

B.A.S.E. Tours

Israel Tour Itinerary

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Sea of Galilee sunset

WELCOME!

Koinonia House welcomes you as our guest on this exciting tour of Israel! This will be a special time together because of the places, people, and new insights to be gained.

There will be professional Israeli guides with us, but we will also hear from Bob Cornuke and Ron Matsen, who have teamed up once again to help us better understand the places we will be visiting.



Robert (Bob) Cornuke has used his training with the FBI, his experience as a police investigator, along with important findings from historical sources and archaeology to demonstrate the accuracy and trustworthiness of the Bible.

Bob has participated in over sixty expeditions around the world searching for lost locations described in the Bible. As a result, he has appeared on National Geographic Channel, CBS, NBC's Dateline, Good Morning America, CNN, MSNBC, Fox, ABC, History Channel, and Ripley's Believe it Or Not.

The Temple, one of the nine books Bob has written, examines the possibility that Solomon's temple was located in the City of David, not on the Temple Mount.

This has stirred discussions among many groups; from academics and archaeologists to Israeli shop owners.

Ron Matsen is president of Koinonia House, and you have likely seen him in the ***Personal Update*** news journal, as well as in the ***Body Builders*** and ***Forge*** series on YouTube. You may even have met him at one of Koinonia Institute's Strategic Perspectives Conferences. Ron has also been the familiar face on the Q&A sessions he hosted with the late Dr. Chuck Missler, the founder of Koinonia House.

Ron has co-hosted tours in Israel with Chuck, as well as leading tours when he was the pastor of a church in the UK. He has over thirty years in the pastoral ministry, and has taught verse-by-verse through the Bible many times.

Ron brings a wealth of knowledge about this special land and its history. This allows him to explain the fabric of biblical history as well as the practical and personal relevance of a particular site.

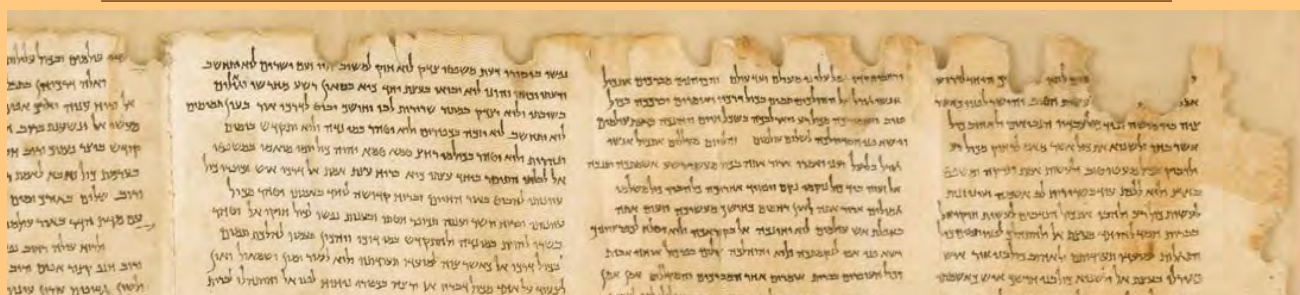


Our Guide



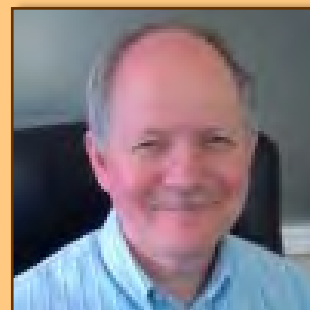
Ido Garfinkle has been a guide for over a decade. He started when he was a student at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he studied Bible and geography. He speaks Hebrew, German, and English which helps him tap into many historical documents, both Christian and Jewish.

From our first experience with Ido, we were impressed with the breadth of his knowledge; we felt he was a veritable encyclopedia! It's very good to have him on board again.



Tim Tyler is the Tour Coordinator, and you have probably already corresponded with him at least once. His role is to oversee all the arrangements for the tour so everything is in place from the very first day.

Tim works from the Koinonia House office in Idaho and is available to help with any questions or issues you might need help solving. He will also provide on-the-ground support in Israel during the tour.



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ARRIVAL DAY: Monday, 18 September

We will all land at Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) but at different times. The goal is to arrive at the Vert Lagoon Hotel, in Netanya (north of Tel Aviv) in time for dinner (buffet opens at 6:30 PM) and an 8:00 PM orientation.

Jet lag can be an issue for people crossing many time zones. The usual advice is to be well rested when you start your trip. Also, drink plenty of water and adjust your sleeping pattern right away. (Some people use a sleeping aid for their new bedtime.)

Most importantly, keep your focus on the Lord. Enter this land as His ambassador.

THREE NORTHERN NIGHTS

Tuesday– Thursday, 19-21 September

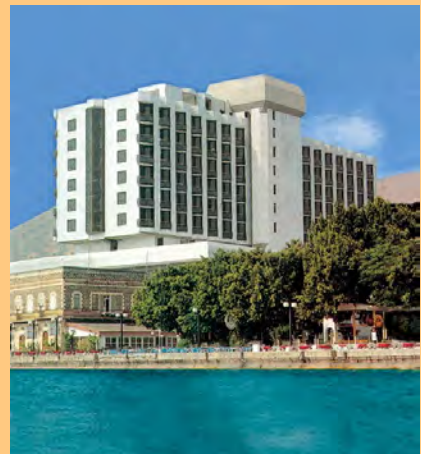
Our touring begins!* After breakfast, we will head north from Netanya and ultimately arrive at our base for three nights: **Sofia Hotel Tiberias**.

