



A Trip of a Lifetime to the Holy Land

April 19-30, 2020

[Register online!](#)

11 days/10 Nights on Land in Israel
+ Petra, Jordan or Free Day in Eilat option!

Led by:
Roxene Chamberlin

Guided by:
Eitan Chamberlin



Land Prices

Based on 15 or more adult, paying travelers

Base Land Package	Per Person
Land Only (adult) in Shared Room - Main Package	\$3290
Group airfare, round-trip from Miami on El Al Airlines.	+\$1400
Petra Add-On option (includes pickups, border fees, Visa, local guide,, site fees, lunch in the Basin Restaurant)	+\$450
Single Supplement (for single room)	+\$1250
For the 3 rd Person (ages 13+) in a Shared Room	\$3090
Additional Overnight & Transfer (4-Star)	upon request
Additional Overnight & Transfer (3-Star)	upon request
Private Transfer to/from airport or hotel (per person with minimum 2 passengers if booking your own separate flight)	+\$70.00
Per Person <u>Discount</u> for final payment by Check	-2%

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

Our main package rate **includes:**

- International **Round-trip airfare** on El Al Airlines **from Miami, FL** direct to Israel (you have the option to book your own airfare or connect to Miami)
- Meeting & assistance on arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport by Samson Tours elected representative.
- 11 days on land in Israel as per your program below.
- 10 overnights at mentioned hotels or similar
- Daily buffet breakfast at all hotels
- 8 dinners at hotels
- Baggage assistance from arrival to departure, at all hotels (we pre-tip them for you).
- Licensed, English-speaking tour guide throughout the entire tour.
- All Entrance fees per the itinerary
- Luxury air-conditioned coach and driver throughout
- Free WiFi on the bus and at most hotels
- Welcome kit with free hat, map, bus signs, name tags, printed itinerary, 2 bottles of starter water and more.
- All **credit or debit card fees** (there is a **2% discount** for paying your final balance by check or direct deposit).

Our main package rates **excludes:**

- Lunches, two dinners and special drinks at meals throughout the tour
- Gratuities for guide & driver (total \$140 per person).
- Additional pre-arrival or post-departure services not mentioned in the schedule (See add-ons in your My Account area).
- Soft drinks and special drinks at meals.
- Baptism kit (purchased on site).
- Petra Add-On for Sunday, April 26

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

Deadlines

Milestones & Deadlines	Due Date
Group Minimum Should be Reached	November 6 th 2019
Final Payments are Due	December 6 th 2019
Deposits become non-refundable to Samson	December 6th 2019
Last Day for Early Bird Registration	December 6th 2019
Late Registration Fee of \$200 Goes into effect	December 7th 2019
All Passenger Info is Due (Passports, Roommates, etc.)	January 7th 2020

How to Register

- [Click here](#) to register online or paste the following web link into your browser:
<https://samsontours.com/group-tours/1222-chamberlin-trip-of-a-lifetime-to-holy-land>
- Fax your Registration Details to 352-835-0885 (see forms below)
- Phone us with your registration details at 352-414-5991

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

Your Itinerary

This itinerary is subject to minor changes. Most tour days will require an 8 am departure with a return to the hotel by 6pm.

B = Breakfast only

B/D = Breakfast & Dinner included

Sunday, April 19 (B)

Departure to Israel

- Depart from your city of origin
- 12:00 - **Group departure** from Miami on El Al Airlines Flight # LY8

Note: You can depart a day earlier and arrive on this day by selecting the Extra Overnight and Transfer from your Add-ons or by contacting us at sales@samsontours.com.

