



Israel Tour + Shalom in the Galilee
Led by: Ann Pangbourne
April 11-23, 2018

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Land Rates Per person	Based on 11+ passengers in \$
Per Person in a Shared Double/Twin Room	\$2950.00
Third Person in a Shared Triple Room	\$2850.00
Single Supplement	\$950.00
Roundtrip Airfare	At cost

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Inclusions/Exclusions

Our **Tour** prices ***include***:

- Meeting and assistance upon arrival to Ben Gurion airport
- 12 Days / 11 Nights on Land according to the accommodations listed in the itinerary or better quality guaranteed.
- Licensed English-speaking guide throughout (less the free day on Day 11)
- Ministry of Tourism licensed and insured mini-bus (19-seater or greater), less the free day on Day 11.
- Porterage at airport and the hotels
- Buffet Breakfasts daily
- 7 dinners
- All sites and activities include in the schedule, including Coral Reef Snorkeling
- Welcome kit for clients (with map, hat, and starter water bottle)
- All wire transfer fees

Our **Tour** ***does not include***:

- International Airfare
- All lunches & a few dinners (where specified on B=Breakfast Only)
- Special Drinks and Alcoholic beverages at meals
- Travel Insurance
- Recommended gratuity of \$150 per person for the guide & driver.
- credit card fees, depending on type of card (please factor up to 3% for Visa/MasterCard/Discover or 4% for American Express)
- Anything else not mentioned in the inclusions or exclusions above.

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Itinerary

Wednesday, April 11th

- Depart from London-Heathrow

Thursday, April 12th - (D)

- 05:00 – Arrive to Ben Gurion International Airport from London-Heathrow
- 06:00 – Departure
- We'll have a 4-hour journey through the beautiful Negev Desert. We'll stop for breakfast along the way, in the region of Beer Sheva.
- Stroll through the sandstone ravines of **Red Canyon**
- Arrive in **Eilat**
- Visit the **Eilat Underwater Observatory**
- Have the option to snorkel in Eilat at **Coral Reef**
- Lookout over **Har Shlomo** (Mt. Solomon) with amazing views of Eilat and the Egyptian Border
- Overnight & Dinner: [Prima Music \(Standard Rooms\)](#)

Friday, April 13th – (B)

- 09:30 – Departure
- 10:30 - We'll begin the day with a visit to **Timna**. Here we'll see a full-size **reconstruction of the Tabernacle (10:00 booking)**, have an opportunity to peek-in or crawl through ancient copper shafts (Solomon's Mines), see the Midianite Temple, Solomon's Pillars, ancient Rock Art and Egyptian Hieroglyphs
- Enjoy a restful afternoon by the Red Sea
- Have dinner out at one of Eilat's restaurants on its fabulous Red Sea promenade
- Overnight: [Prima Music \(Standard Rooms\)](#)

Saturday, April 14th – (B/D)

- Driving northward, we'll reach the **Desert of Faran**, where Ishmael wondered as a hunter.
- Next, we'll visit the **Ramon Crater** with its many geological wonders: the Carpenter's Shop, etc.
- Visit the **Mitzpe Ramon Visitor's Center**.

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- Enjoy photographic vistas around Mitzpe Ramon
- End the day off at the ruins of **Ancient Avdat**, one of the key Nabatean cities
- Overnight & Dinner*: [Kibbutz Mashabim \(Holiday Rooms\)](#)

*Please note that in the event the dining hall is not operating, we will provide an alternative, all-inclusive meal at another nearby location.

Sunday, April 15th – (B/D)

- Walk through **Nahal Avdat**, where tradition holds that Moses struck the rock from which comes for the Spring of Avdat.
- Lookout over the **Wilderness of Zin**, in the **Zin Ravine**
- Visit the **tomb of David Ben Gurion**
- Visit the home of David Ben Gurion at **Sde Boker**
- Drive to **Beer-Sheva**
- Visit **Tel Sheva**, the well of Abraham's Oath (Genesis 21:22-31; 26:23-33; 28:10-15 and 46:1-7; Joshua 15:28 and 19:2; I Kings 19:3; I Samuel 14:48 and 15:2-9; Amos 5:5 and 8:14)
- Overnight & Dinner: [Kibbutz Mashabim \(Holiday Rooms\)](#)

Monday, April 16th – (B/D)

- Visit ancient **Gerar** (Tel Hador) and the Gerar Ravine, Abimelech/David
- Stop by **Lachish** to see the Assyrian rampart
- Journey to **Beit Guvrin**, biblical **Maresha**, where the prophet Micah is from to visit the ancient site and famous bell caves.
- Experience the newly discovered **Khirbet Qeiyafa (biblical Sha'aryaim)**, one of the most talked about sites in Biblical Archaeology today.
- See [Tel Burna](#), believed by some to be **Biblical Libnah**
- Visit **Gath** (tele s-Safi) to see the temple and other remains there
- Time permitting, we'll visit **Tel Azekah** to lookout over the Elah Valley and Socoh – 2 key coordinates mentioned for the battle of David vs. Goliath
- Overnight & Dinner: [Kibbutz Mashabim \(Holiday Rooms\)](#)

