



It's time for you to experience the Land.



**The ultimate
Pastors Familiarization (FAM) Tour
Israel & Jordan**

January 30 – February 12, 2013

**Price includes Round-trip Airfare from New York.
12 Days/11 Nights in high 4-star and 5-star accommodations +
full buffet breakfast & dinner daily.**

Land + Air Per person	
Per Person in a Shared Room	\$2,649.00
Supplements	
Single Supplement	\$520.00
Pastor's Spouse Flight Supplement	\$100.00

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Remember...

- There are **only 20 spots** on this tour for this price.
- We **REIMBURSE you in cash the ENTIRE COST OF THE TOUR PACKAGE** (less any supplements and gratuities) if you lead your own group through Samson Tours within 2 1/2 years. 1 refund valid per bus.
- **This is a special offer for pastors and spouses only.** We do not make a penny on the tour, so you can't tour the Holy Land any cheaper for this many days **PERIOD**.
- 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 only have to pay a **\$400.00 deposit** (refundable or transferable) to reserve your space.
- You can sign-up and pay securely over our website, telephone or fax.

What's included?

- Round-trip Airfare from JFK (**valued at \$1088.00** for Clergy, add \$100 for spouse)
- Transfer to and from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport
- VIP Welcome and Baggage Services
- 12 days of air-conditioned bus & driver
- Licensed Israeli Tour Guide (**Eitan Chamberlin, M.A. in Biblical Archaeology from Hebrew University**) throughout the tour.
- 11 nights in **4-star & 5-star** accommodations
- 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
- Traveler's Kit (hat, map of Israel, water bottle and more...)
- All debit, credit card and wire transfer fees.

What's not included?

- Lunches (average \$11 per meal)
- Gratuities for guide and driver (\$140 per person)
- Any additional fuel surcharges or tax increases for flights (current fuel/taxes factored into price is **\$689.00**)
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
- Any transportation deviations from group
- Optional Traveler's Insurance through Travel Guard. Age-Based Plans for ages:
0-59 = \$149.00 or for 60+ = \$239.00

Traveler Insurance

Samson Tours partners with **Travel Guard** to provide a customized optional travel insurance group package for our clients.

- Price is based on group of 10 or more who purchase traveler insurance.
 - **For ages 0-59 : \$149.00**
 - **For ages 60+ : \$239.00**
- The tour leader has elected that travel insurance be required for this tour. If you wish to opt-out, you will have the option to do so at time of final payment.

For further details about coverage, request the **Group Protection Plan Description of Coverage**

Policies

- **Group Minimum:** There is no group minimum. The maximum number of participants is 20.
- **Reimbursement:** We **REIMBURSE you the ENTIRE COST OF THE TOUR PACKAGE** (less any supplements and gratuities) if you lead your own group through Samson Tours within 2 1/2 years. 1 refund valid per bus. That's one year more than any other company!
- **Your Health:** All participants must 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. Any condition that may require special accommodation must be reported at the time of your reservation.
- **Deposit (Land & Air):** To ensure your spot on the tour, we request a **\$400.00 deposit** be paid **upon signup**. The deposit is fully refundable up to **3 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, check, money order, bank transfer, debit or credit card. **Deposit (Air):** If you elect to fly on the group flight, **\$150 of your deposit money goes towards airfare**. The deposit is fully refundable by the airline up to 3 months before the departure date. After that, airline cancelation fee applies. See the Group Airfare Info handout.
- **Payments & Deadlines:**
 - **November 30** – Registration is cut-off.
 - **November 30** – Final balance is due.
- **Group Airfare:** You are not required to join the group airfare. We have chosen the flight on a variety of parameters: price, overall flight times, and comfort. **All passengers** electing to travel on the group flight will be responsible for any fuel surcharges or tax increases that deviate from the budget allocated for flight travel, per the Group Contract.
- **Diversions:** If you book your own airfare, you should do your best to pick an arrival to Israel that is scheduled before the Group Flight and a departure that is scheduled for after or around the time of the Group Flight. 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: 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 39-25 days before departure. 0% refund if cancelled 25-0 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.

- **Passport Requirements:** A valid passport, good for 6 additional months from date of return is required of all tour members.
- **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. Samson Tours is a licensed travel insurance wholesaler for [Travel Guard Insurance](#), the world's largest Travel Insurance Provider. Travel insurance can be purchased online through a link on our website individually, or we can provide a discounted group quote if there are 10 or more passengers who wish to purchase.
- **Single Supplement:** For single travelers, a single supplement fee for the hotels is required. This usually amounts to around 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:** The current exchange rate is **3.9** shekels to the dollar. Samson Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a supplement to the price if the dollar falls below the 3.4 threshold and our suppliers (hotels, etc.) require it from us. As of August 2012, Samson Tours has never made an exchange rate surcharge.
- **Responsibility** - Samson Tours and/or Eitan Chamberlin 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.

Itinerary

* This itinerary is subject to minor changes. A final itinerary will be provided no later than 2 months before departure. All hotels have been confirmed but may be substituted for equal or higher class.

