

[**A Pastors Familiarization (FAM) Tour of Israel**](http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1130-A-Pastors-Familiarization-FAM-Tour-of-Israel-2016)

 

**It’s happening:**

**January 17-27, 2017**

**The ultimate**

**Pastors Familiarization Tour**

**For any PASTOR, DEACON, EVANGELIST or CHURCH LEADER who could potentially bring a group tour through Israel.**

**The entire trip is FREE when you lead a group within 2 1/2 years.**



**Price includes Round-trip Airfare from New York**

**9 Days/8 Nights ON LAND in DELUXE 4-star accommodations + buffet breakfast & dinner daily with top-notch, English speaking tour guide**

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|  | Land + Air **Per person** | Land Only **Per person** |
| **Per Person in a Shared Room** | $2200.00 | $1200.00 |
| Supplements |  |  |
| Single Supplement (Passengers in a Single Room) | $340.00 | $340.00 |
| Minister’s Spouse **Supplement (unless spouse has a defined leadership church role)** | $500.00 | $500.00 |
| Credit Card Handling Fee for Balance Payment (deposit is included) | $50.00 | $50.00 |

[**Click here to register online**](http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1130-A-Pastors-Familiarization-FAM-Tour-of-Israel-2016)

**Take Note…**

* There are **only 30 spots** on this tour for this price.
* We **REIMBURSE you the ENTIRE COST OF THE TOUR PACKAGE** (less any supplements, gratuities & personal expenses) if you lead your own group through Samson Tours within 2 1/2 years.1 refund valid per 20 passengers you bring.
* **This is a special offer for ministers and ministers’ spouses who have a defined church leadership role only.** We provide all services below costs, meaning we and our providers heavily subsidize the costs of this tour. The published price is the maximum you will pay; and if we can negotiate a lower airfare, then we’ll further reduce the cost.
* You must submit credentials and/or a letter with your Church’s letterhead before being accepted. Only 2 pastors (or 1 pastor + spouse OR Associate Pastor) per church allowed.
* You only have to pay a **$200.00 deposit** ($100 refundable or fully transferable) to reserve your space. Final payment due 60 days before departure.
* You can **sign-up and pay securely over our website**, telephone or fax.

**What’s included?**

* Round-trip Airfare from NY (when selected upon checkout).
* Current fuel/taxes for flight
* Transfer to and from Tel Aviv’s Ben Gurion International Airport
* VIP Welcome and Baggage Services
* 9 days of air-conditioned bus & driver
* English Speaking, Licensed Israeli Tour Guide throughout the tour.
* 8 nights in **4-star Deluxe** accommodations mix
* Breakfast & Dinner Daily (includes special Farewell Dinner)
* Head-set (Whisper) system
* All park fees & scheduled activities and entertainment
* Any passport or visa fees to Israel & Jordan
* Gratuities for hotel staff and baggage handlers
* Credit card fees for deposit only.
* Traveler’s Kit (hat, map of Israel, water bottle and more…)

What’s *not* included?

* Lunches (average $11 per meal)
* Gratuities for guide and driver (approximately $110 per person)
* Any additional fuel surcharges or tax increases for flights
* Balance Payment by debit/credit card. Please add $50.00
* Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
* Any transportation deviations from group
* [Optional Traveler’s Insurance](http://www.samsontours.com/insurance) **(highly recommended)**

Need a Reference?

* Professor Dr. James Charlesworth (Princeton University)
* Pastors Jeff & Roger Voegtlin, Fairhaven Baptist (Chesterton, IN)
* Pastors Steven & Marlene Williams, Lord of the Harvest (North Charleston, SC)
* Pastor David Bottrell, Hunt Valley Baptist (Hunt Valley, MD)
* Dr. David Cloud, Way of Life Literature (London, ON)
* …and more – emails us at sales@samsontours.com for a specific request.

Deadlines

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|  Deadlines | Due Date |
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| **Early-Bird Registration ends** | **Oct 17th 2016** |
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| **Group Minimum Should be Reached**  | **Oct 17th2016** |
| $100 per person Airfare Deposit becomes non-refundable | **Oct 17th 2016** |
| **Final Payments are Due by Registered Passengers** | **Oct 17th 2016** |
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| $200.00 Late Registration Fee &/or Late Payment Fee Penalty Add-On Goes Into Effect. | **Oct 18th 2016** |
| All Passenger Info is Due (Passports, Roommates, etc.) | **Oct 18th 2016** |
| Registration for Land Only Ends  | **Dec 19th 2016** |
| Group Airfare Tickets are issued | **Dec 19h 2016** |

Itinerary

\* This itinerary is subject to minor changes. A final itinerary will be provided no later than 2 months before departure.

