

**St James and Emmanuel Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018**

**8 Days/7 Nights**

**November 22-29, 2018**

Led by: **Canon Lisa Battye**

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| **Land Rates** **Per Person** | **Price in £\*** | **Price in $** |
| **P.P. in shared DBL** | **£1412** | **$1940** |
| Single Supplement | **£670** | **$920** |
| Airfare at Cost (estimated) | **Under £300** | **Booked in UK** |

\*The price is in Dollars – the price in ££ reflects the exchange rate at 10.1.18 (see page 4 below).

**\*\*Prices are for 15 or more paying passengers.**

[**Register Online**](http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1153-St-James-and-Emmanuel-Holy-Land-Pilgrimage-2018) **or Offline (See Attached Form)**

**What’s included?**

* Transfer to and from Tel Aviv’s Ben Gurion International Airport
* Airport Escort and Baggage Services upon arrival and exit
* 8 days of air-conditioned bus & private driver
* 8 days with licensed Israeli Tour Guide (native English-speaking)
* 7 nights in accommodations true to their class
* Breakfast & Dinner Daily **(tour leader can substitute dinners for lunches at no extra charge)**
* All site fees, scheduled activities and entertainment
* All gratuities for hotel porters and hotel staff
* Group Wire Transfers
* Traveler’s Kit (hat, map of Israel, “starter” water bottle and more…)
* Debit/Credit Card Fees for Online Deposit Payments

**What’s not included?**

* International Airfare. The group will purchase airfares directly via the tour leader
* Debit/Credit Card Fees **for Final Balance** (add 3%)
* All lunches
* Special Drinks and Alcoholic beverages at meals
* Travel Insurance
* Recommended gratuity of $100 per person for the guide & driver.
* Anything else not mentioned in the inclusions or exclusions above.

Deadlines

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| **Milestones & Deadlines** | **Due Date** | | **Action Required** |
| **Group Minimum Should be Reached** | **July 21st 2018** |  | |
| **Final Payments are Due** | **Aug 21st 2018** | |  |
| Deposits become non-refundable to Samson | **Aug 21st 2018** | |  |
| Last Day for Early Bird Registration | **Aug 21st 2018** | |  |
| **Late Registration Fee of $200 Goes into effect** | **Aug 22nd 2018** | |  |
| All Passenger Info is Due (Passports, Roommates, etc.) | **Sep 22nd 2018** | | Updates Online |

**How to Register**

* Click here **to** [register online](http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1153-St-James-and-Emmanuel-Holy-Land-Pilgrimage-2018) **or paste** the following web link into your browser: <http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1153-St-James-and-Emmanuel-Holy-Land-Pilgrimage-2018>
* **Fax** your Registration Details to 352-835-0885 (see forms below)
* **Phone us** with your registration details at 352-414-5991

**Itinerary**

\* Final Itinerary: This itinerary is subject to changes, based on flight times, site times and coordinated meetings. A final itinerary will be provided no later than 2 months before departure.

\*\* Hotels will be of at least 3 star quality throughout, and where possible, better class. The final hotel arrangements will be posted no later than 6 months before departure and subject to the leader’s approval.

**Thursday, November 22nd** (B/D)

* **12:30 - Depart from the UK** on EasyJet Flight EZY 1827
* 19:40 - Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport at Lod (Biblical Lydda).
* Transfer and check-in to hotel
* Overnight & Dinner: [The Seasons Hotel](http://www.seasons.co.il/), Netanya (Mediterranean Sea).

