

# *The Israel Experience....*

*Walk Where Jesus Walked!*

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*Nov 29-Dec 10, 2026*

*Hosted by:*

*Pastor Matt Cassidy  
Grace Covenant Church*

## *Highlights of Your Tour*

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*Southern Temple Steps*



*Church of the Multiplication*



*Garden Tomb*

# The Holy Land Experience!

November 29 – December 10, 2026

Dear Friends:

*Would you like to have a life-changing and never-to-be forgotten experience? It is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip to the Bible Lands where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of our Lord. We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where He was crucified and raised from the dead. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, worship in the Garden of Gethsemane, and much more. Please give us the privilege of sharing this experience with you.*

Pastor Matt Cassidy

## YOUR DAILY ITINERARY

**SUN, NOV 29 AUSTIN • TEL AVIV**

Depart Austin today for Tel Aviv. Meals and overnight on board. After dinner relax and enjoy the on-board entertainment.

**MON, NOV 30 TEL AVIV • NETANYA**

Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport and meet our guide who will welcome us to the Land of the Bible and escort us throughout our stay in Israel. Israeli guides are legendary for their knowledge and dedication. Ours will instruct us on the many sites we will visit and their relationship to the religion, history, archaeology, culture, and modern life in Israel. Time permitting, visit

Old Jaffa, the traditional home of Simon the Tanner and the port from which Jonah sailed. Dinner and overnight on the shores of the Mediterranean in Netanya.

**TUE, DEC 1 CAESAREA • TIBERIAS**

Today we pass through the fast-growing towns and farms of the Plain of Sharon en route to Caesarea, site of major events in the lives of Peter and Paul. Start the day with a visit to Mt. Carmel. Visit Mukhrakha where Elijah the Prophet "faced off" with the Prophets of Baal. We drive through the Jezreel Valley to Sepphoris, the former Roman capital of the Galilee and the famous seat of the Sanhedrin, the ancient Jewish ruling council, in the second century A.D. Sepphoris is comprised of a Crusader fortress, a Roman amphitheater and numerous impressive mosaics. Baptism on the River Jordan before arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**WED, DEC 2 MEGIDDO • TIBERIAS**

Enjoy the views of the Sea of Galilee before a full Israeli Buffet Breakfast. It's on to Megiddo, inspiration for James Michener's *The Source*. Archaeological digs reveal 20 layers of civilization, including fortifications of King Solomon and the water tunnel of King Ahab. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the fertile Jezreel Valley, prophesied site of Armageddon,

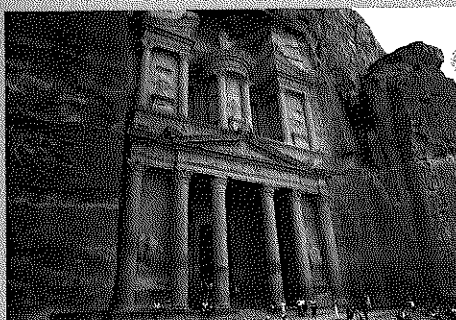
located at the crossroads of the ancient Via Maris. Drive through the rolling hills of the Galilee to Nazareth, site of Mary's Well, and Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Tiberias.

**THU, DEC 3 SEA OF GALILEE**

This day alone is worth the trip! We are now literally walking in the footsteps of Jesus. We will take a most memorable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, in a replica of the ancient wooden boat used in Jesus' day. We will visit an ancient boat believed to be from Jesus' time found in the Sea of Galilee in 1986. We walk into old Capernaum with the ancient synagogue, on to the site of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes (Tabgha), Primacy of St. Peter, the Sermon on the Mount and the Mount of Beatitudes. You will have an opportunity for a lunch of St. Peter's fish (optional). Visit the recent excavations taking place in the village of Magdala.

**FRI, DEC 4 TEL DAN • CAESAREA PHILLIPI • GADARA**

We will journey north to Tel Dan and Caesarea Phillipi (Baniyas Spring) where Peter confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16). In the afternoon we will visit Gadara, where the demoniac was delivered. Return to Tiberias by way of the Golan heights and understand its



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importance to the security of Israel. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Tiberias.

