



The Best of Israel with Pete Hayes & Mitch Kolls - 2022



September 13-24, 2022

Led by: Pete Hayes & Mitch Kolls

Guided by: [Erez Berkovitz](#)

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Pricing

<i>For 20+ adult passengers</i>	
Per passenger in a shared room with land only	\$3325.00
Estimated Round/Trip Airfare from JFK/Newark or major hub. Group airfare price will be declared approximately 9 months prior to departure.	\$1400.00
Supplements	
Single room	\$990.00
Per extra night in a shared room on BB with a private airport transfer (per person)	\$140.00
Discounts	
Per Person Discount if there are 33 or more adult passengers. Invite someone and save.	-\$100.00 per person

Included

- Personal assistance after passport control through baggage, customs & to your transfer vehicle
- Transfers to/from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport
- 10 days of air-conditioned travel coach with free WIFI
- 10 days of English-speaking, licensed tour guide throughout
- 9 overnights in 4-star accommodations
- Breakfast & Dinner daily (includes special Farewell Dinner)
- Whisper system (for groups of 20 or more)
- All National Park fees, entrance fees and activities (per the itinerary)
- Traveler's Welcome Kit
- Luggage assistance in/out of every hotel. We pre-pay your portorage tips.
- Credit card fees for the deposit payment (balance must be paid by check or money order)

Excluded

- Round-trip airfare
- Fuel/taxes/surcharges for flight
- All-inclusive gratuity package for guide, driver, bellboys, boat ride (**\$170** per person)
- Lunches (average \$12 per meal)
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
- Optional traveler's insurance through your own provider.
- Any required vaccinations (Covid 19 or similar) that may be requested by the government

[Register Online with a \\$500 per person deposit!](#)

Timeline

	Deadline Date
Early-bird registration ends.	Apr 13 2022
Final payments & details are due.	May 13 2022
Late registration & late payment fees (min. \$200) go into full effect.	May 14 2022
Airline tickets are issued & begin.	Aug 10 2022

Itinerary

Tue, Sept 13 – Departure day (Meals & Entertainment in Flight)

- Depart from (TBA) on a flight to Israel with (TBA) Airlines on Flight (TBA), bound for Israel.

Wed, Sept 14 – Arrival Day

Welcome to Ben Gurion International airport where you will be met by your guide and driver. Transfer to the Mediterranean coastal city of Netanya for check-in, opening dinner and overnight.

Dinner and Overnight: [Vert Lagoon](#), Netanya (Mediterranean Sea)

Thurs, Sept 15 - Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth

En-route to Galilee we will be visiting the following Biblical sites: Caesarea (Acts 10, 12, 23), Megiddo (Armageddon; 1 Kings 9:15; Rev. 16:16), and Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18). We complete our tour overlooking the Jezreel Valley at Mt. Precipice, the traditional site for Jesus being chased out of Nazareth (Luke 4).

Dinner and Overnight: [Ramot Nofesh Resort](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Fri, Sept 16 – Tel Hazor, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights, Jordan River Baptism

After breakfast, we make our way north through the Hula Valley stopping first at the excavations of Tel Hazor (Joshua 11) and then continue to Tel Dan where we will tour extensively and include a visit at the Canaanite – Bronze era mud brick gate that has been nicknamed the "Gate

of Abraham". At the foot of Mt Hermon we will visit the springs of Banias and the site of Caesarea Philippi and Peter's declaration in Mathew 16. Next we will visit one of the Druze villages perched on the Golan heights where we will have a stop for lunch (not included). After enjoying the tastes and spices of this Syrian/Lebanese cuisine we will head out into the Golan Heights and stop off for some lookout points along the Damascus Road to hear some of the modern military history in this region. We conclude our day with an opportunity to experience a Baptism or renewal in the waters of the Jordan!