Monday, April 20 (B/D)

Arrival to Israel

- 07:00 - Arrival to **Ben Gurion International Airport (Tel Aviv, Israel)**
- Immediately after Passport Control, you will be met by our airport representative with a sign reading 'Samson Tours' who will assist you to your luggage carousel, customs and clearance into the arrival's hall to meet your guide, **Eitan Chamberlin**

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- All early arrivers should return/arrive back at the airport to join the group. Meeting place: the **Aroma Coffee Shop (to the left as you enter the Arrivals Hall)**.
- We'll visit **Jaffa**, one of the oldest port cities in the world, where Peter healed Tabitha and where Jonah set off to sea
- We'll next make our way to the ancient port city of **Caesarea**, where we'll visit a Roman theatre, a hippodrome, an ancient aqueduct and the ancient port.
- By mid-afternoon, we'll check-in to our hotel by the Mediterranean Sea

Overnight & Dinner: [West Lagoon Hotel](#), Netanya

Note: All early arrivals will be met immediately after Passport Control, as described below, and will be transferred to the hotel in a private vehicle. If you arrived a day earlier, then please meet at the Kakao coffee shop at the appointed time.

Tuesday, April 21 (B/D)

- Lookout over the Jezreel Valley from **Muhraka**, where Elijah fought the prophets of Baal.
- Go to **Megiddo** & the valley of Armageddon
- Visit **Nazareth** – The Brow of the Hill
- **Cana of Galilee**: Jesus' first miracle
- **Lookout from Mt. Arbel** over the beautiful Sea of Galilee
- Walk through the **Arbel Pass**, Jesus' passageway to the Sea of Galilee

Overnight & Dinner (Golan/Sea of Galilee): The brand new [Magdala Guesthouse](#) or similar by the Sea

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

Wednesday, April 22 (B/D)

- Visit **Capernaum**, mentioned more times in the New Testament than any other city.
- Visit **Bethsaida**, birthplace of 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!"
- See the recent excavations at **Magdala**, the town of Mary Magdalene
- 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 (Golan/Sea of Galilee): The brand new [Magdala Guesthouse](#) or similar by the Sea

Thursday, April 23 (B/D)

- Visit **Tel Hazor** and see the destruction of the Canaanite city as reported in Joshua 11
- Drive through the **Hulah Valley**, the Waters of El Merom
- Experience the **Tel Dan** Nature Reserve and see the Arch of Abraham and Jereboam's temple
- Visit the Temple of Pan at **Caesarea Phillipi** ("Upon this Rock")
- Coffee & deserts in a Druze village in the **Golan Heights**

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- Lookout from **Mt. Bental Volcano** into Syria and the **Road to Damascus**

Overnight & Dinner (Golan/Sea of Galilee): The brand new [Magdala Guesthouse](#) or similar by the Sea

Friday, April 24 (B/D)

- Early departure
- Drive down the **Jordan Valley**
- See **Gideon's Spring** (Mayan Harod) and watch Judges 4 come to life
- **Lookout over ancient Beth Shean**
- Visit the **Jordan River** 'Bethany Beyond the Jordan' the most likely area where Jesus' was baptized by John, and where Elijah ascended to heaven
- Visit **Tel Jericho**
- Journey to **Qumran**: the home of the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Drive through the desert of **Ein Gedi** where David hid from Saul
- Enjoy the rest of the day relaxing at the **Dead Sea** or in your hotel's spa (included)

Overnight & Dinner: [Daniel Dead Sea \(Deluxe Sea-View Rooms\)](#)

Saturday, April 25 – (B)

- 09:00 - Departure
- Visit **Masada**, Herod the Great's desert fortress and descend via the Roman Rampart

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- Next, we'll drive southward past **Mt. Sodom** to enter the Arava Valley
- We'll visit **Timna**, "Solomon's Pillars" and see a lifesize replication of the Tabernacle as it once sat in the desert
- Next, we'll have a short visit to the **Arava Institute** to see the Methuselah Tree and get a feel for kibbutz desert life
- We'll end our day at the **Red Sea**, at the gulf city of **Eilat** where you'll enjoy the sunset, have free time and dinner out on your own at the many nearby restaurants.

Overnight (Red Sea, Eilat): [Hilton Queen of Sheba](#)

Sunday, April 26 (B)

- Today, after you've had an amazing buffet breakfast, you have an OPTION for a full free day in Eilat or to visit the ancient Nabatean City of Petra, made famous by the Indiana Jones movie. For the costs of this extra excursion, please see the Add-Ons, which is all inclusive of the day tour.