Tuesday, April 17th – (B/D)

- Drive to **Hebron** to visit the **Cave of the Machpelah**, where the other patriarchs and matriarchs of Israel are buried.
- Visit **Nahal Teqoa**, the home of the prophet Amos
- See **Rachel's Tomb** at the Bethlehem Border Crossing
- See the tombs of **Malachi** and **Zephaniah** on the Mt. of Olives
- Visit **Anathot**, where the prophet Jeremiah is from

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- Enter **Nahal Perat**, the ravine that reminded Jeremiah of the Euphrates River
- Walk the **Wadi Kelt** ravine to the **Monastery of St. George**
- Drive northward through the West Bank via Shilo and Ariel to Haifa (**2.5 hour drive**)
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: (Haifa) [Bay Club \(Terrace Rooms\)](#)

Wednesday, April 18th – (B)

- Journey today in the footsteps of Elijah the prophet
- The **Cave of Elijah** on Mt. Carmel
- **Stella Maris**
- **Muhraka** – Elijah vs. the Prophets of Baal
- Journey down the hillside of Mt. Carmel to the Spring of Elijah and the Kishon River
- In the evening, have **dinner out** on your own in the German Colony and see the splendid Bahai Gardens by night
- Overnight: (Haifa) [Bay Club \(Terrace Rooms\)](#)

Thursday, April 19th – (B) – Independence Day

- Enjoy a relaxing morning by the Mediterranean Sea
- Visit the Rothschild House, a local museum for Phoenician artifacts, and visit **Tel Dor**
- Drive to the Sea of Galilee (1.5 hours) for our 4 night retreat: “**Shalom in the Galilee**”
- Overnight: [Nof Ginosar Village \(Classic Rooms\)](#)

Note: We are still waitlisted for [Ron Beach Hotel \(Poolside/Sea-View Rooms Request\)](#)

Friday, April 20th – (B/D)

- Safed (Tsfat) Art Gallery, Candle Factory, synagogue visit
- Korazim National Park
- Magdala
- Transport to the top of Mount Arbel for a picnic lunch
- Swimming Time
- Shabbat Meal
- Overnight & Dinner: [Nof Ginosar Village \(Classic Rooms\)](#)

Saturday, April 21st – (B/D)

- Enjoy a relaxing Shabbat morning

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- 11:00 – Locally guided English tour of [Naharayim](#)
- Locally guided tour of Kibbutz Ein Gev banana plantation (Eric Maltzman – Eitan will arrange - 0545658117)
- Visit The Zavitan ravine or the Yehudiya Waterfalls in the Golan Heights
- End the day in Katzrin, visiting the **Talmudic Village**, a local Olive Press or Winery
- Overnight & Dinner: [Nof Ginosar Village \(Classic Rooms\)](#)

Sunday, April 22nd – (B/D) – FREE DAY

- 18:30 - Evening prayer service by the Sea
- 19:30 – Farewell Dinner
- Overnight & Dinner: [Nof Ginosar Village \(Classic Rooms\)](#)

Monday, April 23rd – (B)

- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport
- Morning Departure

Policies

- **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 **11** 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 \$500.00 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 **20** 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.

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- **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](#) with your specific departure city request.
- **Deposit & Payments for Land:** To ensure your spot on the tour, we request a **\$400.00 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 to Samson Tours 60 days before departure. If the tour leader is collecting all payments, they may specify their own timeline. 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. 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

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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 World Nomads. You can obtain an individual travel insurance quote, by visiting our [Insurance page](#) and clicking on any of the 'Get a Quote' links that refer you to our partner's website. 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 your 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.

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1 About you

Name(1) _____ Birthdate (1) _____

Name(2) _____ Birthdate (2) _____

Name(3) _____ Birthdate (3) _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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

Home Address _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

2 Degree of Interest

- I'm definite! Attached is my **\$400.00** (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)

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3 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.

- ☞ Sign me up for Group Travel Insurance. ACCEPT DECLINE
- ☞ What kind of room are you requesting? SINGLE DOUBLE TRIPLE
- ☞ If 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 _____
& _____
- ☞ Do you have any medical conditions or limitations? YES NO
- ☞ Medical Notes or Special Requests: _____

4 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 _____

5 Your Signature



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

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM
(Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex)

1 *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 _____



2 *Payment Schedule*

- Please process my **deposit** payment now **and** my **final payment** later with this card. Note: we will process your final payment 4 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.

3 *Your*  *Signature* _____

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

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