

Edgewood Israel Tour



May 26 – June 7, 2023
Led by Gerad Hall

We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit important Old and New Testament biblical sites. On sites, we will consider the scriptures in their original context to deepen our understanding of the biblical text. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. This tour is more than just a "walking where Jesus walked" experience tour; it is an immersion into the world of Bible in scripture and in historical, cultural and geographic context.



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IMPORTANT

ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2023

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE MARCH 28, 2023

\$4,900 – Total Tour Price, Land and Air
Transfers to/from ORD and TLV are included.
For individual airfare please email tours@mvti.us

\$750 – Land & Air Deposit
(Direct Deposit or Check)

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):

\$776.25 – Land & Air Deposit

Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

****Land price is based on a group of 40 people or more****

Booking: Prices are good for **three weeks from the date they are quoted**. If not confirmed by the tour leader within three weeks, prices may have to be updated. In general, hotel prices cannot be guaranteed more than 6 months in advance. Shoresh reserves the right to amend prices of tours without prior notice in case of devaluations of the dollar, or in case of receiving new updated contract rates from suppliers

Detailed cancellation information is listed in Terms and Conditions Document but please keep in mind that a minimum cancellation fee of \$175 applies for cancellation due to ANY reason.

- Accommodation - Half-board (breakfast & dinner) in en-suite shared twin rooms, taxes & portage.
- Transportation - Bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport.
- Guide - Licensed Christian/Messianic guide.
- Tips - Driver, Guide, Hotels.
- Guest speakers - (if specified).
- Entrance fees - Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials.
- Services of US Travel Agent – Mission Valley Travel

***Not Included:** Visas, Travel Insurance (mandatory, estimated rates listed below); lunches & snacks; individual activities on free days; individual transfers to/from the airport apart from the main group; wheelchairs; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending.

Single Supplement: **\$1210** (additional single room cost, limited availability)

Approximate Travel Insurance Pricing for US residents:

Trip Cost (Covers Up To)	Age Up to 30	Age 31-59	Age 60-70	Age 71-75	Age 76-79	Age 80+
\$5000	\$215	\$312	\$454	\$583	\$718	\$954

*Travel Insurance Quote is APPROXIMATE.
Individual pricing is available upon request.*

ITINERARY

Day 1: Friday, May 26, 2023

DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2: Saturday, May 27, 2023

ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip.

Overnight: Grand Beach, Tel Aviv



Day 3: Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Shavout)

OLD JAFFA & MEGIDDO

Our first stop will be the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to warn the people of Nineveh and the location of Simon the Tanner's house. Our next stop will be in Tel Aviv at **Independence Hall** where we will learn of the growth and struggles of this tiny country immediately prior to and since her independence (this site is TBD). We then travel to **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's cities, and according to the Book of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. Next, we travel north up the coast and then eastwards inland to the Galilee. Later in the day we will have an opportunity to relax on one of the Mediterranean Sea beaches.

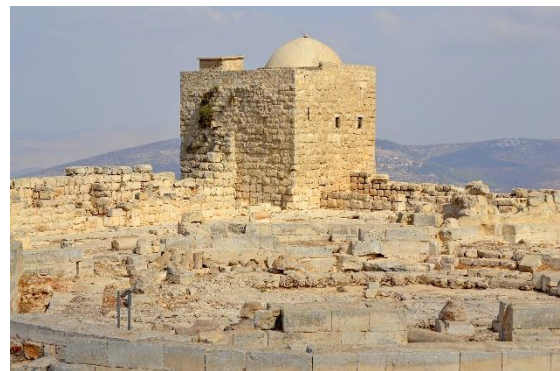
Overnight: Ramada Hotel, Hadera (Jacob Resort Hotel)

Day 4: Monday, May 29, 2023

CAESAREA MARITIMA & NAZARETH

We start our day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome. We continue to ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. We conclude our day at **Nazareth Village**, an open-air museum in Nazareth recreating a first-century farm and village during the time of Jesus. Visit Rivka Sims (Gerad will arrange).