Petra-tour participants:

- 07:00 - Breakfast
- 08:00 - Pickup by our representative in the hotel lobby to transfer to the Yitzhak Rabin/Aqaba border crossing.
- 08:15 - Upon arrival to the border you will be issued Visas for you entry to Jordan.
- 08:30 - Cross the border to meet your Jordanian guide and driver for the day.
- 10:30 - Begin tour of Petra

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- Your guide will guide you all the way through the Suq to the Temple Treasury
- Lunch will be included today in the Basin Restaurant
- After lunch, you'll have free time to enjoy the many other parts of Petra on your own.
- 19:00 - Return to the Eilat border and cross
- 20:00 - Return to hotel and enjoy dinner out or order in room service.

Overnight (Red Sea, Eilat): [Hilton Queen of Sheba](#)

Monday, April 27 (B/D)

- Today, we'll begin a very long drive, just like the Ancient Israelites, back towards Jerusalem.
- We'll travel through the Negev and much of the deserted country, seeing amazing geological formations and craters along the way. We'll stop for a lovely lookout over the **Ramon Crater**.
- Next, we'll make our way to the town of **Beer Sheva**, where Abraham made his oath to Abimelech. We'll visit the ruins of the early Israelite city.
- Next, we'll make our way to **Hebron**, to visit the **Machpelah**, where the patriarchs and matriarchs would ultimately be buried. This region can often flare up due to Israeli-Palestinians, and so we'll do our best to make this stop. As an alternative, we'll visit the **Elah Valley**, where David fought Goliath
- Our last stop of the day will be in Bethlehem to see the **Church of the Nativity** and a local bazaar before making way to our Jerusalem based hotel.

Overnight & Dinner (Jerusalem): [Ramat Rachel](#) (Deluxe), [Our Lady Stern](#), or [King Solomon Hotel](#) (Refurbished)

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

Tuesday, April 28 (B)

- Walk onto the **Temple Mount** to see the site of the former temple and today's Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque
- Visit the Western "**Wailing**" **Wall**
- Visit the **Southern Wall Excavations** to walk up the 1st century steps of the Temple.
- Visit the newest excavations in the **City of David** and wade through Hezekiah's tunnel. Visit also the 3D Movie.
- Have lunch on your own in the **Jewish Quarter**
- Tour the Jewish Quarter to see Hezekiah's Broad Wall & The Cardo
- Go underground to visit the 1st century **Herodian Quarter**
- Visit the **Temple Institute** and see the many objects that have already been made for the future Third Temple.
- Enjoy the rest of the day exploring or shopping on your own in the Old City.
- 20:30 – *Optional* Evening Event: [The Night Spectacular: Tower of David Sound & Light Show](#) OR the [Hallelujah](#) show at City of David

Overnight & Dinner (Jerusalem): [Ramat Rachel](#) (Deluxe), [Our Lady Stern](#), or [King Solomon Hotel](#) (Refurbished)

Wednesday, April 29 (B/D)

- Visit the **Mount of Olives**
- Enjoy a time of prayer and devotion at the **Garden of Gethsemane**

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- Visit the **Pools of Bethesda**
- Walk the **Via Dolorosa** from a historical perspective to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Stand on the **Lithostratos**, “Pavement”, in the Ecco Homo Convent.
- Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
- Enjoy time for lunch and shopping on own in the Christian Quarter
- Visit the **Upper Room & David’s Tomb**
- End the day with more free shopping time on your own or visiting the Israel Museum (Shrine of the Book and the Archaeology wing).

Overnight & Dinner (Jerusalem): [Ramat Rachel](#) (Deluxe), [Our Lady Stern](#), or [King Solomon Hotel](#) (Refurbished)

Thursday, April 30 (B/L/D)

- 06:30 - Breakfast
- 07:15 - Pickup for transfer to the airport
- 10:45 - Depart on El Al Airlines LY17 for Miami
- 17:00 - Arrive in Miami, FL (same day)
- Connect to your domestic flight or return home.