**Tuesday, January 17th Departure Day** (Meals in Flight)

**USA Departure**

* 13:15 - Group Flight Departure from Newark, NJ on EL Al Airlines LY 028

**Wednesday, January 18th** (D)

* 06:50 - Morning Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport at **Lod** (Biblical Lydda).
* Visit **Antipatris**. Here the Apostle Paul was kept in the fortress for one night while en route to Caesarea. This is also ancient Aphek, where the ark of the covenant was lost in battle to the Philistines.
* Explore **Caesarea** – Herod’s Port City and the home of Pontius Pilate (Theatre, Palace, Hippodrome & Aqueduct)
* Early check-in to the hotel to rest from your journey
* Welcome “Home” dinner
* Overnight & Dinner: Overnight & Dinner: Mediterranean Sea ([Leonardo Plaza](https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-plaza-hotel-netanya), Netanya)

**Thursday, January 19st** (B/D)

* Stand on **Mt. Carmel** and see the story of Elijah vs. the prophets of Baal come alive
* Visit Tel **Megiddo** and lookout over the Valley of Armageddon.
* Stand on the **Brow of the Hill** and look out over the Jezreel Valley and Nazareth.
* Visit the Church of the Annunciation in **Nazareth**
* End the day at **Cana of Galilee**
* Overnight & Dinner: Sea of Galilee, [Kibbutz Nof Ginosar](http://english.ginosar.co.il/nof_Ginosar_Hotel) – Grand Deluxe Rooms

**Friday, January 20th** (B/D)

* Visit the **Arbel Pass**, Jesus’ passageway into the Galilee.
* See **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdalene
* Visit **Capernaum,** mentioned more times in the New Testament than any other city.
* Visit **Bethsaida,** home to 5 of the 12 disciples
* Drive by **Korazin**
* Weather permitting, we’ll walk down the **Mount of Beatitudes**
* See **Mensa Christi**, the setting for John 21 - "Feed my lambs!"
* Visit **Tabgha** and the Church of the Multiplication
* Visit the 1st century ‘Galilee boat at **Ginosar’s Yigal Allon Museum**
* 16:00 - Set **sail on the Sea of Galilee** from Ginosar and hear the music of Dani Carmel, a local Messianic.
* Overnight & Dinner: Sea of Galilee, [Kibbutz Nof Ginosar](http://english.ginosar.co.il/nof_Ginosar_Hotel) – Grand Deluxe Rooms

**Saturday, January 21st** (B/D)

* Visit **Tel Hazor** and see the destruction by Joshua and the Israelites as reported in Joshua 11.
* See the **Hula Valley** (Waters of Merom)
* Lookout over the **Lebanese Border** from **Misgav Am**
* Visit **Tel Dan** and stand in the temple built by Jeroboam.
* See **Caesarea Phillipi (The Temple of Pan & Agrippas’ Palace)**
* Drive up to the **Golan Heights**. Stand on **Mt. Bental** (Syrian/Israeli bunkers) and lookout over Syria and the **Road to Damascus**.
* Overnight & Dinner: Sea of Galilee, [Kibbutz Nof Ginosar](http://english.ginosar.co.il/nof_Ginosar_Hotel) – Grand Deluxe Rooms

**Sunday, January 22nd** (B/D)

* Visit **Beth Shean**, the capital of the **Decapolis**
* See **Mayan Harod** (Harod’s Spring), where Gideon chose his men
* Stand on **Tel Jezreel**, Naboth’s Vineyard
* Visit **Qasr el Yahud** Jordan River Baptismal Site (Bethany beyond the Jordan)
* See **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
* Enjoy a relaxing swim in the **Dead Sea**
* Overnight & Dinner: [Daniel Dead Sea](http://english.tamareshotels.co.il/daniel-dead-sea-hotel.html)