Overnight: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Galilee



Day 5: Tuesday, May 30, 2023

NORTHERN ISRAEL – “Who Do Men Say That I Am?”

Our first stop is the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel’s apostasy. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream. Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah.



Overnight: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Galilee

Day 6: Wednesday, May 31, 2023

AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Today we start at **Mt. Arbel**, where an easy stroll brings us to panoramic views over the Sea of Galilee. **Mt. of Beatitudes**. After a short drive we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. From here we continue to **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Time permitting, we will also visit a possible location of **Bethsaida** found in Mark 8:22-26. Later in the afternoon we will visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the “**Jesus Boat**”, a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. From here we will set sail for a **boat ride on the Lake** to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. We will also visit **Magdala**, a first century Jewish town, the hometown of Mary Magdalene.



Overnight: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Galilee.

Day 7: Thursday, June 1, 2023

THE JORDAN VALLEY

Today we will visit **Ma'ayan Harod National Park** where **Gideon's Spring** is located. This is the spring where Gideon and his troops camped before their battle with the Midianites. Our next stop of the day will be the Biblical city of **Beit Shean** to examine the visually impressive excavations of its Roman-Byzantine period when it was one of the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis. We will also be passing by the region of **Jericho** – the oldest and lowest city on earth. We will finish our afternoon by enjoying a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea.

Overnight: David SPA Hotel, Dead Sea

Day 8: Friday, June 2, 2023 (this day has to be reviewed)

THE JUDEAN DESERT- Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We begin our day at **Masada**, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. After, we visit the beautiful subtropical oasis of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, we can walk into the nature reserve and possibly to the waterfalls. We may see some wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. We will also discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. From here, we will continue to **Qumran**, likely the home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which may have influenced early Christianity, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls. Time permitting, we will visit **Herodian** (King Herod's desert fortress and tomb). We will also take the short drive to **Bethlehem**, where we will visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which marks the probable site of the birth of Jesus, and the "**Shepherd's Fields**" where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah.



Overnight: Sephardic House, Jerusalem

Day 9: Saturday, June 3, 2023

JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS

IN THE STEPS OF JESUS – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection

We start our day at a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After viewing a **tomb from the time of Jesus**, we will walk down the Mount of Olives to **Gethsemane**. Next, we cross the **Kidron Valley** and enter the Old City through **Stephen's Gate**, stopping to examine the remains of the **Pool of Bethesda**. From here we walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We end our day with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**.



Overnight: Sephardic House, Jerusalem

Day 10: Sunday, June 4, 2023

We start our day at the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism’s most holy site. We will continue to the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. From here we continue to the place where it all began – the **City of David**. Here we will learn about King David’s conquest of the Jebusite city, and walk through **Hezekiah’s Tunnel** to the **Pool of Siloam**.

Overnight: Sephardic House, Jerusalem

Day 11: Monday, June 5, 2023

THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes

BEIT GUVRIN

We start at **Yad VaShem**, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. We will continue to **Beit Guvrin, Dig for a day**: The Dig for a Day program runs three hours. The activity includes: digging, sifting, pottery examination and touring the National Park of Beit Guvrin with an exciting crawl through unexcavated cave systems.



Overnight: Kfar Maccabia, Ramat Gan (Tel Aviv).

Day 12: Tuesday, June 6, 2023

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DEPART FOR USA FROM ISRAEL

Flight Itinerary

<i>Date</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Fri 26 May – Sat 27 May</i>	Chicago – Vienna – Tel Aviv Yafo	OS066/ OS857	4:20PM – 2:45PM
<i>Tue 6 June</i>	Tel Aviv Yafo – Frankfurt – Chicago	LH695/ LH432	8:00AM – 8:00PM

Please register online via e-registration.

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/Edgewood-2023>

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- *Most days on this itinerary involve a regular amount of walking and/or climbing. Therefore, this trip cannot generally accommodate those who have significant difficulty with climbing stairs or walking a half a mile at a time. Please be in contact with the trip leaders if you have any concerns about this.*
- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate. It is **mandatory** for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical costs or trip cancellations.*