**Friday, November 23rd** (B/D)

* Visit **Caesarea** – Herod’s City and the home of Pontius Pilate (Theatre, Praetorium, Hippodrome)
* Visit the **Muhraka Monastery** on Mount Carmel where Elijah fought the prophets of Baal
* See the site of Jesus’ first miracle in **Cana of Galilee**
* Tour **Nazareth**, visiting the **Church of the Annunciation**, the site of one of the earliest recorded churches in history and the **Synagogue Church**.
* Have a Sabbath meal together
* Overnight & Dinner: [The Leonardo Club](https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-club-hotel-tiberias), Tiberias (Sea of Galilee)

**Saturday, November 24th** (B/D)

* Set **sail on the Sea of Galilee** from Tiberias to Ginosar
* Visit the 1st century ‘Jesus’ boat at **Ginosar**
* Walk through the **Arbel Pass** (Jesus' passageway to the Galilee)
* Next up is **Tabgha**, the Church of the Multiplication
* Visit **Mensa Christi**, the setting for John 21 - "I go a fishing"
* Explore **Capernaum**, the epicenter of Jesus’ ministry in the Galilee.
* Enjoy holy communion at **Capernaum**
* Visit the ruins of **Kursi**, the site famous for Jesus’ casting of demons into the swine and the feeding of the 4,000
* End the day at the **Mount of Beatitudes** and have the option to walk down to the shore.
* Overnight & Dinner: [The Leonardo Club](https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-club-hotel-tiberias), Tiberias (Sea of Galilee)

**Sunday, November 25th** (B/D)

* **Mt. Tabor** – the Mount of Transfiguration
* Tel **Jezreel** – Naboth’s Vineyard
* Drive down the **Jordan Valley**
* End the day at the Jordan River Baptismal site of **Qasr el Yahud**.
* **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
* Overnight & Dinner: [The Leonardo Plaza](https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-plaza-hotel-dead-sea), Ein Bokek (Dead Sea)

**Monday, November 26th** (B/D)

* Visit **Masada,** the desert fortress of Herod the Great. **Walk down the Roman Rampart**.
* Drive via ancient and modern **Arad** through the lower Judean Hills/Negev border
* Security-situation permitting, visit **Hebron** (the cave of the Machpelah)
* Enjoy the afternoon in **Bethlehem** (Lunch, Church of the Nativity, Shepherds Fields & Bazaar Shopping)
* Overnight & Dinner: [Ramat Rachel](http://ramatrachel.co.il/en/), Jerusalem

**Tuesday, November 27th** (B/D)

* **Lookout** over the Temple Mount from the **Mount of Olives**
* Walk down the Mount of Olives on the Palm Sunday journey.
* Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**
* Explore the **City of David** and have the option to wade through Hezekiah’s Tunnel
* **End the day at** the Israel Museum
* Overnight & Dinner: [Ramat Rachel](http://ramatrachel.co.il/en/), Jerusalem

**Wednesday, November 28th** (B/D)

* Early Departure
* Visit the sacred **Temple Mount** -walk around the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock
* Visit the **Pools of Bethesda**
* Walk the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**
* See **Mt. Zion** and the **Church of the Last Supper/Upper Room.**
* **House of Caiphas (St. Peter en Gallicantu)**
* Have an optional lunch and a tour of **Christ Church**, near Jaffa Gate
* End the day at the **Garden Tomb,** an alternative spot for the crucifixion, burial and resurrection.
* Overnight & Dinner: [Ramat Rachel](http://ramatrachel.co.il/en/), Jerusalem

**Thursday, November 29th** (B) – *Remember the Balfour Declaration*

* **Yad vaShem** Holocaust Memorial
* **Ein Kerem** (the birthplace of John the Baptist)
* See the **Elah Valley** where David fought Goliath
* Visit **Jaffa,** the oldest port in the world (where Jonah set out to sea and where Peter healed Tabitha).
* 17:00 - Have dinner out on your own in Jaffa
* 18:00 – Transfer to Airport
* 20:35 - Departure from Ben Gurion Airport on EasyJet Flight EZY 1828
* Arrive Manchester, UK at 00:15 on Friday, November 30th

**Policies**

Refund & Other Policies (Samson Tours)