**Monday, January 23rd** (B/D)

* Have the option to climb to the top of **Masada** via the Roman Rampart to see Herod the Great’s desert fortress (25-minute hike). A cable car option will be available, as well.
* **Tour Masada**
* Visit the nature park of **Ein Gedi** to see the desert ibex, rock hyrax and the cave where David hid from Saul.
* Lookout from the **Mount of Olives**
* Walk down the Mount of Olives and visit **Dominus Flevit**, where Jesus wept.
* Enjoy a time of prayer and devotion in a private garden at **Gethsemane**
* Visit the **Pools of Bethesda**
* Stand on the **Lithostratos**, “Pavement”, in the Ecco Homo Convent.
* Walk the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
* See the **Damascus Gate**, where Stephen was stoned.
* Overnight & Dinner: Jerusalem, [Olive Tree Hotel](http://olivetreehotel.co.il/)

**Tuesday, January 24th** (B/D)

* “Go up” tothe **Temple Mount** to see the site of the ancient temple and the modern-day Dome of the Rock
* Visit the **Western Wall tunnels** & the Wailing Wall
* Explore the **Jewish Quarter** and see the **Burnt House**, **Herodian Quarter** and the **Roman Cardo**
* Enjoy lunch and shopping time on your own in the Old City.
* See the **Southern Wall Excavations and a 3D model of the 1st century temple**, walking along the 1st century street and climbing up the 1st century steps.
* See a **3D Movie** & explore the **City of David**
* Go underground through Hezekiah's Tunnel to the **Pool of Siloam**
* Overnight & Dinner: Jerusalem, [Olive Tree Hotel](http://olivetreehotel.co.il/)

**Wednesday, January 25th** (B/D)

* Visit the **Yad vaShem Holocaust Memorial**
* Visit the **Israel Museum’s** Shrine of the Book & Model of the 2nd Temple.
* See the **Knesset**, Israel’s Parliament Building
* **Herodium** – See Herod the Great’s tomb
* **Bethlehem –** Visit the Church of the Nativity and Kando’s Shop (where the Dead Sea Scrolls were first bought)
* In the evening we’ll have a special **dinner** and Leaders’ Roundtable session
* Overnight & Dinner: Jerusalem, [Olive Tree Hotel](http://olivetreehotel.co.il/)

**Thursday, January 26th** (B/D)

* Enjoy a morning of leisure
* Visit the **Garden Tomb (Gordon’s Calvary)**
* Visit **Mt. Zion** and the **Upper Room**
* Walk along the **Road to Emmaus** in Abu Ghosh and see the location of the **House of Abinadab,** where the ark of the covenant was held.
* Drive through Samson country and see the ancient site of **Beth Shemesh**
* Stand in the **Elah Valley**, where David fought Goliath
* Visit **Jaffa**, the home of Simon the Tanner
* Have a farewell dinner out at the Tel Aviv port
* Transfer to airport for late night departure