Dinner and Overnight: [Ramot Nofesh Resort](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Sat, Sept 17 - Mt. Beatitudes, Tabgha, Capernaum, Magdala, Sea of Galilee Boat Ride, Ancient Fisherman's boat

We start our day atop the Mount of Beatitudes and read from Matthew 5, the Sermon on the Mount. We continue on to Capernaum, the center of ministry for Jesus in Galilee. Next, we visit Tabgha, remembering the story of the feeding of the 5,000 and John 21 with Jesus calling out to Peter to cast the fishing net on the right side. A recently excavated highlight to visit in Galilee is the 1st Century remains of Magdala including the greatest relic of all: A 2000 years old Synagogue. Following our stop for a St. Peters Fish optional lunch (not included) we enjoy a spectacular boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and a visit to Kibbutz Ginnosar (Gennesaret) where we will see the remains of a fisherman's vessel discovered on the shores of the Sea of Galilee dating from the time of Jesus.

Dinner and Overnight: [Ramot Nofesh Resort](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Sun, Sept 18 – Beit Shean, Qasr El Yahud, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Hotel

Leaving the Sea of Galilee behind us, we drive southwards through the Jordan River Valley to Beit Shean- a city built at the crossroads between Jezreel and Jordan Valley. Here we will tour the extensive Roman-Byzantine stunning remains of a city that was once part of the Decapolis, and where the bodies of King Saul and his sons were exhibited after battling the Philistines (1st Samuel 31). Continuing southbound through the Jordan Valley we enter the Judean Desert where we drive past Jericho, and stop at the traditional Baptism site of Qasr El-Yehud. A short drive to lunch and a visit at the site of the Dead Sea Scrolls community of Qumran. Here we will step into the lives of the community that both pre-dates and continues parallel in the 1st Century AD to the days of John the Baptist and Jesus, leaving behind the most important Archeological relic of all – text amongst which we find the earliest of Hebrew biblical scriptures. Having toured the site, we will continue to the desert oasis of Ein Gedi, prominent in King Saul's pursuit of the young King David, with a short trail walk to David's Waterfall. Continuing on to the Dead Sea Spa hotel for check-in and dinner.

Dinner and Overnight: Dead Sea - [Daniel Dead Sea](#) (4-star, **Deluxe Sea-View** rooms)

Mon, Sept 19 – Masada, Jericho, Mt. Olives, Palm Sunday Road, Gethsemane Prayer time

Enjoying an early morning float in the mineral rich Dead Sea waters and after another fantastic Israeli breakfast, we begin our touring day at Masada, the desert fortress built by King Herod and later used by Jewish Zealots for their last stand against the Roman Empire. We will ascend upon the wilderness mountain top fortress, by way of cable car, to survey the ruins of the fortifications, waterworks, the synagogue and palaces. We will stop for lunch in the ancient city of Jericho adjacent to Tel Jericho where we will begin our journey from the lowest city in the world, Jericho, to the highest, Jerusalem (at least spiritually speaking!). Arriving this afternoon on top of the Mount of Olives, following the Palm Sunday route down the mountain walking in the footsteps of Jesus and Holy Week. Concluding at the Garden of Gethsemane we will have some private time for prayer and devotion in the garden. Check-in to our Jerusalem Hotel

Dinner and Overnight: [Lady Stern](#), Jerusalem

Tues, Sept 20 – St. Peter in Gallicantu (House of Caiaphas the High Priest), Bethlehem, Evening excursion to the Sound and Light Show at the Tower of David.

Picking up Holy week and the events that we visited in Gethsemane the previous day, we will first continue in the footsteps of Jesus and the betrayal as we arrive at the site that commemorates the trials of Jesus presented to the Sanhedrin and Peter's denial in the courtyard of Caiaphas. We will continue with a short drive to the city of Bethlehem where we will walk through Manger Square to visit the Church of Nativity, the oldest Church in the Holy Land. Next, visit Shepherds' field and hear the tale of Bethlehem from the local Christian Palestinian population both historically and also a glimpse into everyday life today and the traditional artwork of olive wood carvings made here by local Christian artisans of Bethlehem. In the evening after dinner we will venture out to the spectacular Sound and Light show at the Tower of David Citadel in the Old City.

