



*Christmas in the Holy Land
with Rev. Drexel Brunson*

**7 Days/6 Nights on Land in Israel
(9 days altogether!)**

December 23-31, 2021

Led by: Rev. Drexel Brunson

[Register & Make Payments Online in a click!](#)

Pricing

Per passenger in a shared room with round-trip airfare in 3-star hotels throughout	\$3700.00
Optional Supplements	
Special private airport transfer (if needed)	Add +\$70.00
Single room	Add +\$600.00
Discounts	
Balance payment by check	-\$70.00 <i>per person</i>

Included

- **Round-trip group airfare** from Orlando (connect to JFK or Newark) – **valued up to \$1200.00.**
- Airport Assistance services upon arrival/departure
- Luggage assistance at all hotels throughout
- 7 days on land
- 6 nights in 3-star accommodations
- Private, fully air-conditioned tour bus with private driver
- Licensed Israeli Tour Guide (English-speaking)
- Full buffet breakfast & dinner each day ('special drinks' not included)
- All park fees & scheduled activities and entertainment
- Free Wi-Fi at all hotels and on the bus.
- Traveler's Kit (hat, map, 2 starter water bottles)
- Bus Banners and Name Tags
- Pilgrimage Certificate
- All payment fees (check, wire or major debit or credit cards)
- Gratuities for all providers, including bellboys (\$100 per person)

Excluded

- Lunches (pay as you go - on average \$12 per lunch)
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
- Optional Traveler's Insurance

Reminders!

Deadlines	Due Date	Action Required
Group Minimum Should be Reached	Sep 1st 2021	
Final Payments are Due	Sep 24th 2021	
Last Day for Early Bird Registration	Oct 1 2021	
Late Registration Fee of \$200 Goes into effect	Sep 25th 2021	
All Passenger Info is Due (Passports, Roommates, etc.)	Nov 1st 2021	Updates Online

How to Register?

- **[Click here](https://samsontours.com/group-tours/1354-Christmas-in-the-Holy-Land-with-Rev-Drexel-Brunson) to register online in English or paste** the following web link into your browser: <https://samsontours.com/group-tours/1354-Christmas-in-the-Holy-Land-with-Rev-Drexel-Brunson>
- **Deliver the attached registration form** to your tour leader: **Michael Smith**
- Fax your Registration Details to 352-835-0885 (see forms below)

Itinerary

* This itinerary is subject to minor changes. Final hotel arrangements will be posted no later than 3 months before departure.

Thursday, December 23 – (Meals & Entertainment in flight)

- Depart Orlando, Florida
- Connect via JFK or Newark

Friday, December 24 – (Meals & Entertainment in flight)

- Arrive to Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Immediately after passport control, our representative will assist you through luggage, customs and to your private, transfer vehicle.
- Travel directly from the airport to the **Bethlehem** border crossing

- Along the way, we'll stop by **the Elah Valley** (where David fought Goliath) to pick our own 5 smooth stones.
- Check in to our hotel and relax from our journey
- In the evening, we'll have a "welcome home" dinner at our hotel and have a short kick-off meeting to prepare for the days to come.
- After dinner, we'll experience Christmas Evening in Bethlehem at **Manger's Square**. **Note:** access to the church is only for the Greek Orthodox during the celebration. There are typically no exceptions.
- Overnight & Dinner: [St. Gabriel](#) Hotel (ranked #4 on TripAdvisor) or similar

Saturday, December 25 – (B/D)

- This morning, we'll explore other aspects of Christmas in **Bethlehem**, and **Shepherds Fields** and, if possible, tour parts of the Church of the Nativity.
- Next, we'll travel to Jerusalem to enjoy a panoramic lookout from the **Mount of Olives** (II Sam 15:30; Numbers 19:1-10; Ezekiel 11:23; Ps. 122:3, 122:6, 125:2; Luke 21:37; Zech 14:4; John 8:1)
- Walk the **Palm Sunday journey** down the Mt. of Olives, stopping by **Dominus Flevit**, where Jesus wept over the city (Luke 19:41-44) and engaging with the early Christian tombs discovered at the site.
- We'll complete our journey to the base of the Mt. of Olives with a visit to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Church of all Nations** (Matthew 26:36ff). Here, we'll have a short time of gathering and prayer
- Next, we'll enter the Old City from the famous **Lion's Gate**,
- Then, we'll see the **Pools of Bethesda** at the Church of St. Anne (John 5:1-9).
- We'll walk the Via Dolorosa to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, noting key archaeological details. Learn 7 reasons why Jesus was crucified there (Matt. 1:17; Matt 27; Luke 23; John 19)
- Walk via the **Damascus Gate**, to where Stephen was stoned (Acts 6:5-15; Acts 7:1-8:2).
- Visit the **Garden Tomb**, a modern alternative for the place of Jesus' crucifixion. Guided by a local volunteer guide.
- Visit the **Upper Room** and **David's Tomb** on Mt. Zion.
- We'll end the day at the **Israel Museum** where we'll see where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed (Shrine of the Book) and a fabulous model of the 2nd temple period.
- In the evening, you'll have some time to Bazaar shop in Bethlehem.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Olive Tree Hotel](#) or [Leonardo Jerusalem](#), or the new [Lady Stern](#) Jerusalem

Sunday, December 26 – (B/D)

- Have an **early** departure for the **Temple Mount** to see the site of the former Jewish temples and the current Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque.
- Say a prayer at the **Wailing Wall** and admire the grandeur of this sacred spot for the Jewish people.

