

2019 BJU Holy Land Tour

A Study Tour in the Land of Israel

With an Optional Extension to Jordan and Egypt

Key Facts

Dates: May 7–18, 2019; with the optional extension to Jordan and Egypt: May 7–24.

Tour Hosts: BJU president Steve Pettit and Dr. Sam Horn, BJU's executive vice president for enrollment and ministerial advancement.

Tour Coordinator: Gary Reimers, BJU seminary adjunct professor and pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

Total Cost: \$3995 for the standard tour (Israel); for the Jordan/Egypt extension add \$2295.

Tour Website: holylandtour.bju.edu

Early Reservation: complete your application by December 3, 2018, to receive a \$100 discount.

Registration: \$400 deposit per person for the standard tour (this amount applies toward the total cost) or \$500 deposit for Israel plus the Jordan/Egypt extension.

Components of the Tour Package

- Round-trip, economy-class air travel from New York City (if you want to purchase your own overseas flights and meet the group in Israel, the *land only* cost for the Israel tour is \$2995).
- All land travel by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with English-speaking local guides.
- Double-occupancy hotel accommodations (private room fee: \$1000; with extension: \$1225).
- Breakfast and dinner daily at the hotels.
- Entrance fees at all itinerary sites as well as tips for tour guides, drivers and hotel staff.

Not Included in the Tour Price

- Transportation between your home and JFK.
- Passport fees, excess baggage fees, or service charges for special needs.
- Lunches, bottled water, snacks, and any beverages that are not included with the hotel meals.
- Souvenirs, personal items, phone calls, laundry service or travel insurance.

Reservation and Payment Procedures

- [Register online](#) (you can also access this form on the Registration page of the tour website) or you may contact Dr. Reimers by email (greimers@bju.edu), phone (864-907-3657), or regular mail (Seminary 219, 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC 29614).
- To use a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard or Discover), you can [pay online](#) (you can also access this form on the Registration page of the tour website). To pay by check (payable to *Bob Jones University*), remit to Dr. Reimers (at the mailing address above).
- Please submit a photocopy of your passport picture/information page (as soon as available).
- Seating is limited (first-come basis). A reservation is not confirmed until we have received your deposit (\$100 of the deposit amount is not refundable).
- Final payment is due by Thursday, February 21, 2019. Please do not submit partial payments.
- Those desiring three hours of college or seminary credit must register through the BJU Registrar's Office (in April), which will charge a \$65 tuition fee to your student account.

2019 Holy Land Tour Daily Itinerary

Tuesday, May 7

Board the plane in **New York City** (JFK) for the overnight flight to **Israel**.

Wednesday, May 8

Arrive at **Ben Gurion Airport** in **Tel Aviv**. Transfer to our hotel for dinner and an optional stroll along the beautiful **Mediterranean Sea**. *Overnight in Netanya.*

Thursday, May 9

Tour **Caesarea by the Sea**—including the theater, Herod's palace and the aqueduct. Ascend **Mount Carmel** to a site commemorating Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal. Explore the excavations at **Megiddo** and then drive to **Nazareth** to tour **Nazareth Village**, a re-creation of life in biblical times. View **Mount Tabor** and the **Jezreel Valley** (biblical **Armageddon**) from the **Mount of Precipitation**; then drive to **Tiberias** on the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**. *Overnight in Tiberias.*

Friday, May 10

Visit the recent excavations at **Magdala**; then embark on a morning **boat ride** across the **Sea of Galilee** to **Capernaum**, the center of Christ's Galilee ministry, to see the synagogue and ruins of the ancient village. Explore the city of **Chorazin** and then proceed to **Nof Ginosar** to examine a first-century **ancient boat**. Enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view of the **Sea of Galilee** from the **Arbel Cliffs** and the option to descend the precipice to see the caves below. *Overnight in Tiberias.*

Saturday, May 11

Travel north through the **Hula Valley** to the beautiful **Dan Nature Reserve**. Explore the excavations at the city of **Dan**, including the high place where Jeroboam set up the golden calf. Visit **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter made his great confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Enjoy the majestic views of **Mount Hermon**, **Nimrod Fortress** and **Mount Bental**. Return on the ancient **Damascus Road** through the **Golan Heights**. *Overnight in Tiberias.*

Sunday, May 12

Travel south through the **Jordan River Valley** to explore **Bet Shean**. Proceed to **Qumran** to examine the excavations of the Essene community and view the **Dead Sea Scrolls caves**. Stop at **Engedi** to hike the nature trail to the cave where David hid from King Saul. Continue south to our hotel to enjoy a relaxing opportunity to float in the buoyant mineral waters of the **Dead Sea**. *Overnight in Ein Bokek.*