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

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 15** paying adult participants are required for this tour program for the main portion and at least 15 passengers for the extension portion. 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 45 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. **We provide group airfare at absolute cost for the group.**
- 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.

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- 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 \$500.00 deposit be paid upon signup. The deposit (less a **\$150.00 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.

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- **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 \$150.00 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

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

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

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

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.

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

Getting Prepared

Prior to Departure

It is highly suggested that you arrive at least 3 hours prior to your flight's departure for security checks and proper seating arrangement.

You do not require any airline documentation (e-tickets, etc.) for your flight. Upon arrival to the check-in, please simply offer your passports to the counter attendant and confirm your seating choice. At this time, you can typically confirm your seats for your international flight as well as your return domestic flight. The airlines do not typically issue flight seats for the return international flight from Tel Aviv until the day of departure.

Kindly note that we have made any seating request you have made to the airline. The airlines are notorious for not computing this in advance. In the event that a seat choice that you prefer is not available, it is advised to check with other members of the group to see if someone will switch with you.

Upon Arrival to Ben Gurion Airport

After deboarding the plane, enjoy an easy walk to Passport Control (paying note to 'A Nice Piece of History' - see next section - along the way).

In Israel, we do not stamp passports, but issue a separate tourist Visa card for entering the country. **Please keep this card in your Passport**

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

throughout your entire trip. Many hotels and Stores require this now for Tax Exemption.

For all incoming travelers, our airport representative will be meeting you immediately **after Passport Control**, holding a **sign for "Samson Tours."** If you have a major flight change, please contact us asap to ensure that we are prepared; otherwise, we'll be tracking your flight and there is no need to worry. Our representative will assist you to the baggage carousel, through Customs and into the Arrivals Hall to meet your driver. If you are not on the group flight, please contact us to ensure that we have your separate flight details and instructions on how to meet the group.

IF, for some reason you bypass our agent or are not met properly, please wait at your baggage carousel until see your bags. If not met by our representative by then within a reasonable time, you may exit the Arrivals Hall and remain at the Coffee shop (off to your right) with your bags and remain there until you are received by a representative. You may also **phone or text +972-50-7152575** at any time to connect with our Agency.

A Nice Piece of History at Ben Gurion Airport

As you enter Ben Gurion Airport, look up just before you enter the customs hall. The mosaic on the top left is from Bethlehem in the Galilee; it is roughly 7 miles west-northwest of Nazareth. This town dates from the early biblical period (12th cent. BCE), being a portion of the land of Zebulun (Joshua 19:14-16) and perhaps the home of the Judge Ibzan (Jud 12:8-10). The Jewish town belonged to the 24 Mishmerot Cohanim (Temple Priests) villages (1Chronicles 24:5-6, 9).

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

The mosaic on the top right is from Beth Shean and has a Greek inscription: "Peace to the one who enters and to the one who exits" (see Deut 28:6). Obviously, this text is appropriate for those visiting the Holy Land.

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

Your Security & Safety

Israel continues to be a very volatile place but with the strongest security in the world, as well as one of the best track records in safety for its tourists. We would highly recommend that you read our [Security Page](#) on our website to familiarize yourself with the proactive steps we take to ensure that your trip runs safely and smoothly. Our guides and drivers are expertly trained in how to respond to immediate security and safety issues. Sometimes this may entail foregoing a site and replacing it with an equal or better experience.

If you have any specific questions, before or during the tour, please do not hesitate to ask your guide how you should respond to a certain security risk, and be certain to make your guide known of any specific health limitations that you might have, so that he can take into consideration from site to site.

Free WIFI on the Bus, Hotels & Ways to Connect

We were the first company in Israel to provide guaranteed free WIFI to tour members, so that you can stay in touch with family members via email or share your experiences instantly on Social Media. Enjoy, but try to remember...you're on vacation!

