

GRACE & FRIENDS ISRAEL TRIP



Join David and Cherylyn Hegg

May 6, 2024 – Depart LAX and arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel May 7
May 17 – Return to the USA

As you explore Israel, you will walk in the footsteps of Jesus from the northern parts of the Galilee, Tel Dan and Caesarea Philippi to the area around the Sea of Galilee to Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Qumran, Masada and a visit to the Dead Sea are included in this unique itinerary. Your first night will be on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea, followed by nights on shore of Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem.

Traveling to Israel not only increases your understanding of scripture and strengthens your relationship with God, but it will rekindle your passion to minister and serve!

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TEL AVIV AND MEDITERRANEAN COAST

After meeting our guide and driver, we will visit **Jaffa** (Old Port City of Joppa) and the old Harbor Area, viewing Simon the Tanner's house. Our hotel will be on the Mediterranean Coast. The next morning, we will drive to **Caesarea by the Sea** and view the Roman aqueduct and theater. The area was a center of the early Christians. It was here that Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to Christianity (Acts 10), and the Apostle Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome to stand trial.

THE GALILEE, AREAS AROUND THE GALILEE & JORDAN VALLEY

It is a beautiful drive from the coast to the inland areas. We will travel the ancient caravan route to the well-preserved archaeological site of **Tel Megiddo**, (Biblical Armageddon) a fortified urban center where excavations have revealed remnants of twenty-two layers of occupation.

Mount Carmel is the traditional site where the prophet Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:25). We will travel through Jesus' boyhood town of **Nazareth** (Luke 1:26-56). Our group will travel to **Mount Arbel** and walk along its peak for a stunning view of the **Sea of Galilee** and the area in which Jesus ministered, with extended views of **Mount Hermon** in the north and **Mount Tabor** in the south. It is a magnificent photo opportunity. We will also visit **Tel Hazor** and **Tel Dan Nature Preserve & River Walk**. Here, King Jeroboam built an altar (1 Kings 12). Gates dating to the time of Abraham and the Israelite Kings can be seen.

We will cross the waters of the **Sea of Galilee** aboard a Kinneret Sailing Company boat. The boat docks at **Kibbutz Nof Ginosar** where we will see the "**Jesus Boat**", a rare and excellent example of the kind of boat in which Jesus would have sailed. **Capernaum** is where Jesus chose to center his ministry. Visit the synagogue site where Jesus most certainly taught and worshiped (Matt. 4:13, Mark 3:1). At **Tabgha**, you will visit the site of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes (Luke 9:10-17), and the Chapel of St. Peter, which recalls Jesus' instruction to Peter, "Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17). At the **Jordan River**, travelers will have the opportunity to be baptized in the same river where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

On the way to Jerusalem, we will visit **Gideon's Spring** and **Beit Shean**, the Roman city where the Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and Jonathan. We will pass by **Jericho**, the ancient city which was conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6:20). It is the oldest known continually inhabited city in the world.

While exploring the area, our hotel will be on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for 3 nights.



JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM & JUDEAN DESERT

As we enter the **Old City of Jerusalem**, where everyday life and customs are within narrow, crooked streets, we will find it has remained much the same over the centuries. We will enjoy the magnificent **Western Wall**, sing a hymn in the **Church of St. Anne** and view the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5:1-25), where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle.

Our group will stand atop the **Mount of Olives** as Jesus did and enjoy a remarkable view of the “Golden City” of Jerusalem, the **Temple Mount** and **Dome of the Rock**. We will also stand in the Upper Room, revered as the site of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26). On the **Mount of Olives**, we visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus prayed for God’s will to be done (Matt. 26:36). We will also have a private service in the garden. We will retrace the events in the final hours of Jesus’ life walking the **Via Dolorosa**. There is a visit to the possible site of Jesus’ death and resurrection, the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. We will visit the **House of the High Priest Caiaphas** (Matt. 26:57), where Jesus was imprisoned for a night and will also spend some time in worship at the **Garden Tomb** (Matt 27:60).

There is a glimpse of the city Jesus knew when the group views the model of first century Jerusalem at the **Israel Museum**. We will visit the **Shrine of the Book**, to see the display of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The **Southern Wall** and Teaching Steps are some of the newest excavations to explore at **Davidson Center** in the Jerusalem Archeological Park. There will be great fun walking thru the ‘wet or dry’ (your choice) **Hezekiah’s Tunnel** at the **City of David**.