Monday, May 13

Ride the cable car to the summit of **Masada** to explore Herod the Great's spectacular mountain fortress. Continue to **Beersheba**, the home of Abraham. Drive north into the **Judean Hills** to **Azekah** for a magnificent view of the **Valley of Elah** where David defeated Goliath. Continue to **Jerusalem**, the city of the Great King. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Tuesday, May 14

Begin the tour of the **Holy City** with a magnificent panoramic view of **Jerusalem** from the **Mount of Olives**, and then stroll down the ancient path to see the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Drive to **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity** and view the **Shepherds' Fields**, then enjoy a special shopping excursion at historic **Kando Store**. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Wednesday, May 15

Tour the Old Testament **City of David**, including **Hezekiah's Tunnel**, the recent excavations at the **Pool of Siloam** and the **Tombs of the House of David**. View the ongoing excavations of **David's Palace** and then enter Herod's underground **water canal**, emerging at the base of the **Pinnacle of the Temple**. Visit the **Jerusalem Archaeological Park** around the **Temple Mount**, including the **Trumpet Stone** and the **ancient stairway** to the temple. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Thursday, May 16

Ascend the **Temple Mount** to see the **Dome of the Rock** and the **Al-Aqsa Mosque**. Visit the **Western Wall** and **Tunnel**. View the **Pool of Bethesda**, walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, then enjoy the overview of the **Old City** from the **Citadel of David**. Continue to the **Jewish Quarter** to see the **Herodian Mansion**, the **Cardo** and **Hezekiah's Broad Wall**. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Friday, May 17

Drive north to visit **Shechem** to see **Jacob's Well**, where Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman, then continue to the city of **Samaria** (Sebaste). Return to Jerusalem to examine the **Model of Jerusalem** located at the **Israel Museum**—where you will also see the museum's archaeological exhibitions and the **Shrine of the Book**, home to some of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. Complete the tour at the beautiful grounds of the **Garden Tomb** with a communion service. Finally, enjoy a delicious **farewell dinner**. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Saturday, May 18

Those concluding the tour will transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv. Arrive in **New York City** (JFK) for your connecting flight **home**.

Optional Extension to Jordan and Egypt (May 18-24)

Saturday, May 18

After breakfast, cross the **Jordan River** at the **Allenby Bridge** to enter the **Kingdom of Jordan**. Visit **Tall el-Hammam** to explore the site recently suggested as the ancient city of **Sodom**. Continue to **Mount Nebo** to view the **Promised Land** from the same perspective as Moses. Drive south into the mountains of **Edom** to our hotel near **Petra**. *Overnight in Wadi Musa.*

Sunday, May 19

Venture into the rock-city of **Petra**. Spend the day marveling at the stunning beauty of the **Siq** (entrance passage), the **Treasury**, the **Street of Facades**, the 8000-seat **Theater**, and the various **Temples** and **Royal Tombs** carved into the red stone. Drive north along the **King's Highway** to the ancient capital city of **Amman**. *Overnight in Amman.*

Monday, May 20

Cross the **Jabbok River** to explore **Jerash**, including the **Hippodrome**, the **Southern Theater**, the **Oval Plaza**, the **Cardo Maximus**, the **Temples of Zeus and Artemis**, and various **Byzantine churches**. Return to **Amman** to visit the **Citadel**, the site of **Rabbah-Amman** that King David conquered. Transfer to the airport for the late-day flight to **Egypt**. *Overnight in Luxor.*

Tuesday, May 21

Luxor was the capital of Egypt during the New Kingdom, thus the city where Moses grew up. Cross the beautiful **Nile River** to enter the **Valley of the Kings** to explore some of the amazing tombs of the Pharaohs—including **King Tutankhamun**—as well as **Queen Hatshepsut's Mortuary Temple**. Return to the east side of the Nile to admire the refined beauty of **Luxor Temple**. *Overnight in Luxor.*

Wednesday, May 22

Marvel at the enormous proportions of the well-preserved **Karnak Temple**. Transfer to the airport for the flight to **Cairo**. End the day with an evening dinner cruise on the **Nile River**. *Overnight in Cairo.*

Thursday, May 23

View the **Great Pyramids** on the **Giza Plateau** (ancient **Memphis**) as well as the amazing **Sphinx**, one of the most distinctive symbols of ancient **Egypt**. Tour the fascinating **Egyptian Museum**, including the renowned artifacts of **King Tutankhamun**. *Overnight in Cairo.*

Friday, May 24

Transfer to the airport for the flight to **New York City** (JFK) and your connecting flight **home**.