



B.A.S.E. Tour of Israel: October 19-30, 2025

TERMS & CONDITIONS

B.A.S.E. TOUR OF ISRAEL

REGISTRATION

To sign up for a place on the B.A.S.E (Bible, Archaeology, Search, Explore) Tour of Israel, click on the tour banner at <https://khouse.org> and complete the registration process which includes:

- Make a \$500 per-person deposit.
- Agree to the Terms & Conditions for the tour.
- Upload a copy of your passport. (This is the most secure way for us to receive it electronically.)
- Send your Electronic Travel Authorization from Israel (ETA-IL number) to tours@khouse.org.

If you prefer, you can send a photocopy of your passport to K-House Tours, 400 Lucerne Dr., Cocoa, FL 32922.

If you don't have a passport, or need to renew yours,¹ please upload or send a copy as soon as you receive it.

To apply for an ETA-IL, go to the Israel's official site: <https://israel-entry.piba.gov.il/apply-for-an-eta-il-1/>

PAYMENT INFORMATION

The tour price is \$4,580 per person, not including airfare (see "Flights" section below).

After registration, you can log into your account at <https://khouse.account.webconnex.com/login> to make additional payments:

- Frequency of payment is your choice.
- Full payment for the tour is due no later than Wednesday, **August 6, 2025**.
- Cancellation Policy is below.

Save \$100 per person. If you pay the remaining balance of \$4,080 via check(s) or money order(s), there will be no card-processing fee, so we will apply a \$100 discount to your account. You can make several installments if you choose. Write checks to "Koinonia House" and mail to: K-House Tours, 400 Lucerne Dr., Cocoa, FL 32922.

¹ Both Israel and all airlines require that your passport be current through April 30, 2026. (This is roughly six months after the expected departure from Israel.)

THE B.A.S.E. TOUR OF ISRAEL

The tour includes:

- An itinerary of proven historic sites, important traditional sites, as well as honest discussions about both archaeology and the Bible. Above all, this tour offers the opportunity for spiritual growth as we journey in the Holy Land.
- Biblical insights and topical briefings from Ron Matsen and Bob Cornuke.
- Experienced guide(s) who are licensed by Israel. Expert guest speaker(s).
- Personal headsets to enable you to hear speakers clearly, even at a distance.
- Excellent, top-rated hotel accommodations.
- The acclaimed Israeli breakfast and dinner buffets at each hotel.
- Two special lunches.
- A farewell dinner on the last night of the tour.
- A series of important travel tips, and our exclusive tour guidebook.
- Admission and entrance fees for the sites on our itinerary.
- Transportation to tour sites in a deluxe, air-conditioned coach.
- Baggage handling for one bag. (Please bring only one checked bag.)
- All gratuities and taxes for the above.

Two lunches are included, and we will stop for you to purchase lunches on other days.

This is scheduled as a one-bus tour, seating approximately 55 people depending on space for staff and special guests. Koinonia House reserves the right to add one more bus if there is greater demand than we³ anticipated.

A tour brochure with the itinerary² can be found at the link on the registration page. If you have not received a copy, please contact the coordinator at tours@khouse.org.

ROOMING OPTIONS

If you prefer a room to yourself, the single occupancy add-on to the tour price is **\$1,520**.

If you marked “Travelling solo, willing to share a room” on your registration:

- Your first name and email address are added to the “looking for a roommate” list.
- We³ will share the list with others on the list of the same sex.
- When you find a match, both you and the other person need to notify the tour coordinator that you have agreed to room together.⁴

² The itinerary is subject to change if B.A.S.E. Tours deems a change will improve the group’s tour experience, or if, in our judgment, unforeseen circumstances require it.

³ In this document, “we” refers to Koinonia House, Inc.

⁴ We cannot guarantee that you will find someone to room with, nor that they are suitable for you. We are only providing a way for interested parties to make contact. You are free to conduct whatever level of screening you wish to do.

- Matches must be recorded no later than **July 30, 2025**, or the single occupancy add-on of **\$1,520** will be applied to your account (final payment for the tour is due **August 6, 2025**).

If parents want their child to share their room, ask the tour coordinator about the possibilities. (The total room price is reduced by only \$165.)

PRE-TOUR ARRIVAL OPTION

If you want to arrive in Israel early, the tour coordinator can book a pre-tour room for you at our first hotel, dependent on availability. Breakfast and dinner buffets are included.⁵ Availability and prices will be confirmed with you before charges are added to your account.

BAPTISM OPTION

Baptism in the Jordan River is available to anyone when we visit the Yardenit Baptismal Site; you do not need to give advance notice. Entrance is free, but the site will charge you \$15 if you wish to be baptized. This includes the rental of a white gown (required by Yardenit—and you must wear a bathing suit underneath as it is revealing when wet), towel, changing room, locker, hot shower, and a baptismal certificate. We recommend you bring water shoes or sandals. Ron Matsen and Tim Tyler conduct the baptisms.

WALKING

The itinerary will take the group to a variety of areas, some of which involve climbing and descending stairs or pathways, as well as stepping on rough and uneven terrain without handrails. Everyone is getting on and off the bus several times a day, as well.

Ideally, by the time the tour begins, you can walk two miles for some days in a row. The minimum would be to have the ability to walk the length of a football field, rest, walk back, and repeat once again. This would roughly simulate the tour. We don't often walk a long distance, it's just that the short distances add up. You always have the option of staying with the bus at a site or taking a day off to rest and prepare for the next day.

FLIGHTS

You are free to purchase airline tickets with any airline and itinerary that meets your needs.

If you take K-House's "preferred flight", you can ride the tour bus from the airport to the hotel. That flight will be identified as soon as the airline schedules and fares stabilize again.

