



Israel



OAKLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“Journey through the Holy Land”

Come join Pastors Kirk Rowland & Jeremy Barkley

Highlights:

- ▲ **TEL AVIV** Welcome dinner.
- ▲ **JAFFA** Walking tour of the ancient port.
- ▲ **CAESAREA** Visit the Roman amphitheater and the Crusader fortress.
- ▲ **MEGIDDO** Visit the biblical site.
- ▲ **MUHRAQA** Panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley.
- ▲ **CANA** Visit the site of the first miracle.
- ▲ **NAZARETH** Visit the Church of the Annunciation and St. Joseph’s Church.
- ▲ **SEA OF GALILEE** Enjoy a cruise.
- ▲ **MOUNT OF BEATITUDES** Visit the site where Jesus delivered his sermon.
- ▲ **TABGHA** Visit the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes and the Church of St. Peter’s Primacy.
- ▲ **CAPERNAUM** Visit the site where Jesus recruited his first followers.
- ▲ **RIVER JORDAN** Visit a baptismal site.
- ▲ **BET SHE’AN** Admire the Roman and Byzantine relics.
- ▲ **EIN KAREM** Visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of Visitation.
- ▲ **BETHLEHEM** Visit the Church of the Nativity.
- ▲ **JERUSALEM** Visit the Garden Tomb; panoramic view from the Mount of Olives; guided walking tour, visit the Garden of Gethsemane, follow the Way of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa; visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Wailing Wall, and walk through the Jewish Quarter to Mount Zion, visit the Upper Room, the tomb of King David, and the house of Caiaphas; farewell dinner.
- ▲ **MASADA** Ride a cable car and visit the cliff-top fortress.
- ▲ **DEAD SEA** Visit one of the resorts.
- ▲ **HEADSETS** throughout the tour.

Travel insurance \$249
\$250 deposit due at booking
+ travel insurance if purchasing

Travel Dates
April 25-May 4
2021

\$2,519.00

per person
double occupancy

Land only price
Air to be announced



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Price and taxes may vary until time of ticketing.
Epic Journeys LLC reserves the right to adjust tour price due to unforeseen circumstances.
Itinerary subject to change due to availability and weather conditions.
Single supplement: \$1260 per person. Travel insurance: \$299





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10 Day Tour: April 25-May 4, 2021



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DAY 1 – Board Your Transatlantic Flight

DAY 2 Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel

Welcome to Tel Aviv. Enjoy this evening's welcome dinner with wine, hosted by your Tour Director. (Dinner)

DAY 3 Tel Aviv – Jaffa – Caesarea – Megiddo – Muhaqa – Sea of Galilee

Start your tour of the Holy Land with a stop in Jaffa for a walk through the beautifully restored ancient port, where medieval pilgrims started their strenuous 2-day trek to Jerusalem. Next is Caesarea, the perfect place to learn about the Roman and Crusader presence in the country. Visit the ROMAN AMPHITHEATER and the impressive CRUSADER FORTRESS, and admire Herod's Stadium and harbor. In the afternoon, travel to the ancient fortified city of Megiddo, regarded as one of the most important biblical sites in Israel. This is the famous battleground where armed struggles of Assyrians, Canaanites, Egyptians, Greeks, Israelites, Persians, Philistines, and Romans took place. According to the New Testament, Armageddon will serve as the gathering place for an army that will fight in the battle that causes the return of Jesus Christ. Next, continue along the coast through Baron Edmond de Rothschild's vineyards and apricot groves to the slopes of the scenic Carmel mountain range. At Muhaqa, site of Prophet Elijah's contest of faith with the priests of Baal, enjoy a sweeping panoramic view of the fertile Jezreel Valley. Continue to the Sea of Galilee and arrive at your hotel in Tiberias. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4 Sea of Galilee – Cana – Nazareth – Sea of Galilee