Most evenings, we will have some time with Ron Matsen and Bob Cornuke. They will conduct a Question & Answer session, or present a special briefing.

If you noticed it missing, you may be asking, “What about lunch?” We have breakfast and dinner buffets at the hotels, but not lunch. Three lunches are included with the tour package, and on the other days, there will be opportunities for you to buy lunch.

Water bottles are available for sale on the bus, usually for a dollar (a good price).

Weather in the northern regions will be cooler than Tel Aviv. Dressing with layers is a good idea so you can adjust easily throughout the day.



*The tour itinerary is subject to change without notice if Koinonia House leaders believe it will give you a better experience, or if there are unforeseen circumstances that require a change.

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Planned Visits in The North

Caesarea Maritima

Tel Megiddo

Gideon Springs (Well of Harod)

Sea of Galilee wooden boat ride

Ancient Boat Museum (the “Jesus Boat”)

Mount of Beatitudes hillside

Capernaum

Special Lunch in Tiberias

Magdala Center

Hammat Tiberias Synagogue ruins

Yardenit Baptismal site at the Jordan River

Tel Hazor

Tel Dan

Caesarea Philippi (Banias)

Golan Heights and Mt. Bental lookout



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Transition: The Jordan Valley

We leave the Galilee and head south into the Jordan Valley. As we drive through this valley, we are traveling near the border of Israel and Jordan with it's fencing near the Jordan River.

Some of the sights we'll see include:

Beit She'an, an immense city ultimately ruined by an earthquake.

Tel Jericho, the city conquered by Israel when God made the walls fall down.

This will be the first day we visit a site within a "West Bank" administrative district. There are three districts established by the Oslo Accords: A, B, and C. Beit She'an is not in the "West Bank" but Jericho is in Area A: under Palestinian political and military control. We have found locals and shopkeepers to be very friendly to us as tourists because they appreciate the business we bring to them. To be prudent, we also monitor news reports and have registered with both Israeli and US governments to receive any alerts they issue about serious issues in the country.

From Jericho, we will climb above sea level and enter Jerusalem.



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SEVEN JERUSALEM NIGHTS

including one day at the Dead Sea, another for Yom Kippur

Friday, 22 September to Checkout on Friday, 28 September

Arriving from Jericho, we will settle into the hotel we'll use for the rest of the tour: The Leonardo Plaza Hotel, located near the Old City.

The itinerary for the coming week will include four different areas: the Dead Sea, the Old City, City of David, and Judea outside of Jerusalem.



Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

We will spend an entire day visiting sites in the Dead Sea area. That will mean traveling below sea level, again. In fact, we will be standing on the lowest dry land of the entire planet. While there, we will see places where God preserved His people and His word.

Another of the four areas is the Old City of Jerusalem. We will pause for the day of Yom Kippur to learn

about the Feasts of the Lord. Then we will walk on the Temple Mount, explore the various sectors of the city, and consider the things that happened within these walls.

Just downhill from the Old City is the City of David, the original City of Peace (Salem, or Shalom). It dates back to the days of Melchizedek. Centuries later, David, with his army, conquered this fortress from the Jebusites and made it his home and headquarters. Until modern times, no one knew this city was beneath the soil they were farming. We will see evidence, including some places not open to the general public, that shows this was the original Jerusalem, .

Along with those three areas, we will go into the surrounding land of Judea, to the south of Jerusalem.

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Planned Visits at the Dead Sea

Masada, Herod's fortress complex

Ein Gedi

Qumran (Dead Sea Scrolls caves)

Dead Sea Float



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The Old City of Jerusalem

Yom Kippur observance

The Temple Mount

Muslim Quarter

Via Dolorosa

Pool of Bethesda

Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Jewish Quarter - Cardo

Temple Institute

Western Wall

Western Wall Tunnels*

Davidson Center: Archaeological Park with Southern Steps

Mount of Olives

Gethsemane



Temple Mount Sifting Project—a hands-on, volunteer experience



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City of David



Gihon Spring*

Jebusite walls

Temple Zero site

Hezekiah's Tunnel, wet* — *optional*

Hezekiah's Tunnel, dry* — *alternative*

Pool of Siloam

Excavation at Givati Parking Lot

Pilgrim's Road, newly opened*

Judea Outside of Jerusalem

Valley of Elah: where David met Goliath in battle

Khirbet Qeiyafa Excavations—evidence of King David

Tel Lachish Excavations—evidence of King Hezekiah

Herodium—a fortress and palace of Herod the Great: also his tomb.

*These sites are underground



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On our last day together, we will begin at the Garden Tomb. From there, we will have the opportunity to see some very important displays for Israel. Our Farewell Dinner will be held in Abu Ghosh.

Our Last Day

Garden Tomb

Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum

Israel Museum

Shrine of the Book with Dead Sea Scrolls display

Abu Ghosh - Farewell Dinner, Naura restaurant

Airport for departure from Israel

After dinner, we will go to Ben Gurion International Airport in time for a red-eye flight. It will be sad to go our separate ways, but we will part from each other filled with memories of sharing a very special spiritual journey.



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*We will walk around this 1:50 scale model
of first-century Jerusalem.*

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