Most of our hotels will offer free WIFI too, at the very least in the lobbies.

We highly recommend that all members use [Stops.com](#) so that we can remain connected at all times. Stops is a great way to share pictures, be in Messenger contact with your guide, agent and tour leader, and also stay connected with family and friends back home. Once you have

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

downloaded the application, please let us know if you do not see yourself as a member of the group's Cube = Messenger group. Please note, this app is safe for your phone and is at the early stage of a 6-month period of pilot testing before public delivery.

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.

Cellphones in Israel

You can order a Cell Phones or SIM Card for as little as \$1 per day
Samson Tours works with [Israel Phones G Cellular Network](#) to provide all of your communication needs in Israel. You can easily pick up and drop off your cell phones from Ben Gurion International Airport upon arrival and departure.

Israel Phones provides unlimited plans for as little as \$0.99 per day; you can rent SIM cards, wireless plans and more.

ORDER A PHONE or SIM card now by [clicking here](#).

Remember also that there also a lots of cheap phone call applications out there like Skype, Google Voice, or even WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger that can save you some serious roaming charges.

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

The Weather in Israel

Historically, the weather in Israel and Jordan during the month of **June** is beautiful with an average **High of 82F and an average Low around 59F in Jerusalem**. Note that at the Dead Sea and in Jordan we should expect temperatures at least 7-10 degrees higher.

For a complete historical overview of weather by month, please visit [this website](#).

To check the 10-day weather forecast at the start of the tour, [click here](#).

Money Exchange

Unless specified, most everything is included in the tour price, except for lunches, some dinners and gratuities for your guide and driver (tips for hotel staff are already included). It is suggested that you bring around \$250-\$500 cash with you to cover these expenses throughout the tour. Of course, you can withdraw money easily throughout the tour.

ATMs (Hebrew: *kaspomat*) are widely available throughout Israel. Upon arrival, you'll have the opportunity to either withdrawal monies in either Shekels (all bank ATMs) or U.S. dollars (Leumi Bank only) from your debit or credit card. It is not suggested to change money at the airport due to poor exchange rates. You'll have plenty of opportunities in your first few days of touring. Traveler's checks are discouraged as

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

most change places charge a fee or provide you with a lower exchange rate for them. \$100 bills typically provide you with the best rate of exchange. To check the current exchange rate, visit [Yahoo's currency converter](#).

Water in Israel

Israel has some of the highest drinking water standards in the world. Throughout the trip, you'll be able to purchase water bottles at a discount price from the bus driver. You'll also be able to refill your water bottles with fresh drinking water at the national parks and hotels at your leisure. To learn more about Israel's water supply, visit the [Mekorot](#) website.

Definitely bring

- Your Passport (*obviously*)
- Your Travel Insurance Documentation (if you purchased travel Insurance) and Health Insurance information (if you have it!)
- Hat (to protect from the sun). We'll also provide one for you!
- Head scarf or shawl for women (for the Kotel, primarily)
- *Favorite Kipah* or head covering (a baseball cap will do) for men. If you don't have one, don't worry, we'll be giving you a Samson Tours hat. And you'll have plenty of opportunities to buy kippahs if you wish en route.
- Medicines (aspirin, etc.)
- Sunscreen (lots of it!) or Umbrella (for shade)
- Backpack
- Camel-pack or refillable water bottle (that holds up to 1 liter of water)

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- Comfortable, close-toed shoes (already broken-in) that preferably cover your ankle.
- Sandals
- Towel. Note: it is not always permissible or convenient to take one from the hotel.
- Extra pair of prescription glasses
- Sunglasses
- Soap Sponge or Hand Towels (hotels typically do not provide them in Israel)

Highly recommended to bring:

