



## Calvary Baptist Israel Tour - 2021



**January 19-29, 2021**

**Led by: Pastor Derek Eckels**

## Pricing

<i>For 11+ adult passengers</i>	
<b>Per passenger in a shared room</b>	\$3950.00
<b>Supplements</b>	
Single room	Add +\$850.00
Per person, per extra night in a shared room on BB with a private airport transfer	Add +\$175.00
<b>Discounts</b>	
Discount for 20 or more adult passengers	-\$200.00 <i>per person</i>
Discount for balance payment by check	-\$70.00 <i>per person</i>
Discount for pastors	<i>upon inquiry</i>

### **Register & Make Payments Online in a click!**

#### *Included*

- Round-trip airfare from St. Louis.
- All fuel/taxes for flight
- Personal assistance after passport control to your transfer vehicle
- Transfers to/from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport
- 9 days of air-conditioned travel coach with free WIFI
- 8 overnights in excellent, 4-star accommodations
- Breakfast & Dinner daily (includes special Farewell Dinner)
- English-speaking, licensed tour guide throughout
- Whisper system (for groups of 20 or more)
- All National Park fees, entrance fees, activities & guest speakers
- Traveler's Welcome Kit
- Baptismal Kits (if needed)
- Credit card fees (note there is a discount for paying your balance by check)

#### *Excluded*

- All-inclusive gratuity package for guide, driver, bellboys, boat ride (**\$150** per person)
- Lunches (avg. \$15 per meal)
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
- Any transportation deviations from the main group
- Optional traveler's insurance through [World Nomads](#) or your own provider.

## Deadlines

	Deadline Date
<b>Early-bird registration ends.</b>	<b>Aug 19 2020</b>
Late registration fee (min. \$200) goes into full effect.	<b>Aug 20 2020</b>
Final payments & details are due.	<b>Sep 19 2020</b>
Airline tickets are issued.	<b>Dec 19 2020</b>

## Itinerary.

### Tuesday, Jan 19 - Departure Day (Meals in Flight)

- Depart at your convenience.

### Wednesday, Jan 20 (D)

- Arrive to Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Immediately after passport control, our representative will assist you to your luggage carousel, through customs and to your private, transfer vehicle.
- Rest, relax and have a stroll along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea
- In the evening, we'll have a "welcome home" dinner at our hotel and then have a short kick-off meeting to prepare for the days to come.
- Overnight & dinner: [West Lagoon](#) (Netanya, Mediterranean Sea) or similar

### Thursday, Jan 21 (B/D)

- Explore **Caesarea** – Herod's Port City and the home of Pontius Pilate (Theatre, Palace, Hippodrome & Aqueduct).
- Stand on **Mt. Carmel** and see the story of Elijah vs. the prophets of Baal come to life.
- Visit Tel **Megiddo** and a panoramic look out over the Valley of Armageddon.
- Stand on the **Brow of the Hill** and look out over the Jezreel Valley and Nazareth.
- End the day at **Cana of Galilee**.
- Overnight & dinner: [Leonardo Club](#) (Tiberias), [Ein Gev Resort](#) (on the shores of the Sea of Galilee), [Magdala Guesthouse](#) or similar

### Friday, Jan 22 (B/D)

- Visit the **Arbel Pass**, Jesus' passageway into the Galilee.
- Visit **Capernaum**, mentioned more times in the New Testament than any other city.
- Stop by **Bethsaida (Geshur)**, home to 5 of the 12 disciples.
- Drive via **Korazin** to visit the beautiful Mount of Beatitudes.
- Weather permitting, we'll walk down the **Mount of Beatitudes**, visiting the cave of *Eremos* along the way.

- Stand on the shores of the Sea of Galilee at **Mensa Christi**, the setting for John 21 - "Feed my lambs!"
- Visit **Tabgha** and the Church of the Multiplication.
- Lay your eyes on the 1<sup>st</sup> century 'Galilee boat discovered near Gennesaret (Kibbutz Ginosar).
- End the day with **sailing on the Sea of Galilee** from Ginosar.
- Return to our hotel for another overnight & dinner.

### **Saturday, Jan 23 (B/D)**

- Visit **Tel Hazor** and see the destruction by Joshua and the Israelites (Joshua 11).
- See the **Hula Valley** (the Waters of Merom)
- Cast your eyes into Lebanon from Kibbutz **Misgav Am**, and hear what life is like along the **Lebanese Border**.
- Visit **Tel Dan** and stand in the temple built by Jeroboam and see Abraham's archway.
- See **Caesarea Philippi** & the Temple of Pan.
- Drive up to the **Golan Heights**.
- Stand on **Mt. Bental** (Syrian/Israeli bunkers) and look out over Syria and the **Road to Damascus**.
- Return to our hotel for another overnight & dinner.