In **Bethlehem**, we will remember Jesus’ birthplace (Matt.1:18-25, Luke 2:1-7). We will look out on the **Shepherds’ Fields**, where angels spread the “Good News.” A visit to the **Herodium** will reveal magnificent remains of one of Herod’s palaces.

We will travel through the **Judean Desert** and descend below sea level for a visit to **Masada**, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod. There we will ride the cable car to the top to explore and we can peer down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. We will stop at the shores of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth and ‘float’ in the mineral laden waters. On the return to Jerusalem, we will travel to **Qumran**, the site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery, to discuss the mysterious community of the Essenes who once lived on the shores of the Dead Sea.



Many more places to see and visit on the itinerary... too many to list!

While exploring the area, our Jerusalem hotel for 5 nights is within walking distance of the Jaffa Gate.

Your Hosts: David & Cherylyn Hegg

The Hegg’s have enjoyed planning trips for many years to Israel. They have much to share and would love to travel with you on the next Grace & Friends Israel Trip!

They will help prepare the group with Pre-trip Study/Info Meetings before departure. Pastor David and Israeli guides will share Biblical insights daily. You will return home with new friends and lifetime memories.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT SOON!

Together, let’s walk the cobblestones, climb the hills and travel through the valleys you have read about in the Bible. Everyday we will see evidence of prophecies fulfilled.

COMMENTS FROM PAST TRAVELERS...

“I used to read the Bible in black & white, now I read it in color!”

“After returning home, I understand so much more about scripture... I have experienced the geography, the sights and sounds, and even the smells we experienced bring so much to my devotional readings.”

“Before the trip, I was uneasy about being in a bus with so many people... Now I can say that I have over 40 new friends... Finest people I could imagine!”

“Every day there was another WONDERFUL experience that made an impression on my heart.”

**For More Information,
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ISRAEL – 2024

Jaffa & the Old City Harbor, Tel Aviv
Caesarea by the Sea & Roman Aqueduct
Mount Carmel-Overview of Valley of Armageddon
Tel Megiddo
Nazareth Views
Cliffs of Arbel – Panoramic view of Sea of Galilee area
Tel Dan & Nature Preserve & River walk
Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar-Ancient Jesus Boat
Sea of Galilee boat ride
Capernaum
Mount of Beatitudes
Tabgha
Caesarea Philippi
Mount Bental (Israel/Syria overlook)
Jordan River (baptisms)
Magdala
Gideon's Spring
Beit She'an
Pass by Jericho
Masada, Qumran
Dead Sea
Ein Gedi
Jerusalem Old & New City Sightseeing
Walk tour thru Souk, Old City Streets & Roman Cardo
Mount of Olives & Garden of Gethsemane
Western Wall & Temple Mount
Southern Steps & Wall Excavations, Archeological Park
Church of St. Anne & Pool of Bethesda
Via Dolorosa
Herod's Antonia Fortress
Church of the Holy Sepulchre & Garden Tomb
Caiaphas House
Jerusalem Night Spectacular Sound & Light Show
Hezekiah's Tunnel (wet & dry options)
Pool of Siloam
Bethlehem & Herodium
Model of First-Century Jerusalem & Israel Museum
Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls)

And time for photos, camel rides and shopping !



Israel Package Includes:

- Round-trip air, coach class from LAX to Tel Aviv, Israel
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel in Israel
- All Hotels are First-Class Hotels or better
with Private Baths and Wi-fi Availability
- 1 Night Hotel, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 3 Nights Hotel, Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee
- 5 Nights Hotel, Jerusalem
- Hotel room the last evening to prepare for late flight
- Full Buffet Breakfast Daily
- Full Dinner Daily
- Taxes and security fees
- Baggage Handling
- All Tips Included
- Services of a Licensed Guide and Driver daily
- Deluxe Air conditioned Motor Coach
- Sightseeing with entrance fees to all sites
- Professional Services of Local Tour/Office Staff
- Sea of Galilee Boat Ride, Cable Car Ride at Masada
- Document Wallet, Study Guide & Travel Tips
- Pre trip study meetings
- Group Photo for each family
- And Much More !

**Land Only Packages are available for those
wishing to provide own air transportation**

Physical Limitations /Disabilities:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk well and travel on the tour. Many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing wheelchairs, oxygen, or other ambulatory assistance. It is a physically demanding tour. Be sure to tell the tour director if you are currently under any medical treatment. Any tour member requiring assistance due to any physical limitations must be accompanied by companion who will take full responsibility of any needs. There will be much walking, and many stairs to climb on our trip. We suggest preparing yourself with a walking program (Even those who are 'fit' !)