**SAT, DEC 5 JORDAN VALLEY • MASADA • DEAD SEA**

Drive along the Jordan Valley to Beit She'an to see the expansive excavations taking place at this ancient Roman Decapolis city. Stop at Gideon's Spring where Gideon selected his soldiers to do battle against the Midianites. Visit Ein Gedi, fabled Spring of David. Depart to Masada, overlooking the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on Earth, where we ascend by cable car to visit the remnants of Herod's Palace, and where in 73 A.D. the Zealots made their last stand against the might of Rome. The Dead Sea is well known throughout Europe for its spa treatments. There are various spa treatment packages available. Rates for these treatments are not included in the cost of the tour. Dinner and overnight at the Dead Sea.

**SUN, DEC 6 DEAD SEA • QUMRAN • JERUSALEM • BETHLEHEM**

Enjoy a relaxing morning off and go for a "float" in the salted waters of the Dead Sea. Depart the Dead Sea around noon. It's now time to "go up" to Jerusalem. We will enter the city as pilgrims have done since ancient times to fulfill the words of the prophet "I was glad when they said unto me... 'Our feet shall stand within thy Gates, O Jerusalem'"

(Psalms 122:1-2). After a magnificent view from Mt. Scopus, we will visit Bethlehem and see Manger Square, the Church of the Nativity, and view Shepherds' Fields and the Fields of Boaz and Ruth. On to the Bible Lands Museum where we see the Model of Jerusalem as it was during the days of our Lord. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

**MON, DEC 7 JERUSALEM**

Start the day with a magnificent view of the Old City from the top of the Mt. of Olives. Take the "Palm Sunday Walk" to the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of All Nations and drive across the Kidron Valley. Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate (Lions' Gate) to the Muslim Quarter, visit the beautiful Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgment Hall, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, into the Christian Quarter, and see the Stations of the Cross. Drive to Mt. Zion to see the House of Caiaphas and the Upper Room of the Last Supper.

**TUE, DEC 8 JERUSALEM**

We will begin the day with a visit to the reconstructed Jewish Quarter, walk through the Cardo, the original Roman street, and see the amazing remains of the massive wall built by King Hezekiah. See the important excavations taking place at the Western Wall and the Southern Temple Staircase. On to the Temple

Mount, where Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac. See the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque that now stand there. We visit the Western Wall Tunnel to view the excavations that are taking place. A fascinating experience! Later visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed.

**WED, DEC 9 JERUSALEM**

We will visit Golgotha (Gordon's Calvary) and the empty Garden Tomb. Special time is planned for worship, communion, meditation and inspiration. There will be free time and shopping in the afternoon. This evening, we will share in a Farewell Dinner and the presentation of a Certificate of Pilgrimage to each tour participant.

**THU, DEC 10 ISRAEL • AUSTIN**

This morning, we transfer to the airport. Our guide will assist us with check-in procedures. Depart Tel Aviv on our flight to Austin. We arrive the same day with wonderful memories of a visit to the Land of the Bible!

*Tour operator reserves the right to alter any part of this tour itinerary without prior notice.*



Church of All Nations



Sunset over Jerusalem



Sea of Galilee

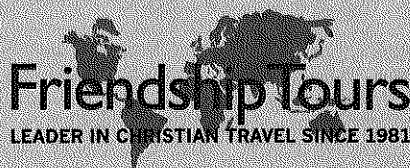


# Journeys of Faith



Ein Gedi Falls (top)

Garden of Gethsemane (bottom)



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### PRICE INCLUDES

- Round trip jet economy class
- First Class Hotels. Accommodations based on two persons sharing a room
- Full Buffet-Breakfast & dinner daily
- Transfers by private motor coach including a qualified, licensed English-speaking guide
- Porterage for one suitcase per person not to exceed 50 pounds.
- Airport taxes & airline fuel surcharges of \$650 per person, subject to change
- Love offering for guides, driver, restaurant staff and housekeeping staff

### NOT INCLUDED

- The cost of obtaining a U.S. passport, meals or beverages other than specified, insurance, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc.

**DOCUMENTS:** A valid U.S. passport is required.

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