# ISRAEL

10 Day Inspirational Tour | November 11-20, 2025

# Information & Reservations Baptist Mid-Missions

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# *Itinerary subject to change while touring for the best interest of the group.*

# Day I: Departure

Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

# Day 2: Arrive Israel

Arrive in Israel where you meet your guide and travel northward to our hotel for one night in the coastal area near Tel Aviv. The remainder of the day is free to walk along the Mediterranean, relax, and have dinner. The time is right for a personal devotional with the sunset over the "Great Sea." Enjoy a time of prayer of thanks for safety and the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of the "Promised Land", and a good night's rest.

# Day 3: Caesarea, Megiddo & Nazareth

After breakfast, we travel by private motor coach along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre and aqueduct, and then journey on to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Next we travel through the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the Armageddon Battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We drive through the area of Cana and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit the Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides. We will have dinner and overnight lodging for the next two nights in the Tiberias area on the Sea of Galilee.

# Day 4: Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Capernaum, Magdala, Sea of Galilee Boat Ride, Mt. of Beatitudes

Following breakfast, our morning travels take us to two valuable northern sites. Dan is where the children of Israel fell to the depths of alternative sacrifice and Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's Confession and pagan worship. We visit the possible site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes in Bethsaida and the Mount of the Beatitudes. Next we visit the ancient Fisherman Boat followed by a relaxing cruise on the Sea of Galilee. A brief scripture reading and devotional on board brings to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples. In Capernaum we view the excavations of the sea-side village and Peter's home, followed by a visit to Magdala, home town of Mary Magdalene. The recent excavation of the First Century Synagogue and well preserved village makes Magdala one of the most interesting Biblical sites in Israel.

# Day 5: Beth Shean, Baptismal site & Dead Sea

We travel southward to Beit-Shean/Scythopolis, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys. Like Jericho, it has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beit-Shean. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis - a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley southward, your guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey" and Israel's intricate irrigation development. We pass ancient Jericho and view from a distance this city famed as the oldest in the world. To the east of Jericho along the Jordan River Valley (Qasr El Yahud) is the Israeli side of Bethany Beyond the Jordan. In this area Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, Elijah and Elisha crossed the Jordan, as well as where the children of Israel, led by Joshua, entered the Promised Land. Our lodging for the evening is at the Dead Sea – the lowest place on earth. Spend time in the special spa and enjoy a dip in the Dead Sea for a relaxing float before dinner.

# Day 6: Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls, Abraham's Tent

Our day begins with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of Masada. Here our guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand. Afterwards we proceed to Ein Gedi, "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we visit Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. This afternoon we will take part in the Genesis Land/Dinner in Abraham's Tent, where we enjoy a trip back in time: a reliving of life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, and authentic food. Our lodging for the next four nights will be in Jerusalem.

Day 7: Around Jerusalem, Bible Times, Bethlehem

Conditions permitting we will visit the Temple Mount, with





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commentary on the Temple Periods, and the variety of belief systems past and present that make this area so valuable. Next we will visit the Wailing Wall and then the fascinating Rabbinical Tunnels leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. Next we visit the House of Caiaphas where Jesus was beaten and spit upon. See a pit where he may have been held for the evening and the ancient hillside steps he walked as he was taken to be condemned. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place that Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost. We spend the remainder of the day surrounding the birth of Christ with a visit to Bethlehem including the Shepherd's fields.

# Day 8: Jesus' Steps, Last Days, Way of Suffering, Garden Tomb

Today we walk where Jesus walked; beginning the day with a panoramic view of the city, Mount Moriah and the Dome of the Rock from atop the Mount of Olives and then the Garden of Gethsemane. How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice if only for a moment? To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Jesus' prayer and take time for personal reflection is important here. Passing by the Protestant Cemetery, we visit the "Upper Room" just outside the Zion Gate where the disciple whom Jesus loved laid his head on His breast and where later Thomas cried, "my Lord & my God." While walking along the Via Dolorosa, we are reminded of His way of suffering along with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Our guide will explain the differing opinions on the route that Christ was led and the actual place of crucifixion and burial is a very interesting study. The climax of the day is the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the Garden Tomb, where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise.

# Day 9: Israel Museum, Yad Vashem, City of David

An interesting and educational time awaits us today at the Israeli Museum. Walk through collections of century's old

Israeli artifacts including the Dead Sea Scrolls, and then a guided walk through an accurately detailed model of Biblical Jerusalem. This model will help put into perspective all that you have seen over the previous days touring. Next we visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum, for a needed reminder of what the Jews have suffered as a people. We continue our sightseeing just outside the Dung Gate on the southeastern hill below the Temple Mount in the City of David. It was during the time of Solomon that the city limits extended past this part of Jerusalem. We visit Gihon Springs, the original water source for Jerusalem, view new excavations including a typical Israelite four-room house, and the lower city wall. A highlight today will be a water walk through the incredible Hezekiah's Tunnel to the pool of Siloam, the place of Jesus' miracle in John 9.