- Bible
- Electrical **adaptor** (two-pronged, European style for 220v Wall Socket); most computers and cell phones only require an adaptor.
- Converter for your 110v electrical items (to convert to Israel's 220v) – mostly just for hairdryers and such. If you must have a hairdryer each day, then bring your own with a convertor. Not all hotels provide them.
- Digital camera with backup memory card
- Disk-on-key for backing up documents and pictures
- Cell-phone instructions for international calls or adding and Israeli SIM card.
- Mini flashlight (for caves and Hezekiah's tunnel)
- Waterproof sandals (Hezekiah's Tunnel, Dead Sea)
- Travel first-aid kit (Band-Aids, Neosporin, etc.)
- Extra lightweight duffle bag (just in case you buy too many souvenirs, or your luggage is damaged in transit)
- Journal Book
- Travel laundry detergent
- Travel alarm-clock (cellphones are good too!)

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

- Travel shampoo and soap
- Dirty-clothes bag
- A few evening/going-out outfits, but only nicer casual clothing....no dress clothes required
- Bathing suit
- Travel Pillow
- Ear Plugs (for potentially snoring roommates)
- **And most important...plastic Zip-Lock Bags** for collecting pottery and rocks or simply water-sealing things!

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

A Note from Samson Tours CEO:

Eitan Chamberlin

It has been a pleasure to work with your tour leader Roxene Chamberlin build this “experience of a lifetime.”

You can be assured that our highly proficient staff will be in the background along the way to make sure your journey is a memorable one. Quality control is extremely important to us, and there is no time of day or night that you will be a bother to ensure that you have the most pleasant and comfortable stay with us. Thank you for coming to Israel!

Contact Us

If you have any questions between now and your trip, please do not hesitate to contact us at sales@samsontours.com or 352-414-5991 or 972-50-7152575 or via WhatsApp +972-50-7152575.

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com



Offline Registration Forms

Confidential Information for Samson Tours, Inc. or tour leader's use only!

Name of Tour or Services

About you

Name(1) _____ Birthdate (1) _____

Name(2) _____ Birthdate (2) _____

Name(3) _____ Birthdate (3) _____

Email(1) _____ Email cc: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Best time of day to phone (**circle one**): Morning - Afternoon - Evening - or Specific:

Home Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Degree° of Interest

1. ___ I'm definite! Attached is my **\$400.00** (per person) **check or cash deposit**
2. ___ For sure! I'll pay by **debit/credit card** (see the Credit Card form)
3. ___ I will submit payment via another means. Please specify:
4. ___ I'm sitting on the fence (will decide later)

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

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.

1. What kind of room are you requesting? (circle one) SINGLE - DOUBLE - TRIPLE
2. If you are in a DOUBLE room, would you like a TWIN/SPLIT or KING bed (circle one)?
 - a. I'd like to share a DOUBLE room with _____
 - b. I'd like to share a TRIPLE room with _____
3. Do you have any medical conditions or limitations? YES - NO
4. 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 No. _____

Date Issued _____ Date of Expiration _____

Passport Name (2) _____ Country _____

Passport No. _____

Date Issued _____ Date of Expiration _____

Passport Name (3) _____ Country _____

Passport No. _____

Date Issued _____ Date of Expiration _____

Your Signature _____

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

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com

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)

Check your tour's Inclusions or Exclusions for potential processing fees.

Credit Card Details

*Type of Card (**circle one**): Visa - MasterCard - Discover - Amex

*Name(s) on card _____

*Card number _____ *Expiration _____ Security Code _____

*Email _____

*Phone _____

*Billing Address for credit card _____

Payment Schedule (circle one)

1. ____ Process my **deposit** payment now **and** my **final payment** later with this card. Note: we will process your final payment 4 months before departure.
2. ____ Process my **deposit payment only** with this card. I will pay the balance later via another means.
3. ____ 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 (circle one) 3 - 4 5 - 6 - 9 separate payments starting with the soonest billing cycle. Note that your balance must be paid off in full 3 months prior to departure.

Your Signature _____

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

www.samsontours.com

Phone: US (352-414-5991) Israel (972-50-715-2575)

Fax: US (352-835-0885) Israel (972-77-215-2575)

PO Box 2713, Belleview, FL 34421 USA

sales@samsontours.com