### **Sunday, Jan 24 (B/D)**

- Visit **Beth Shean**, the capital of the **Decapolis**.
- See **Mayan Harod** (Harod's Spring), where Gideon chose his men.
- Stand on **Tel Jezreel**, Naboth's Vineyard.
- Visit **Qasr el Yahud** Jordan River Baptismal Site (Bethany beyond the Jordan)
- Explore **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** or in the hotel's indoor pool & spa area.
- Overnight & dinner: [Daniel Dead Sea](#) (Ein Bokek), [Herods Dead Sea](#) or similar

### **Monday, Jan 25 (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.**
- Look out over **Wadi Kelt** and the Road of the Good Samaritan.
- Experience a breathtaking lookout over Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**
- Walk the Palm Sunday journey down the Mount of Olives and visit **Dominus Flevit**, where Jesus wept.
- Enjoy a time of prayer and devotion in the **Garden of Gethsemane**
- 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: [Lady Stern](#), [Ramat Rachel](#), [Leonardo Boutique](#) or similar

### Tuesday, Jan 26 (B/D)

- *Early departure this day*
- 07:30 – “Go up” to the **Temple Mount** to see the site of the ancient temple and the modern-day Dome of the Rock
- 09:30 – Journey through the **Western Wall tunnels** and visit the **Wailing Wall**.
- Visit the **Jewish Quarter** and see the ancient **1<sup>st</sup> century ruins of the ‘Herodian Quarter’**.
- After lunch, we’ll return towards **Dung Gate** to visit the **Southern Wall Excavations**, walking along the 1<sup>st</sup> century street and climbing up the 1<sup>st</sup> century steps.
- Explore the **City of David** and have the option to go underground through Hezekiah's Tunnel. Our tour here ends with a visit to the **Pool of Siloam**.
- You have the option to end the day with a visit to the **Israel Museum** (the ‘Shrine of the Book’, Second Temple Model & Archaeological Wing).
- Return to our hotel for another overnight & dinner.

### Wednesday, January 27 (B/D)

- Visit **Hebron** to see the Cave of the Machpelah.
- Explore the site of Herod’s tomb at **Herodium** and lookout over **Teqoa**.
- Drive via **Bethlehem** (possible to visit the Church of the Nativity or a bazaar).
- See **Anathot**, where Jeremiah was from
- Visit **Tel Shilo**, where the ark rested for 369 years
- Look out over Shechem from **Mt. Gerizim** and see the modern Samaritan temple.
- Special Evening Option (included): [The Night Spectacular](#) at the Tower of David OR the [Hallelujah show](#) at the City of David.
- Return to our hotel for another overnight & dinner.

### Thursday, Jan 28 (B/D)

- Enjoy a morning of leisure
- Visit the **Garden Tomb (Gordon’s Calvary)**
- Visit the **House of Caiphas**, as well as **Mt. Zion & the Upper Room**.
- 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 stop by ancient **Beth Shemesh**
- Stand in the **Elah Valley**, where David fought Goliath and pick your own 5 stones.
- Visit the port city of **Jaffa** (Simon the Tanner’s House).
- Have an all-inclusive, farewell dinner out in **Jaffa** at the lovely **Abrage Restaurant**.
- Transfer to airport for late night departure

### Friday, Jan 29 (Meals in Flight)

- Arrive back to St. Louis

## Policies

- **Final Hotels & Itinerary:** We typically post final hotel choices 6 months in advance and you may find links to them in the itinerary itself. Along the way, we reserve the right to update the hotel, change a site or replace any service with an equal or better-quality experience or value.
- **Group Minimum:** A minimum of **11** paying adult passengers are required. If this minimum is not reached by the Early-Bird special date, we may either a.) request that all adult 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.
- **Deposit & Payments:** This tour has a non-refundable (but transferable) **\$300.00 deposit per person** upon signup. The deposit can be paid by debit/credit card, check, money order, over-the-counter deposit. You can make monthly payments of any amount toward your balance from your online account or contact us for setting up a payment plan. **Important Note:** We provide a **significant discount** for paying your final balance by check (see add-ons).
- **Late Registrations:** Any registration beyond the Early-bird deadline will be subject to a strict, minimum \$200 per person fee (see add-ons) due to the amount of work involved with updating hotels, airlines and service providers on your behalf.
- **Group Airfare:** A group airfare must have 10 or more passengers on the same group flight. Group flights are not always more affordable, but they are far more flexible in terms of cancellations and deposit refunds than individual airfares. Typically, only 10% of the tickets may diverge from the main group international flights. Passengers may book their own domestic airfare to/from the main group departure hub or ask us to get a quote for your connection.
- **Individual Airfare:** If we do not offer a group airfare for your tour, you or we may book your flight individually. We're happy to do the job for you and provide the best airfare for the best quality versus price for just a \$50.00 fee + the actual cost of the flight that you. To book your individual airfare, send us your passport, credit card details, seating preference, and Miles card if you have one. Individual airfares are non-refundable, but typically can be changed up to 1 year for a fee and remember you may be subject to 'diversion' costs, such as special transfers or extra overnights.
- **Diversions & Add-Ons:** If you arrive either before or after the scheduled group departure and arrival times you may and most likely will be subject to additional costs for airport transfers and/or overnights. We are happy to provide our customer with every possible experience and service that is needed from Door to Door, so please also contact us if you wish to extend your package to other countries like Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Rome, Jordan, Petra only or any other experience or activity you might want to have to make your experience 100%.
- **Refunds:** Your initial deposit is non-refundable; however, it can be fully transferable to another passenger or may be used for future travel dates with us. The following balance refunds apply to non-insured travelers only:
  - 90+ calendar days before departure – full refund
  - 89-60 days before departure – minimum 75% refund
  - 59-30 days before departure – minimum 50% refund
  - 29-0 days before departure - minimum 0% refund
- **Force Majeure and Postponements:** If Samson Tours decides to postpone the tour due to political unrest or for any reason beyond our company's control that could compromise your security, then your tour will be postponed, and your entire balance will carry over to new tour dates. Depending on the new dates, there may be an increase in costs for tours that are rescheduled later than one year from the time of postponement. If you are unable to join the new