# Day 10: Homeward

We transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for the flight home.

**PRICE PER PERSON:** BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$3,919.00\*

\*Includes airfare from New York.

Single Supplement: \$995.00

> Reservation Due By: July 25, 2025

Final Payment Due By: September 11, 2025

**RESERVATIONS** A \$300 per person US Dollar deposit is required to secure a reservation. Your reservation is not considered confirmed until Pilgrim Tours has received both the deposit and completed reservation form. Reservations are due July 25, 2025 and can be sent to: Pilgrim Tours PO Box 268 Morgantown, PA 19543.

# FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment will be due September 11, 2025. Payment can be made by check, Visa, Discover, or Master Card. Payments not received on time will be subject to a minimum \$200 per person penalty and may result in reservation cancellation without refund. Reservations made after the final payment deadline may result in additional administrative fees and are at the discretion of Pilgrim Tours.

# INCLUDED

Roundtrip air from New York including current air taxes and fuel surcharges (taxes and fuel charges are subject to change), 8 nights lodging at 4 star hotels, Breakfast and dinner daily, Full time English speaking tour escort, Services of air conditioned deluxe motor coach, All guides, entrances, touring and transportation as appears on itinerary, Baggage handling at hotels (one piece), Tips to driver, guides, and hotel staff, Pilgrim payment processing by check, Visa, Master Card, or Discover

# NOT INCLUDED

All lunches, Optional travel insurance (7.95% or 10.85% of tour cost), Israel VAT tax-\$160 added if a passport copy is not provided

# CANCELLATION

Cancellation in writing must be received by Pilgrim Tours for appropriate refund minus the following fees and any nonrefundable services purchased. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy. Travel insurance is non-refundable.

91+ Days Prior: \$100 penalty 90-61 Days Prior: Deposit Amount of \$300 per person 60-46 Days Prior: 40% of tour cost 45-31 Days Prior: 65% of tour cost 30-8 Days Prior: 85% of tour cost 7 Days Prior: 85% of tour cost 7 Days Prior or less: 100% of tour cost

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# PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT, VISA & MINOR CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

All international tours require a current passport. Entrance to most countries requires your passport be valid for 6 months after your return date. Your passport information must be recorded by a Pilgrim Tours agent when making your reservation. Names must be recorded by a Pligrim lours agent when making your reservation. Names on airline tickets must appear as shown on passport. Photocorpies are not acceptable forms of identification. Minors traveling with either one parent or no parents must have a certified letter of permission from the parent or parents who is/are not traveling. If requested, this letter must be presented. Non U. S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill appropriate entry requirements of the destination country. Contact the local Consulate of the countries you plan to visit and transit for ontor veguirement information. transit for entry requirement information.

# BAGGAGE

Atthough every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel, group carrier or airline handling. There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. However, during the tour, passengers are permitted on bala and in suitcase and one carry-on bag unless otherwise noted. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact the airline or refer to the airlines website for detailed information regarding checked baggage policies. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Pilgrim Tours, and may be subject to change.

# TRAVEL INSURANCE - AVAILABLE FOR ALL PASSENGERS

Pilgrim Tours strongly suggests purchasing a travel insurance plan. Be sure to check with your health insurance provider as many US medical coverage plans may not cover you outside of the country. Insurance costs are based on the total tour cost, including air taxes and charges listed under "Not Included." These charges are deded to the final thilling. added to the final billing. Approximate amounts can be given at time of reservation in order to purchase the appropriate amount of insurance. Travel Insurance is nonrefundable

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# **ALLIANZ TRAVEL INSURANCE** Choose between the following two insurance plans

# **ODYSSEY PLAN: 7.95% OF TOUR COST**

Maximize your coverage. To make sure you are eligible for existing medical conditions, purchase your Odyssey Plan at or before final payment.

# **Benefits Included**

Trip Delay

# Amount of Coverage

Trip Cancellation/Interruption Missed Connection Baggage Loss/ Damage **Baggage Delay** Emergency Medical & Dental Emergency Medical Transportation

Trip Cost \$1,000 (no receipts: \$200) \$500 \$1,500 \$500 (no receipts: \$100) \$50,000 (\$750 in dental coverage) \$250,000

# ODYSSEY WITH CANCEL ANYTIME: 10.85% OF TOUR COST

Odyssey with Cancel Anytime must be purchased on date of reservation. This plan will not be available after that date.

# **Benefits Included**

Odyssey Plan Coverage Cancel Anytime Plan

# Amount of Coverage **Odyssey Plan Limits** up to 80% of trip cost

ALLIANZ representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Toll Free at 1.800.284.8300 and refer to ACCAM - F201757.

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Odyssey Plan is available for purchase at the time of final payment and does not need to accompany the registration deposit. Odyssey with Cancel Anytime must be purchased on the date of your reservation.