The last day of the tour ends with a farewell dinner and we will arrive at the airport by about 7:30 PM. Your flight should not leave before 10:30 PM so you have time for security checks.

Reservations can be made through a travel agency or an airline's website. We do not recommend using third-party sites. (Search "third-party airline ticket risks" if you wonder why we hold that opinion.)

⁵Missed or uneaten meals cannot be refunded.

TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS

Tour transportation is provided only via a touring coach. For any other trips, such as pre-tour arrivals or early departures, you will need to make other arrangements (taxi, etc.).

If you arrive after the “preferred flight,” please make your way to the **Resort Hadera by Jacob Hotels** to join the group. The address is **Menachem Begin Boulevard, Hadera, Israel**. Taxis are available at the airport.

- Hotel check-in begins at 3:00 PM.
- Dinner buffet opens at 6:30 PM.
- Welcome and Orientation Meeting begins at 8:00 PM.

For departure, everyone can transfer to the airport via our coach after our farewell dinner.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We urge you to purchase travel insurance; links for options are provided below.

It is not unusual for someone on one of our tours to need coverage for cancellations, lost luggage, flight delays, or even medical insurance. Be sure to examine policy details so you are getting what is implied by a title. Coverage amounts and other options vary widely.

Minimum recommended coverage:

- Trip Cancellation (Also consider “Cancel For Any Reason,” which is different.) Some people decline this coverage and accept the risk of losing the money they paid.
- Medical Coverage which includes COVID treatment
- Evacuation

You may have trip cancellation coverage with your credit card company, but you should compare the terms with other policies. We do not recommend insurance policies offered by airlines.

Many insurance policies must be purchased within days of the registration date, especially for trip cancellation coverage. If the date is a problem, contact the tour coordinator for help at tours@khouse.org.

For general information about buying travel insurance, see <https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/insurance/travel-insurance>.

For Medicare questions, see:

<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/travel-outside-the-u.s.>

Compare policies from many companies by using sites such as www.squaremouth.com or www.insuremytrip.com, or www.travelinsurance.com.⁶

Please Note: *Koinonia House, Inc. is not responsible for any losses or expenses which you may incur due to your failure to secure adequate insurance coverage.*

COVID

⁶ Koinonia House has no relationship with these companies.

COVID restrictions, and testing of all kinds, were ended in March 2022 by both the Israel and the United States. Other countries have also ended their COVID regulations. This section will be updated with any new developments.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Tour payments are fully or partially refundable through **August 14, 2025**.

- A full refund for cancellation is available if notice is received by **June 20, 2025**.
- A cancellation fee of \$50 per person will apply for cancellations made from **June 21, 2025 through August 14, 2025**.
- A tour cancellation must be received before **August 15, 2025**, or no refund can be made.
- Since tour members make their own flight reservations, Koinonia House, Inc. cannot assist with such matters, including cancellation-related issues and expenses.
- If Koinonia House, Inc. cancels the entire tour for any reason before **August 14, 2025**, a full refund of payments received will be made to all participants who are enrolled at the time of the cancellation.
- If Koinonia House, Inc. cancels the entire tour on or after **August 18, 2025**, a refund—if any— will be based on the amount of unexpended funds controlled by Koinonia House, Inc. The only foreseeable scenario for this to happen would involve official US State Department travel advisories (levels 3 or 4), or restrictions imposed by the government of Israel or an airline that would bar a tour or make it inadvisable in the judgment of Koinonia House, Inc.
- Tour members are urged to purchase travel insurance to minimize their risk of loss due to unforeseen circumstances.

TOUR RELEASE

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT, LIKENESS AGREEMENT, MEDICAL CARE EXPENSE

As partial consideration for permission to participate in the B.A.S.E. ISRAEL TOUR (the "Activity"), I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily do waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participation in the Activity, and do hereby release and forever discharge KOINONIA HOUSE, INC., their employees, affiliates, managers, members, staff, volunteers, predecessors, successors and assigns, for any physical or mental injury, financial losses, or personal property damage that I may suffer related in any way to my participation in the aforementioned Activity, including traveling to and from an event related to this Activity, whether such losses or injuries are caused by my own actions, or the actions or negligence of another, including KOINONIA HOUSE, INC.

I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY ENTIRELY AT MY OWN RISK. I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAVELING, PARTICULARLY FOREIGN TRAVEL, including, but not limited to, terrain, temperature, weather, physical exertion, equipment failure, transportation accidents, accommodation failures, food and air-borne pathogens, lost or stolen personal property, war or acts of terrorism, and injury due to the actions of others, which all could have the potential for property loss, serious injury or even death.

I understand that KOINONIA HOUSE, INC. reserves the right to cancel an individual's tour, or to eject a participant from a tour—at their own expense—if such an action is deemed necessary by KOINONIA HOUSE INC. for the safety or comfort of the tour group.

For any claim for damages to equipment, personal property or facilities caused by me, my minor child or ward under my care, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless KOINONIA HOUSE, INC. from any and all claims, suits or actions for damages, compensation, liability or breach of any kind whatsoever, including attorney's fees and any related costs.

I grant KOINONIA HOUSE, INC. permission to use my likeness (or any minor traveling with me) in publications.

I understand that a medical professional will not accompany the participants during this Activity. If I need medical care and my emergency contact cannot be reached, I authorize KOINONIA HOUSE, INC. to arrange for emergency medical or dental treatment. I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred from such emergency treatment. I am aware and understand that I should purchase and carry my own health and travel insurance.

This document will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and jurisdiction for enforcement is in Brevard County, Florida, USA. Any portion of this document deemed unlawful or unenforceable is severable and shall be stricken without effect to the remaining provisions.