Dinner and Overnight: [Lady Stern](#), Jerusalem

Wed, Sept 21 - Temple Mount, St. Anne's Pool of Bethesda, Gabbatha – Lithostratos pavement, Via Dolorosa, Church of Holy Sepulcher, Davidson Center and Southern Steps Excavations, City of David and Hezekiah Tunnel

First thing in the morning is to rise up and onto the Temple Mount, visiting the site of where the Temple once stood. Outside of the Temple Mount, and outside the city in the context of John 5, is the relics of the Bethesda pools! After readings and time to reflect we will continue into the Old City and following the Via Dolorosa we will arrive at the sites that represent Good Friday, leading from the trial of Pontus Pilate up to the Rock of Calvary and the Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. We will continue exploring the Old City and tour the Jewish Quarter including the excavations of the Temple's Southern Steps, Robinson Arch and Ophel excavations adjacent to the Temple Mount and Western Wall - where we will witness the prophecy of destruction, as not one stone will be left upon another. We will conclude with the Jebusite, Davidic and First Temple Era relics unearthed at excavations that have been ongoing at the City of David, and will

arrive at the Pool of Siloam (John 9). The end of the day has an opportunity for those who wish to put on their water shoes, turn on a flashlight and walk through the flowing waters of the 2700 years old Shiloah Tunnel (Hezekiah's Tunnel), before returning to the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight: [Lady Stern](#), Jerusalem

Thurs, Sept 22 – Israel Museum, Ancient Jerusalem Archeological Sifting Experience, Tel Shiloh, Jaffa - Tel Aviv Culinary Workshop!

In the heart of West Jerusalem we visit the Israel Museum including the Dead Sea Scrolls housed in the iconic Shrine of the Book exhibition and the impressive model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple Era. En-route we will see the Knesset, Israel's parliament building and the Supreme Court building before arriving at a unique hands-on experience sifting through the excavated debris of ancient Jerusalem, looking for hidden treasures of the past. This guided hands-on archeological experience will give us a further understanding of the methods and science behind archeological excavations as well as the history of Jerusalem that we have toured and experienced during our Pilgrimage. Traveling along the hill country, northbound through the regions of ancient Judea and Samaria (The West Bank) we arrive at the excavations of Tel Shiloh where the tabernacle was situated for 369 yrs.! We join the footsteps of Joshua, Samuel and even the brides to be in the winepresses as we examine the relics of this ancient spiritual center of Israel! For the remainder of the day and into the evening we conclude on the coastal plain at the heart of modern Israel with a tour of Jaffa (Joppa) and an evening in Tel Aviv. Here we will enjoy a hands-on Israeli cuisine workshop with full participation required and wine included is our celebration dinner to complete a hands-on practical day in both Biblical and Modern Israel!!

Dinner and Overnight: [Lady Stern](#), Jerusalem

Fri, Sept 23 - Yad Vashem, Garden Tomb, Elah Valley, Farewell Dinner, Return Flight.

After a leisurely morning to check-out, we begin our final day that takes us both to the depths of the darkest chapters of history, in the context of Holocaust, as well as to the peak of spiritual history and pinnacle of any Pilgrimage – The Garden Tomb. We travel through modern West Jerusalem to visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and exhibition for a guided tour and then proceed to the Garden Tomb, also known as Gordon's Calvary, linked to the Crucifixion, Burial, and The Resurrection of Jesus; here we will celebrate Communion together having toured through the Garden viewing Golgotha and the empty Tomb! Our journey out of the hill country takes us through the Elah Valley in the footsteps of David and Goliath. Having experienced and walked together through the Land of the Bible, we begin the return journey home with everlasting memories to forever cherish, plus a further connection to Scripture through having walked, witnessed and experienced the text within context of this ancient land.

Evening Farewell Dinner before transferring to the Airport for your Night Flight home.

- Depart on (TBA) Airlines Flight (TBA) for the USA

Sat, Sept 24 – Arrival in the USA

- Arrive at (TBA)

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 **20** 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) **\$500.00 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+ 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 “cancel for any reason” travel insurance plan through. 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 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.
- The credit card fees for your initial deposit payment were included. You will be charged 2.5% above your final balance to cover your credit card fees.

3

Your Signature



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