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Here, we will reflect on Mary's visit to Elizabeth and the biblical events described in Luke 1:39–45. From there, we continue to the Elah Valley, the biblical setting of the famous battle between David and Goliath. We will visit Tel Azekah, an ancient hilltop city overlooking the valley, where we can enjoy panoramic views and reflect on the biblical events that took place in this historic region. We will conclude this special day with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner, we will take a short transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our late-night departure flight to the USA.

Meals: **Buffet Breakfast and Dinner**

DAY 11 | Tuesday, September 14, 2027 | Arrive Back in the USA

Arrive back in the USA with wonderful memories of our journey through the Holy Land.

PLEASE NOTE:

*Since flights are not yet available for booking, the tour program has been arranged with the hope of securing a Monday night departure from Tel Aviv. This would allow us to enjoy a full day of touring on Monday before transferring to the airport. Although a Monday night flight is preferred, many airlines depart from Tel Aviv earlier in the day. If the best available flight departs on Monday morning, the itinerary will be adjusted accordingly.

*Remember to bring your Bible and a notepad as we study Scripture at each biblical site.

Your Tour Package DESCRIPTION

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Israel (8 Nights)

Hotel Accommodations

- **Tel Aviv —** 1 night at Herods Hotel Tel Aviv
- **Sea of Galilee —** 2 nights at Leonardo Plaza Tiberias or Magdala Hotel
- **Dead Sea —** 1 night at Herods Dead Sea or Isrotel Dead Sea
- **Jerusalem —** 4 nights at Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem or Herbert Samuel Hotel

Meals Included

- **Daily buffet breakfast and dinner at the hotels**
- **Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on the evening before departure**

Transportation and Touring

- Meet-and-assist service at Ben Gurion Airport by an AIT representative
- Round-trip airport transfers accompanied by your tour guide
- Private touring each day, including arrival day
- Expert English-speaking biblical tour guide
- Private transportation aboard a modern, deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach
- All entrance fees included in the customized tour program

Additional Inclusions

- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Round-trip cable-car ride to Masada
- Porterage at the airport and all hotels
- Coordination of special activities upon request
- Traveler's kit, including a hat, luggage tags, document case, and more
- All local taxes and service charges

Not Included in the Tour Cost

- Airfare—pricing will be provided once flights become available, anticipated around mid-October 2026
- Daily lunches
- Travel insurance—optional but highly recommended
- Approximately $85 per person for gratuities for the tour guide, bus driver, and hotel staff

Dates & Rates

Tour Cost — Airfare Not Included

$3,685 per person
Based on double occupancy • All taxes included
Minimum of 33 travelers required

Single-Room Supplement: $1,495
Travelers requesting a single or private room must pay the additional supplement.

Payment Schedule

- **Registration Deposit:** A nonrefundable deposit of $500 per person is due by Monday, November 30, 2026.
- **Final Payment:** Due by Tuesday, June 1, 2027.
- **Credit-Card Payments:** The $500 registration deposit is not subject to a credit-card handling fee. All additional amounts paid by credit card are subject to a 4% handling fee.

For More Information: Please contact Tabitha Strickland at tabitha@ekkchurch.com.

Flight Departure Information

Because flights are not yet available for booking, the group's departure schedule will depend on the final flight arrangements. There are two possible scenarios:

Monday Morning Departure — September 13, 2027
After Sunday's sightseeing, we will return to the hotel for a farewell dinner and overnight stay. On Monday morning, we will transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight home.

Monday Evening or Overnight Departure — September 13, 2027
We will enjoy a full day of touring and conclude our journey with a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner, we will transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight home, arriving in the United States on Tuesday, September 14, 2027.



SEA OF GALILEE



DEAD SEA



JERUSALEM

Cancellation Policy

Once a deposit or full payment has been made, cancellations will be accepted only in writing. Cancellation fees are determined by the date the written cancellation request is received and apply regardless of the reason, including medical or family circumstances.

Days Before Departure	Cancellation Fee
120 days or more	$100 per person
119–90 days	$500 per person
89–60 days	$1,000 per person
59–45 days	$1,500 per person
44–31 days	$2,000 per person
30 days or less / No-show	100% of tour cost

Please Note:
No refunds will be issued for unused land services, including transfers, sightseeing, meals, or other included arrangements. Credit-card processing fees are nonrefundable.

For More Information

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