

The Independent Baptist Pastors Tour of Israel 2019



January 15-25, 2019

**Led by: Jeff Voegtlin
(Fairhaven Baptist Church)**

We welcome pastors and church leaders to Israel for the first time with a highly-subsidized discounted package rate.

The entire trip is **free** if you lead a group within 3 years.

	Land + Air Per person	Land Only Per person
Per Person in a Shared Room	\$2190.00	\$1190.00
Supplements		
Single Supplement (Passengers in a Single Room)	\$399.00	\$399.00
Minister's Spouse Flight Supplement	\$100.00	\$100.00
Add an Extra day/night on BB (includes airport transfer)	\$190.00	\$190.00
Credit Card Handling Fee for Balance Payment (deposit is included)	\$70.00	\$36.00

[Register online](#)

Take Note...

- There are **only 30 spots** on this tour for this price.
- **This is a special offer for ministers and spouses only.** We provide all services at negotiated discounts, 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.
- In addition, if you lead a future tour with Samson (within 3 years), we'll refund the entire amount of your trip (less exclusions).

What's included?

- Round-trip Airfare from NYC (up to \$1000 value).
- 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 great 4-star accommodations
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily (includes special Farewell Dinner)
- Head-set (Whisper) system
- All park fees & scheduled activities and entertainment
- Gratuities for hotel staff and baggage handlers
- Credit card fees for deposit payment.
- Traveler's Kit (hat, map of Israel, water bottle and more...)

What's not included?

- Lunches (average \$12 per meal)
- Gratuities for guide and driver (approximately \$120 per person)
- Any additional fuel surcharges or tax increases for flights
- Balance Payment by debit/credit card. Please add 3%.
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
- Any transportation deviations from group
- Any passport or visa fees to Israel & Jordan
- Optional Traveler's Insurance through [World Nomads](#)

Traveler's Insurance

It is not mandatory, but highly recommended to purchase "Cancellation for any Reason" Travel Insurance. Please visit [our Insurance webpage](#) for an instant quote from our partner World Nomads (very affordable packages), or consult with your credit card company for buying their affordable travel insurance policy.

Need a Reference?

- Professor Dr. James Charlesworth (Princeton University)
- Pastors Jeff Voegtlin & or Roger Voegtlin, Fairhaven Baptist (Chesterton, IN)
- Dr. David Cloud, Way of Life Literature (London, ON)
- Pastor Mario Schiavone, Metropolitan Baptist (Sydney, Australia)
- Pastors Steven & Marlene Williams, Lord of the Harvest (North Charleston, SC)
- ...and more – emails us at sales@samsontours.com for a specific request.

Deadlines

Deadlines	Due Date
Group Minimum Should be Reached	Sep 15th 2018
\$100 per person Airfare Deposit becomes non-refundable	Oct 14th 2018
Final Payments are Due by Registered Passengers	Oct 14th 2018
\$200.00 Late Registration Fee &/or Late Payment Fee Penalty Add-On Goes into Effect.	Oct 15th 2018
All Passenger Info is Due (Passports, Roommates, etc.)	Nov 15th 2018
Group Airfare Tickets are issued	Dec 15th 2018

Itinerary

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

Tuesday, Jan 15th - Departure Day (Meals in Flight)

USA Departure

- 6:45 PM - Group Flight Departure on **El Al Airlines** (LY 002)

Wednesday, Jan 16th (D)

- Morning Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport at **Lod** (Biblical Lydda).
- Visit the port city of **Jaffa** (Simon the Tanner's House)
- Explore **Caesarea** – Herod's Port City and the home of Pontius Pilate (Theatre, Palace, Hippodrome & Aqueduct)
- Welcome "Home" dinner
- Overnight & Dinner: Overnight & Dinner: by the Mediterranean Sea (Tel Aviv or Netanya)

Thursday, Jan 17th (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 **Tel Jezreel**, Naboth's Vineyard
- Stand on the **Brow of the Hill** and look out over the Jezreel Valley and Nazareth.
- Visit a modern-day synagogue in Nazareth
- End the day at **Cana of Galilee**
- Overnight & Dinner: Sea of Galilee

Friday, Jan 18th (B/D)

- Visit the **Arbel Pass**, Jesus' passageway into the Galilee.
- 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**
- 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

Saturday, Jan 19th (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

Sunday, Jan 20th (B/D)

- Visit **Beth Shean**, the capital of the **Decapolis**
- See **Mayan Harod** (Harod's Spring), where Gideon chose his men
- Visit **Qasr el Yahud** Jordan River Baptismal Site (Bethany beyond the Jordan)
- See **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
- Visit the nature park of **Ein Gedi** to see the desert ibex, rock hyrax and the cave where David hid from Saul.
- Enjoy a relaxing swim in the **Dead Sea**
- Overnight & Dinner: [Daniel Dead Sea](#)

Monday, Jan 21st (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**
- Lookout over **Wadi Kelt** and the Road of the Good Samaritan.
- 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**
- Stand on the **Lithostratos**, "Pavement", in the Ecco Homo Convent.
- Walk part of the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
- See the **Damascus Gate**, where Stephen was stoned.
- Overnight & Dinner: Jerusalem, [Dan Jerusalem](#) or similar

Monday, Jan 22nd (B/D)

- "Go up" to the **Temple Mount** to see the site of the ancient temple and the modern-day Dome of the Rock
- 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**
- Visit the **Israel Museum's** Shrine of the Book & Model of the 2nd Temple.
- End the day with a visit to the **Western Wall tunnels** & the Wailing Wall
- Overnight & Dinner: Jerusalem, [Dan Jerusalem](#) or similar

Tuesday, January 23rd (B/D)

- **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)
- See the **Knesset**, Israel's Parliament Building
- Visit the **Yad vaShem Holocaust Memorial**
- Enjoy the rest of the afternoon on your own shopping in New Jerusalem
- In the evening we'll have a special **dinner** and Leaders' Roundtable session
- Overnight & Dinner: Jerusalem, [Dan Jerusalem](#) or similar

Wednesday, Jan 24th (B/D)

- Enjoy a morning of leisure
- Visit the **Garden Tomb (Gordon's Calvary)**
- 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
- Have a farewell dinner out in **Tel Aviv**
- Transfer to airport for late night departure

Thursday, Jan 25th (Meals in Flight)

- 12:45 PM Evening **Group Departure** on EL AL Airlines (LY001) from TLV (Tel Aviv, Israel).
- 6:00 Arrival JFK New York

How to Register

- [Click here to register online](http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1213-1213-Independent-Baptist-Pastors-Tour-2019) or **paste** the following web link into your browser: <http://samsontours.com/group-tours/1213-1213-Independent-Baptist-Pastors-Tour-2019>
- **Fax** your Registration Details to 352-835-0885 (see forms below)
- **Phone us** with your registration details at 352-414-5991

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 **10** 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 **30** 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](#) 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 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 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 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.



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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)

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.)



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.)