

May 2027 Holy Land Tour

Experiencing the Land of Israel

With an Optional Extension to Jordan and Egypt

Key Facts

Dates: May 11–21, 2027; *with the optional extension to Jordan and Egypt:* May 11–25

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

Total Cost: \$4600 for the standard tour of Israel; *for the Jordan and Egypt extension add \$2250*

Tour Website: holylandtour.bju.edu

Early Reservation: complete your application by November 1, 2026, to receive a \$100 discount

Registration: \$400 deposit per person for the tour of Israel (this amount applies toward the total cost) *or \$500 deposit to add the Jordan/Egypt extension.* Once the registration application is accepted, \$100 of the deposit amount per person becomes non-refundable.

Components of the Tour Package

- Round-trip, economy-class air travel from New York City (if you choose to purchase your own overseas flights and meet us in Israel, the *land only* cost for the Israel tour is \$3400)
- *For the extension, a one-way flight from Amman to Cairo and visas for Jordan and Egypt* (US and Canada citizens only; others must obtain their own visas, including one for Israel)
- All land travel by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with English-speaking local guides
- Double-occupancy hotel accommodations (private room fee: \$1200; *with extension: \$1650*)
- Breakfast and dinner each day
- 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, travel insurance, excess baggage fees, or service charges for special needs
- Lunch each day, bottled water, snacks, and any beverages not included with the hotel meals
- Souvenirs, personal items, phone calls, or laundry service

Reservation and Payment Procedures

- For all questions, contact Dr. Reimers by email (greimers@bju.edu), phone (864-907-3657), or regular mail (Seminary 217, 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC 29614).
- Submit a reservation application online on the tour website by accessing the [Registration Form](#) (complete a separate form for each tour participant in your family).
- When we receive your Registration Form, we will send you an email with a secure credit card payment link for you to use to submit your deposit.
- Download the [Tour Terms & Conditions](#) and [Release of Liability](#), open the documents to sign and date them electronically (see [instructions](#)), then submit both by email attachment to [Dr. Reimers](#). If you prefer, you can print the forms, sign and date them, and mail to Dr. Reimers at the address above (these forms are also available on the tour website).
- Seating is limited (first-come basis). A reservation application is not complete until we have received each of these: your registration information, the signed forms, and your deposit.
- The deposit becomes non-refundable on January 22, 2027, and the final payment is due by March 4, 2027. 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.

May 2027 Holy Land Tour Daily Itinerary

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

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

Thursday, May 13

Tour **Caesarea by the Sea**, the 1st-century Roman capital—including the theater, Herod's palace, and other highlights. Explore **Megiddo**, including evidence of King Solomon and the Israelite kings as well as the ancient Canaanites. Drive to **Nazareth** to tour **Nazareth Village**, a re-creation of life in Bible times, and enjoy a 1st-century meal. From the **Mount of Precipitation**, view **Mount Tabor** and the **Jezreel Valley (Armageddon)**. Drive to the **Sea of Galilee**. *Overnight in Tiberias.*

Friday, May 14

Ascend to the Decapolis city of **Hippus**. Embark on a morning **boat ride** across the **Sea of Galilee**. Enter **Capernaum**, the center of Christ's Galilee ministry, to see the synagogue and ruins of the ancient village. Examine the city of **Chorazin**. Proceed to **Nof Ginosar** to view a fisherman's **boat** from the time of Jesus. Visit **Magdala** to see the 1st-century synagogue and other recent excavations. Enjoy the beautiful panoramic view of the **Sea of Galilee** from atop the **Arbel Cliffs**. *Overnight in Tiberias.*

Saturday, May 15

Travel north along the **Hula Valley** to stroll through the **Dan Nature Reserve**. Tour the ancient city of **Dan**, including the mud-brick Canaanite city entrance, the Israelite city gate, and the high place of the golden calf. Visit **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter made his great confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Explore **Nimrod Fortress** and enjoy the view of majestic **Mount Hermon** from **Mount Bental**. Return on the **Damascus Road** through the **Golan Heights**. *Overnight in Tiberias.*