- Visit the **Southern Wall Excavations (Davidson Center)** and walk up the 1st century steps of the Temple.
- Visit the newest excavations in the **City of David** and wade through Hezekiah's tunnel, and visit the **Pool of Siloam** (II Sam 5:7-9; II Chr. 32:2-5; I Kings 1:33, 1:38-40; II Kings 20:20, 25:1-9; Ps. 48:12-13; Isa. 22:11; John 9:6-11)
- Have lunch and some shopping time on your own in the Jewish Quarter
- Visit the **Jewish Quarter** to see **Hezekiah's Broad Wall** (II Kings 20:22; II Chr. 32:3-5; Isaiah 22:9-10 & the reconstructed Cardo, the north-south street that ran through the city in the Roman and Byzantine periods.
- Have lunch in the Jewish Quarter, with an optional visit to the **Third Temple Institute**.
- We'll end our day at the **Yad vaShem, Holocaust Memorial**.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Olive Tree Hotel](#) or [Leonardo Jerusalem](#), or the new [Lady Stern Jerusalem](#)

Monday, December 27 – (B/D)

- This morning, we'll depart Bethlehem & Jerusalem and travel to the Dead Sea to visit **Masada**, Herod the Great's desert fortress and the last stand for the Jewish rebels in 73 CE (Luke 11:21-22).
- Next, we'll visit the desert of **Ein Gedi** where David hid from King Saul (Isa 35:7; I Sam. 23:29, 24:1-22)
- Next, we'll visit **Qumran**, where some of the Dead Sea Scroll caves were copied and Cave 11
- Have a dip in the **Dead Sea**
- Overnight: [Prima Oasis](#) Dead Sea or [Jericho Resort Village](#) hotel

Tuesday, December 28 – (B/D)

- Lookout over the **Judean Desert** and the Monastery of St. George in **Wadi Kelt**
- Visit Lazarus Tomb in **Bethany**
- Visit **Tel Jericho** (Josh 3:15-16, 6:1-27; II Kings 2:4-5, 2:18-22; Matt. 4:1-11, Mark 10:46-52; Luke 19:1-10), where the walls came tumbling down, and lookout over the Mount of Temptation.
- Visit the baptismal site of **Qasr El Yahud**, where John most likely performed his baptisms (Matthew 3:13; Mark 1:9), and where you too will have the opportunity to be baptized!
- Drive up the Jordan Valley
- See **Gideon's Spring** (Mayan Harod) and watch **Judges 4** come to life.
- Have a quick stop by **Tel Jezreel**, and see the home of Naboth's vineyard
- Enjoy the rest of the day floating in the Dead Sea, the hotel's spa or enjoying the hotel's amenities.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Emily's Hotel](#), Tiberias

Wednesday, December 29 – (B/D)

- Walk in **the Arbel Pass**, Jesus' passageway to the Sea of Galilee.
- Visit the pre-70 synagogue at **Magdala**.
- Next up is a visit to the **Mt. of Beatitudes** (Matthew 5)
- Drive through the **Hulah Valley**, possibly the Waters of Merom (Joshua 11:5).
- Explore the **Temple of Pan** at **Caesarea Phillipi** (Matt. 16:13-28).
- Walk about **Bethsaida**, the birthplace of 5 of the 12 disciples (and the ancient Israelite town of Geshur (Matthew 11:21; Mark 8:22; Luke 9:10; John 1:44).
- Enjoy lunch on your own by the Sea of Galilee at St. Peters Fish Restaurant.
- Delve into the archaeological remains at **Capernaum**, mentioned more times in the New Testament than any other city except Jerusalem (Matthew 4:13, 8:5, 11:23, 17:24; Mark 2:1, 9:33; Luke 4:23; John 2:12).
- Visit the **1st century Galilee boat** at Ginosar's Yigal Allon Museum. Was this a boat similar to the one the disciples used?
- **Set sail on the Sea of Galilee** and hear the music and singing of Dani Carmel, a local Messianic. While on board, we'll experience the silence of the Sea as well and see how a fisherman casts his net.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Emily's Hotel](#), Tiberias

Thursday, December 30 – (B/D)

- We'll begin our final day of touring with a visit to **Cana of Galilee** (John 2), the site of Jesus' first miracle
- Next, we'll visit the 1st century town of **Sephoris**, built by Herod Antipas, and likely the place where Joseph served as a carpenter.
- Next, we'll visit **Nazareth**, to see the Church of the Annunciation and the Synagogue Church.
- We'll then travel to Mt. Carmel to have lunch and visit the site of **Muhraka**, where Elijah fought the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18).
- Our final site of the tour will be **Caesarea Maritima**: Herod's Port City. We'll explore the Roman Theatre, the Praetorium (Governor's Palace), the Hippodrome and the fabulous Roman Aqueduct. Caesarea was the home of Pontius Pilate, the scene for Cornelius and Peter (Acts 10:1) the imprisonment of Paul (Acts 23:23), the home of Philip the Evangelist a (Acts 8:40; 21:9) and the opening scene for the Great Jewish Revolt in 66 CE.
- Here, we'll have a farewell dinner by the ancient port city OR in Tel Aviv
- At approximately 21:00, we will transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for our departure flight home.
- Depart Israel

Friday, December 31

- Arrive back in the USA

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 **18** adult passengers are required to receive the group discounted price for this tour. If this minimum (with deposits) is not reached 4 months prior to departure, 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) **\$400.00 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.
- **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 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+ days before departure – full refund less deposit
 - 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:** 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 however 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 How you intend to pay your balance?

- 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 Information

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: _____

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 _____

Your Signature



(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)

1

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



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