**Friday, January 27th** (Meals in Flight)

* Return Home

Policies

* We will **REIMBURSE you in cash the ENTIRE COST OF THE TOUR PACKAGE** (less any supplements, gratuities & personal expenses) if you lead your own group through Samson Tours within 2 1/2 years.1 refund valid per 20 passengers you bring.
* **This is a special offer for pastors and spouses only.** We provide all services below costs, meaning we and our providers heavily subsidize the costs of this tour. The published price is the maximum you will pay; and if we can negotiate a lower airfare, then we’ll further reduce the cost.
* You must submit credentials and/or a letter with your Church’s letterhead before being accepted. Only 2 pastors (or 1 pastor + spouse) per church allowed.
* You can **sign-up and pay securely over our website**, telephone or fax.
* **Final Itinerary & Hotels:** The itinerary may be updated from time to time at the discretion of Samson Tours, its guide and its tour leader. Final Hotel Arrangements will be posted no later than 100 days before departure. In the event of a hotel change, Samson Tours will guarantee a replacement at the same quality or provide an upgrade to a higher class of accommodations at no extra charge.
* **Group Minimum:** A minimum of **5** paying participants are required for this tour program. If the group minimum is not reached by 4 months before departure, Samson Tours or its tour leader will have the right to either a.) request that all tour members pay a supplement for the increase in costs of no greater than $250.00 per person and operate the group at the same quality; b.) lower the hotel class by at least 1 star to offset the increased costs; or c.) postpone the dates until a minimum number of participants are achieved.
* **Group Maximum:** A maximum **40** paying participants will be allowed to join this unique tour program.
* **Group Airfare:** Samson Tours works alongside the tour leader to find the best airfare and best price for the group. In order to request a group airfare price, there must be at least 10 passengers on the group flight. The airfare will be paid to the airline in full upon their request and subject to their cancellation/refund policies.
* **Booking your own Airfare:** If you are not joining your tour’s group airfare, please do not book your airfare until 90 days before the tour departure date or until the Notice of Group Minimum has been sent to you.
* **Flight Diversions**: If you elect to be on the group flight and wish to depart from a different city of origin, you can a.) Book your own domestic airfare connection or b.) Select the Add-On in your My Account for a $50.00 Domestic Flight Booking Fee. Any costs or savings for the additional flight will be added or deducted from your tour balance. Please [contact us](http://samsontours.com/contact)with your specific departure city request.
* **Deposit & Payments for Land:** To ensure your spot on the tour, we request **a $200.00 deposit** be paid upon signup**.** The deposit (less a $100.00 non-refundable fee per person) and any other payments made are refundable up to 90 days before departure. After that, the remaining deposit amount is non-refundable, but can be used as a future credit with Samson Tours or converted into a Gift Certificate which you can transfer to a third party. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, money order, bank transfer, debit or credit card. If the tour is canceled by Samson Tours, then you will be entitled to a full refund without any cancellation fee. This refund of cancellation fee does not apply to tour leader cancellations or postponements due to group minimums not being reached. For cases of political instability or cancellations or postponements due to *force majeure*, please see the Force Majeure section below.
* **Final Payments:** The final payment will be made **90** days before departure. Payments made by check or cash will be made in US$ to Samson Tours, Inc. Payments made by debit or credit card to Samson Tours, Inc. will be charged the full balance **plus a $50.00 credit card fee**. If there are any unpaid fuel surcharges for the group flight, they will be billed to you at cost per the group airline contract either before or after the tour. There is a Late Payment Fee of $200.00 if the balance is paid after the final payment date.
* **Late Registrations & Payments:** Theoretically, you can join a tour anytime up to the time of the departure date (Land Only and subject to Hotel Availability). There will be a Late Payment Fee of $200.00 and an additional $50.00 fee if you require airfare assistance. If a hotel or other service listed in the itinerary is unavailable, we will find an alternative hotel for you, however you will be responsible for any transportation costs to/from joining the main group.
* **Land Diversions**: If you arrive either before or after the recommended group departure/arrival time, or if your flight is delayed beyond a reasonable waiting period, or if you elect to divert or add-on additional days to the trip, then it is understood that you will arrive at the hotel or to the airport at your own expense. We will more than happy to assist you with these arrangements
* **Refunds (Land):** The following refunds for the **land portion** of the price will apply **for non-insured travelers only**: Your balance less a non-refundable fee of $100.00 per person, which is transferable or can be applied to future tours if cancelled 90+ calendar days before departure. 75% refund of balance less a non-refundable fee of $100.00 per person if cancelled 89-60 days before departure. 50% of balance less a non-refundable fee of $100.00 per person refund if cancelled 59-30 days before departure. 0% refund if cancelled 29 or less days before departure.
* **Refunds (Group Air):** Per group contract with airline. Typically, there is a $100 non-refundable fee up to 3 months before departure and 100% non-refundable 30 or less days before departure. Most airlines will, however, allow you to postpone your travel dates for a re-ticketing or name transfer fee.
* **Force Majeure:** If Samson Tours decides to postpone the tour do to political unrest or for any reason beyond our company’s control that could compromise your security, then your balance will carry over to the new tour dates. Depending on the new dates, there may be an increase in costs for tours that are rescheduled within 1 year. If you are unable to join the new tour dates, then you will be entitled to a refund, less the cancellation fee (see Deposits) and any other non-refundable deposits that may be imposed on us by suppliers such as airlines and hotels. The deposit and/or balances amount can also be applied to any future tour or may be transferable to a third party.
* **Travel Insurance** – Samson Tours does not require travel insurance. It is, however, strongly advised that **all travelers** equip themselves with a comprehensive travel insurance plan through Travel Guard. You can obtain an individual travel insurance quote, by visiting our [Insurance page](http://samsontours.com/insurance) and clicking on any of the ‘Get a Quote’ links. Travel Insurance coverage begins ONLY from the time you have purchased travel insurance. It is advisable only to purchase travel insurance when you have made non-refundable payments that exceed the amount of travel insurance purchased.
* **Add-ons** once you have registered for a tour you can select from a variety of add-ons in your My Account area you may select or deselect any of these add-ons (extension tour, hotels, late fees, etc.) until 30 days before your tour.
* **Your Health:** All participants should be in good health and walking condition. This program is active and involves a lot of walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be accessible for the disabled. Having a disability does not disqualify you from joining any tour. However, be advised that you may have to forgo portions of the said itinerary by waiting on the bus or in a safe location until the main group has returned. If you require special accommodation, please report this at the time of your reservation so that we can better serve you.
* **Single Supplement:** For single travelers, a single supplement fee for the hotels is required. This usually amounts to around 85%-90% of the Double Room cost. If a person has ordered a double room and his or her roommate cancels his or her tour, then the individual holding a double room must find a new roommate or pay the single supplement.
* **Exchange Rate:** Samson Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a supplement to the price if the dollar falls below the 3.5 threshold. To date, we have never yet had to charge an exchange rate surcharge.
* **Government Imposed VAT or taxes:** Currently there are no VAT taxes for foreign on tour land packages to Israel. Should such a tax be imposed before the start of the tour, even after ‘final payment’ has been made, Samson Tours will notify all of its participants in writing. In order to participate in the tour, you will be required to pay all such taxes before the start of the tour. If you are an Israeli Citizen you will be asked to pay VAT at the time of you final payment.
* **Responsibility** - Samson Tours, Inc., its agents, suppliers, guides, leaders and representatives shall be, in no way, liable or responsible for any personal or property loss, damage or injury howsoever caused. The company shall also not be responsible for penalties for privately-booked flight tickets if purchased before the minimum is reached.
* **Update** – These policies may be updated from time to time. Upon update, you will be notified by Samson Tours, Inc. or its group leader.