Wednesday, January 30th (D)

- 18:00 (6pm) - **Group Departure** from JFK (New York) on El Al Airlines LY 002 to Tel Aviv. Arrive on Jan 31 at 11:40 AM.
- Meals in Flight

Thursday, January 31st (B/D) - Tour Day #1

- 11:40 - Morning Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport at **Lod** (Biblical Lydda).
- Visit **Jaffa**, the oldest port in the world, where Jonah was swallowed by a whale, and where Peter healed Tabitha.
- Explore **Caesarea** – Herod's Port City and the home of Pontius Pilate (Theatre, Palace, Hippodrome & Aqueduct)

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- Welcome “Home” dinner
- Overnight & Dinner: Mediterranean Sea, [Ramada Inn & Suites](#)

Friday, February 1st (B/D) – Tour Day # 2

- 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 Nazareth’s highlights: (The Latin Church of the Annunciation, where we’ll see remnants of the 2nd century church, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Ascension, Mary’s Spring
- End the day at **Cana of Galilee**
- Overnight & Dinner: Sea of Galilee, [Kibbutz Nof Ginosar](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Saturday, February 2nd (B/D) – Tour Day # 3

- Visit the **Arbel Pass**, Jesus’ passageway into the Galilee.
- Visit **Capernaum**, mentioned more times in the New Testament than any other city.
- Visit **Bethsaida**
- Drive by **Korazin**
- 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](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Sunday, February 3rd (B/D) – Tour Day # 4

- 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 the **Caesarea Phillipi**
- 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, [Ramot Nofesh Resort](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Monday, February 4th (B/D) – Tour Day # 5

- Stop by the **Jordan River Baptismal Site** (Yardenit)

- Visit **Beth Shean**, the capital of the **Decapolis**
- See **Mayan Harod** (Harod's Spring), where Gideon chose his men
- Cross over to Jordan
- Visit **Jerash**
- Travel via **Amman** to see ancient Philadelphi
- Overnight & Dinner: [Kempinski Ishtar Hotel, Dead Sea](#)
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Tuesday, February 5th (B/D) – Tour Day # 6

- Early Departure
- Visit **Madaba** and its amazing 7th century mosaic floor.
- Experience **Petra**, the Nabatean city
- Overnight & Dinner: [Movenpick Resort Petra](#)

Wednesday, February 6th (B/D) – Tour Day # 7

- Lookout over Aaron's Tomb
- Drive around Aqaba
- Border crossing to Israel, Eilat, Red Sea
- Stop by the Red Sea, **Coral Beach**, in Eilat
- Visit **Timna** (Solomon's Mines) and see a life-size reconstruction of the **Tabernacle**.
- Lookout from the Ramon Crater
- Visit **David Ben Gurion's tomb** at Sde Boker
- Overnight & Dinner: [Kibbutz Mashabim Holiday Village](#)

Thursday, February 7th (B/D) – Tour Day # 8

- Visit **Tel Sheva** (Abraham's Oath)
- Stop at ancient **Tel Lachish** and witness the carnage from Sennacherib
- See the **Eilah Valley**, where David fought Goliath
- Experience **Herodium**, Herod the Great's winter palace
- End the day in Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity, Shepherds' Fields, St. Jerome's, Kando's Shop and more...)
- Overnight & Dinner: [Kibbutz Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem](#)

Friday, February 8th (B/D) – Tour Day # 9

- Early departure
- 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.
- Visit the **Ahava Factory**

- See **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
- Enjoy a relaxing swim in the **Dead Sea**
- Lookout over **Wadi Kelt** and the Road of the Good Samaritan.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Kibbutz Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem](#)

Saturday, February 9th (B/D) – Tour Day # 10

- 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 **House of Caiphas**.
- Visit **Mt. Zion** and the **Upper Room**
- Visit the **Pools of Bethesda**
- Walk the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
- Stand on the **Lithostratos**, “Pavement”, in the Ecco Homo Convent.
- See the **Damascus Gate**, where Stephen was stoned.
- 16:00 - End the day at the **Garden Tomb**.
- 20:30 - Evening Event: [The Night Spectacular: Tower of David Sound & Light Show](#)
- Overnight & Dinner: [Kibbutz Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem](#)

Sunday, February 10th (B/D) – Tour Day # 11

- Early Departure at 07:15
- Climb up to the **Temple Mount** to see the site of the ancient temple and the modern-day Dome of the Rock
- 09:00 - 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.
- 15:00 - See a **3D Movie** & explore the **City of David**
- 15:50 - Go underground through Hezekiah's Tunnel to the **Pool of Siloam**
- End the day at the **Western Wall tunnels** & the Wailing Wall
- Overnight & Dinner: Overnight & Dinner: [Kibbutz Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem](#)

Monday, February 11th (B/D) – Tour Day # 12

- Enjoy a restful morning or shopping time.
- Visit the **Israel Museum's** Shrine of the Book & Model of the 2nd Temple.
- **13:00** - Visit the **Yad vaShem Holocaust Memorial**
- See **Ein Kerem**, the traditional birthplace of John the Baptist

- Walk along the **Road to Emmaus** in Abu Ghosh.
- **17:30** - Have a **Final Farewell dinner** with opportunity for showers and preparations for flight.
- Transfer to airport for flight home
- **19:00 – Transfer to Airport**

Tuesday, February 12th (B/D) – Departure

- 01:00 (6pm) - **Group Departure** from TLV (Tel Aviv, Israel) on El Al Airlines LY 001 to JFK.
- 06:00 – **Group Arrival** to JFK (New York)

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