Sunday, May 16

Drive south through the **Jordan River Valley** to explore **Bet Shean**, one of the Decapolis cities. Visit the ruins of the Old Testament city of **Jericho**. Proceed to **Qumran** to see the excavations of the Essene community and view the **Dead Sea Scrolls caves**. Hike the nature trail at **Engedi** to see the place where David hid from King Saul. Continue south to enjoy a relaxing opportunity to float in the buoyant mineral waters of the **Dead Sea**. *Overnight in Ein Bokek.*

Monday, May 17

Ride the cable car to the top of **Masada** to experience Herod the Great's historic mountain fortress. Continue to **Beersheba**, the home of Abraham. Drive north into the **Judean Hills** to **Azekah** for a splendid view of the **Valley of Elah** and the opportunity to select your own five smooth stones where David defeated Goliath. Continue to **Jerusalem**, the city of the Great King. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Tuesday, May 18

Ascend the slopes of the **Mount of Olives** for a magnificent panoramic view of **Jerusalem**. Walk down the ancient lane to see the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Drive to **Bethlehem** to explore the **Herodion**, the fortress built by Herod the Great which he chose for his burial site. Enjoy lunch at the Bedouin Tent restaurant. Visit the **Church of the Nativity** and view the **Shepherds' Fields**. End the day with a special shopping excursion at historic **Kando Store**. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Wednesday, May 19

Tour the **City of David** on the hill of **Ophel**, including **Hezekiah's Tunnel** and the **Pool of Siloam**. Walk the 1st-century **Pilgrimage Road** (recently opened as a tunnel) that leads all the way to the **Temple Mount**. See **Robinson's Arch**, the **Trumpet Stone**, the stairway leading to the temple, and ancient **ritual baths**. Examine the **Model of Jerusalem** 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**. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Thursday, May 20

Ascend the **Temple Mount** to see the **Al-Aqsa Mosque** and the exquisite **Dome of the Rock**. Follow the narrow, winding streets to the **Christian Quarter** to see the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Stroll through the **Jewish Quarter** to see Hezekiah's **Broad Wall** and the **Cardo** as well as the famous **Western Wall**. If time permits, examine the recently expanded exhibits at the **Citadel of David** near the **Jaffa Gate**. Enter the serene grounds of the **Garden Tomb** to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ with a communion service. Return to the hotel for a farewell dinner. *Overnight in Jerusalem.*

Friday, May 21

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

Optional Extension to Jordan and Egypt

Friday, May 21

Cross the **King Hussein/Allenby Bridge** to enter the **Kingdom of Jordan**. Visit **Tall el-Hammam**, the site recently suggested as the ancient city of **Sodom**. Drive to the **Baptismal Site** where John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the **Jordan River** at the beginning of his ministry. Ascend to the top of **Mount Nebo** to view the **Promised Land** from the same place as Moses shortly before he died. Travel south into the mountains of **Edom** to our hotel near **Petra**. *Overnight in Wadi Musa.*

Saturday, May 22

Venture into the amazing rock-city of **Petra**. Marvel at the stunning beauty of the **Siq** (the entrance passage), the **Treasury**, the **Street of Façades**, the 4000-seat **theater**, and the various **temples** and **royal tombs** carved into the red stone. *Overnight in Wadi Musa.*

Sunday, May 23

Drive north, including a portion of the **King's Highway**. Depending on our flight schedule, we may have time to see the **Amman Citadel**, the location of **Rabbah-Amman** that King David conquered. Transfer to the **Queen Alia International Airport** for the flight to **Egypt**. *Overnight in Cairo.*

Monday, May 24

View the **Great Pyramids** on the **Giza Plateau** (ancient **Memphis**) as well as the amazing **Sphinx**, one of the most distinctive symbols of **Egypt**. If time permits, drive to **Sakkara** to see the **Step Pyramid of Djoser**. Experience the fascinating culture of ancient Egypt by touring the **Great Egyptian Museum**, including the renowned artifacts of **King Tutankhamun**. *Overnight in Cairo.*

Tuesday, May 25

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