**How to Register**

* [**Click here to register online**](http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1130-A-Pastors-Familiarization-FAM-Tour-of-Israel-2016) **or paste** the following web link into your browser: <http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1130-A-Pastors-Familiarization-FAM-Tour-of-Israel-2016>
* **Fax** your Registration Details to 352-835-0885 (see forms below)
* **Phone us** with your registration details at 352-414-5991

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**About you**

Name(1) Birthdate (1)

Name(2) Birthdate (2)

Name(3) Birthdate (3)

Email(1)

Home Phone Cell Phone

Best time of day to phone: Morning [ ]  Afternoon [ ]  Evening [ ]  or Specific

Home Address

Emergency Contact Name: Relationship:

Emergency Contact Phone:

**Degree° of Interest**

* I’m definite! Attached is my **$200.00** (per person) **check or cash deposit** [ ]
* For sure! I’ll pay by **debit/credit card** [ ]  (see the Credit Card form)
* I will submit payment via another means. Please specify:

* I’m sitting on the fence (will decide later) [ ]



**Travel Information**

Travel information is required 3 months before departure. If you do not know this information now, leave blank and we will contact you at a later time.

* What kind of room are you requesting? SINGLE [ ]  DOUBLE [ ]  TRIPLE [ ]
* If you are in a DOUBLE room, would you like a TWIN/SPLIT [ ]  QUEEN-size [ ]  bed?
* I’d like to share a DOUBLE room with
* I’d like to share a TRIPLE room with

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* Do you have any medical conditions or limitations? YES [ ]  NO [ ]
* Medical Notes or Special Requests:

** Passport Information**

This information (along with a copy of your passport) is required 3 months before departure. Please print your name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport.

Passport Name (1) Country Passport #

Passport Name (2) Country Passport #

Passport Name (3) Country Passport #

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* **Your Signature**



(By signing, you have read and agree to the **Policies** for this tour.)

**Please submit this form to the tour leader or fax us directly, along with your credit card form, to 352-835-0885.**



**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex)



**Credit Card Details**

\*Type of Card: Visa [ ]  - MasterCard [ ]  - Discover [ ]  - Amex [ ]

\*Name(s) on card

\*Card number



\*Expiration

\*Security Code (see image to right)

\*Email

\*Home Phone

Cell Phone

\*Billing Address for credit card



**Payment Schedule**

* Please process my **deposit** payment now **and** my **final payment** later with this card. Note: we will process your final payment 3 months before departure. [ ]
* Please process my **deposit payment only** with this card. I will pay the balance later via another means. [ ]
* Please process my deposit payment and set up a **payment plan** for the balance. I will pay the deposit now and you can automatically bill my credit card the remaining balance over 3 [ ]  4 [ ]  5 [ ]  6 [ ]  payments.



**Your Signature**

(By signing, you agree to let Samson Tours, Inc. and/or its agents to process your payments with the details provided above.