* **Group Minimum:** This programme is based on an absolute minimum of 15 participants. If the group minimum is not met within 4 months of departure, a new pricing structure may be applied.
* **Your Health:** All participants must be in good health and walking condition. This programme is active and involves a lot of walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be accessible for the disabled. Any condition that may require special accommodation must be reported at the time of your reservation.
* **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, which is typically fully refundable (less the ‘holding fee’) up to 21 days before departure. Most airlines publish their rates 10 months before the departure date. Samson Tours will book your group airfare at no markup. If you wish to pay with credit card, please add 3% for covering credit card fees, otherwise payments by cash/cheque will be made to the group airfare escrow account.
* **Deposit for Land:** To ensure your spot on the tour, we request **a £250 deposit** be paid **upon signup. Main registration ends 4 months before departure date**. Late Registrations can be made after this period for an additional **£80 (per person)** and based on hotel and airline availability**.** The deposit is fully refundable up to 4 months before departure. After that, the deposit is non-refundable, but transferable to another passenger (provided that the group minimum is met). If the group minimum is not maintained, then the deposit can be used as a future credit with Samson Tours. The deposit can be paid by cash or cheque.
* **Final Payments:** The final payment will be due **three months before departure**. If there are any unpaid fuel surcharges for the group flight, they will be billed to you at cost per the group airline contract.
* **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.
* **Refunds (Land):** The following refunds for the **land portion** (less deposit) of the price will apply to non-insured travelers only: Full refund if cancelled 90+ calendar days before departure. 75% refund if cancelled 89-60 days before departure. 50% refund if cancelled 59-40 days before departure. 25% refund if cancelled 39-15 days before departure. 0% refund if cancelled 14-0 days before departure. **ALL land-payments are transferable to another new passenger up to 40 days before departure**, provided that the group minimum has already been met.
* **Refunds (Air):** Per group contract with airline
* **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 a private carrier or through your credit card company. See the Group Leader for more details.
* **Single Supplement:** For single travellers, a single supplement fee for the hotels is required. This usually amounts to around 85% 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:** The current exchange rates are **3.5** shekels to the dollar, and as of 10.1.18 there are **1.35** dollars to the pound. Samson Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a supplement to the price if the dollar falls below the 3.5 threshold, and the Tour leader reserves the right to charge a supplement or corresponding refund if the £ to dollar exchange rate changes markedly between now and final payment time.
* **Responsibility** - Samson Tours, Inc. and or its agents and representatives shall be, in no way, liable or responsible for any personal or property loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
* **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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**About you**

Name(1) Birthdate (1)

Name(2) Birthdate (2)

Name(3) Birthdate (3)

Email(1)

Home Phone Mobile Phone

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

Home Address

Emergency Contact Name: Relationship:

Emergency Contact Phone:

bullet_2**Booking a place (please select one)**

* Please book my place(s): Attached is my **£250** (per person) deposit by **cheque (made out to J & L Battye)** or **cash**
* Please book my place(s): I will pay my deposit of **£250** (per person) by BACS into the trip account: Name: J & L Battye Sort Code: 80-46-35 Account no: 02429684
* Please book my place(s): I’ll pay by **debit/credit card**  (see the Credit Card form below). (**n.b. If using this method please add 3% to the final total to cover the service charge**)**.**
* I’m interested – please keep me posted – but will decide later how to pay

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**What’s *not* included?**

* International Airfare (booked separately by the Tour Leader with EasyJet Airlines)
* Lunches
* Optional Traveler Insurance
* Personal telephone calls, mini bar, room service, laundry, etc.
* Independent Travel to/from group (eg. Private transfers for late/early arrivals/departures)
* Gratuities for guide & driver (recommended: **£75** cash per person. The equivalent amount will be collected in shekels by the tour leader upon arrival in Israel)

**bullet_4Travel 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 you are in a DOUBLE room, would you like a TWIN/SPLIT  KING  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**

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

**Please submit this form to the tour leader with payment [or if paying by Credit or Debit Card please submit it to the tour leader and also Fax it to Samson Tours directly with your credit card form (below) to US number 352-835-0885]**



**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex)

**NOTE**: FOR THIS TOUR YOU WILL NEED TO ADD 3% TO THE TOTAL PRICE FOR CREDIT CARD SERVICE FEE.

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**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

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**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.

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MCj04315500000%5b1%5d**Your Signature**

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