See an ancient fisherman's boat, said to be from the time of Christ, before arriving in Cana, site of the first miracle, where Jesus changed water to wine at a wedding. Due to this, many couples renew their wedding vows at this sacred place. On to Nazareth in Galilee, chief scene of the ministry of Jesus Christ. Here, visit the contemporary CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION. Continue to ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, built over a cave known as St. Joseph's Workshop, and pass by Mary's Well and the Church of the Angel Gabriel. Afternoon at leisure. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 5 Sea of Galilee – Mount of Beatitudes – Tabgha – Capernaum – Bet She'an – Jerusalem

Enjoy a 45-minute CRUISE on the Sea of Galilee. Then, visit the MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Next, visit the CHURCH OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF LOAVES AND FISHES at Tabgha as well as the CHURCH OF ST. PETER'S PRIMACY, where Jesus instructed Peter "to feed my lambs and tend my sheep." At this place, warm springs used to flow into the sea, attracting fish, which is why Peter came here to earn a living. On to CAPERNAUM, where Jesus recruited his first followers among the fishermen. Via the ruins of Kursi, which memorialize two of Jesus' miracles, arrive at the Jordan River and visit a BAPTISMAL SITE. Then, visit the ancient city of Bet She'an with its fine ROMAN and BYZANTINE RELICS. The city is located at the foot of Mount Gilboa, where King Saul and his son died by their own hands in battle with the Philistines. On the way to Jerusalem, stop for a breathtaking panoramic view of the Holy City, considered one of the oldest places in the world with a history dating back as far as 4000 BC. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6 Jerusalem – Excursion to Ein Karem – Bethlehem – The Garden Tomb

This morning, drive to Ein Karem and visit the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST and the CHURCH OF VISITATION, said to be built over the home of John the Baptist's parents. Enjoy a beautiful view of the valley and the surrounding wooded hills. Continue to Bethlehem and see Shepherd's Field, where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. Next, visit the CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, which stands on the site where Jesus was born. On the way back to Jerusalem, visit the GARDEN TOMB, where you will enjoy the scenery of the beautiful holy garden. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 7 Jerusalem – Excursion to The Old City

After a panoramic view from the MOUNT OF OLIVES over the old and modern parts of the city, start your guided walking tour. Via the Chapel of Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, arrive at the GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. Here, see the Rock of Agony, where Jesus prayed his last prayer before his arrest. Nearby is the Cave of the Assumption of Mary and the Cave of Betrayal. Follow the VIA DOLOROSA, the Way of the Cross, to Golgotha, and visit the CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE. Erected over the site of the crucifixion, this church is shared by six Christian communities. Walk past the Temple Mount, from where you can see the Dome of the Rock, a splendid mosque on the holy mount. On to the WAILING WALL, the most holy shrine in the Jewish religion. Then, stroll through the restored Jewish Quarter to MOUNT ZION and visit the UPPER ROOM, the TOMB OF KING DAVID, and the HOUSE OF CAIAPHAS, where Jesus was kept the night after he was arrested. (Breakfast)

DAY 8 Jerusalem – Excursion to Masada – The Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean wilderness to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of the Earth. Enjoy the scenery as you follow the road between the salty water and majestic desert mountains. Catch glimpses of the Caves of Qumran, where the precious Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Ascend by cable car to the spectacular cliff-top FORTRESS of Masada, and hear how 960 Jewish zealots preferred death at their own hands to the indignity of surrender to overwhelming Roman forces. Around lunchtime, reach one of the comfortable Dead Sea resorts. You will have plenty of time here to experience the feeling of buoyancy in the heavy water. Then, back to Jerusalem. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 9 At Leisure in Jerusalem

A full day at leisure, with time to attend a Mass or service in one of Jerusalem's churches. Later, maybe join an optional excursion featuring the Israel Museum with the Shrine of the Book and the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest Bible in the world, and the model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period. Also visit the famous Holocaust Memorial at Yad Vashem. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with wine with your traveling companions of an unforgettable journey through the Holy Land. Please note: If taking Jordan extension Day 9 is the transfer day. (Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY 10 Jerusalem

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning (the nearest airport is Tel Aviv). (Breakfast)

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