tour dates and are not insured, then you will be entitled to a refund, less any other non-refundable deposits that may be imposed on us by suppliers.

- **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.
- **Your Health:** All participants should be in good health and walking condition. This program is active and involves a lot of walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be accessible for the disabled. Having a disability does not disqualify you from joining any tour. However, be advised that you may have to forgo portions of the said itinerary by waiting on the bus or in a safe location until the main group has returned. If you require special accommodation, please report this at the time of your reservation so that we can better serve you.
- **Single Supplement:** For single travelers, a single supplement fee for the hotels is required. This usually amounts to around 85%-90% of the Double Room cost. If a person has ordered a double room and his or her roommate cancels his or her tour, then the individual holding a double room must find a new roommate or pay the single supplement.
- **Exchange Rate:** Samson Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a supplement to the price if the dollar falls below the 3.5 threshold. To date, we have never yet had to charge an exchange rate surcharge.
- **Government Imposed VAT or taxes:** Currently there are no VAT taxes for foreign on tour land packages to Israel. Should such a tax be imposed before the start of the tour, even after ‘final payment’ has been made, Samson Tours will notify all of its participants in writing. In order to participate in the tour, you will be required to pay all such taxes before the start of the tour. If you are an Israeli citizen, you will be asked to pay VAT at the time of your final payment.
- **Responsibility** - Samson Tours, Inc., its agents, suppliers, guides, leaders and representatives shall be, in no way, liable or responsible for any personal or property loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
- **Update** – These policies may be updated from time to time. Upon update, you will be notified by Samson Tours, Inc. or its group leader. Always feel free to check your Group Page and/or **contact us** to better serve you or to get the latest details about your tour.



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1 About you

Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 *Payment Method*

- ☉ I'll pay by **debit/credit card**  (see the Credit Card form attached)
- ☉ I will submit payment via **check** , money order , over-the-counter deposit .

Remember: You can pay your initial deposit by credit card/debit card. We provide a **discount** if you pay your **final balance** by check.

## 3 *Travel Info*

**Travel information** is required **not later than** 3 months before departure. If you do not know this information now, leave blank.

- ☉ What kind of room? SINGLE  DOUBLE  TRIPLE  FAMILY
- ☉ If you are in a DOUBLE room, would you like a TWIN/SPLIT  KING-size ?
- ☉ 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 4 *Passport Information*

**Passport information** (including an actual copy of your passport) is required **not later than** 3 months before departure. If you do not know this information now, leave blank. Please print your name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport (*even if you have just applied for the passport*).

**Passport Name (1)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Name (2)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Name (3)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Name (4)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 *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 or fax us directly, along with your credit card form, to 352-835-0885.**



**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex)

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Billing Address for credit card \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email for Receipt \_\_\_\_\_



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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 \_\_\_\_\_ # of payments. Note: The number of payments cannot exceed the number of months there remains before your tour. All payments will be of equal in size.

3

*Your Signature*

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

# Packing Ideas

## Bring:

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- Your Passport (*obviously*)
- Your Travel Insurance Documentation (if you purchased travel Insurance) and Health Insurance information (if you have it!).
- Your gratuity for your guide & driver (see Exclusions)
- Lunch money (\$15 per person, per day on average)
- Your favorite hat (we'll also provide one for you!)
- A head scarf, shawl and/or wrap around for ladies at holy sites.
- Medicines & Vitamins (aspirin, anti-inflammatory, a few small bandages)
- Umbrella (for winter only Dec-Feb)
- Backpack
- Camel-pack or refillable water bottle (that holds up to 1 liter of water)
- Comfortable, closed-toed shoes (already broken-in) that preferably cover your ankle.
- Sandals
- Extra pair of prescription glasses
- Sunglasses
- Soap Sponge or Hand Towels (hotels typically do not provide them in Israel)
- Casual clothing. You may wear shorts, but always must have a daypack with 'holy attire' at all times.

## Recommended:

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- Bible
- Bathing suit
- Electrical **adaptor** (two-pronged, European style for 220v Wall Socket) for all cell phones, laptops and most electrical devices. Note, only if you wish to bring your own hairdryer is it advisable to bring a **converter**.
- 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 (for dirty clothes or souvenirs)
- Travel alarm-clock (cellphones are good too!)
- Bath Sponge
- Travel Pillow
- Ear Plugs (for potentially snoring roommates)
- **And...plastic Zip-Lock Bags** for collecting pottery, rocks or water-sealing things!