



Silver Spring, MD - Holy Land Tour
February 13- 24, 2013
Led by: Rev. Currie Burrís

Price with Round-trip Airfare

Land + Air Rates Per person	25+ travelers	18-24
P.P in a Double	\$3297.00	\$3448.00
Single Supplement	\$539.00	\$539.00

- ✓ Price is based on double-occupancy
- ✓ Price includes estimated \$700 fuel/tax cost
- ✓ If you wish to add a 3rd passenger to a room please contact us for reduced cost.
- ✓ Single supplement is: \$539.00
- ✓ All major debit or credit card payments accepted (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex)

What's included?

- **Round-trip Airfare** from Baltimore or Dulles
- Transfers to and from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport
- VIP luggage & Airport services upon arrival/departure
- 10 days of nice air-conditioned tour bus & driver
- 10 touring days with licensed Israeli Tour Guide (**Eitan Chamberlin**, M.A. in Biblical Archaeology and Ancient Languages, Hebrew University)

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- 9 nights in High 3/Low 4-star accommodations
- Full Buffet Breakfast & Dinner each day (soft drinks & alcohol not included)
- All park fees & scheduled activities and entertainment
- Gratuities for hotel staff
- Traveler’s Kit (hat, map, water bottle)
- Bus Banners and Name Tags
- All Credit Card Fees
- All Visa & Border Fees (if needed)

What's not included?

- Lunches
- Fuel surcharges or tax increases for flights (**currently \$700**)
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
- Gratuities for guide & driver (\$110)
- Optional Traveler’s Insurance through Travel Guard. Age-Based Plans: (ages 0-59) \$139.00 or for (ages 60+) \$219.00

Traveler Insurance

Samson Tours partners with **Travel Guard** to provide a customized optional travel insurance group package for our clients, which covers 100% trip cancellation and more. For full benefits, request the Group Plan Description of Coverage from the tour leader or download it from our website.

- Price is based on group of 10 or more who purchase traveler insurance.
 - **For ages 0-59 : \$139.00**
 - **For ages 60+ : \$219.00**
- Travel insurance is not required, but highly recommended. If you wish to opt-out, you will have the option to do so at time of final payment.

Coverage Benefit Amount

Trip Cancellation	100% of insured Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	150% of insured Trip Cost*
Trip Interruption- Return Air Only.....	\$750*
Trip Delay (\$150 max/day)	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$250
Baggage & Personal Effects Loss (Secondary)	\$1,500
Baggage Delay.....	\$250
Medical Expense (Secondary).....	\$25,000
Dental.....	\$500
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains.....	\$250,000
Accidental Death and Dismemberment	\$25,000

*Coverage for Trip Interruption and Trip Interruption-Return Air Only cannot be combined

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For further details about coverage, request the **Group Protection Plan Description of Coverage**

The kind of experience to expect...

On a scale of 1-10, this is a Level 7 or 'medium/heavy-paced' Samson tour. Keep in mind that your journey is not a 'vacation' *per se*; it's a pilgrimage to the most sacred land of the Bible. Every step will certainly have its reward, but some days will require a great deal of walking (up to 3 miles per day on average) and sometimes it will require a bit of exertion (some sites up to 100 steps (Megiddo, Jerusalem's Old City, etc).

Throughout the nearly 100 sites you will visit throughout the tour, you can expect to learn not only the biblical relevance of each site, but its modern importance as well. Your tour educator will weave into this journey a comprehensive knowledge of history (biblical and modern), archaeology, geology, botany, current affairs and other diverse subjects, as well as introduce you to the many diverse peoples who make up this sacred land, being Jews, Muslims, Druze, Christians, Bedouin and other minority groups.

How do I sign up?

You can sign up for this tour by either requesting a Sign-Up form from your tour leader and faxing it to us at 352-835-0885 or by signing up online via our secure website: <http://samsontours.com/group-tours/200-silver-spring-maryland-holy-land-tour> .

Itinerary

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

** Hotels: Alternative hotels of similar or better class may be substituted. Final hotel arrangements will be posted no later than 4 months before departure.

Wednesday, February 13th - Departure Day

- Departure from (BWI) – to be announced (connect to JFK)
- **18:00** - Depart from (JFK) on LY002 (Total flight time: 10 hr. 35 min)

Thursday, February 14th (B/D)

- Arrive at **11:35** arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, Israel (Biblical Lydda)
- VIP Airport Service and Baggage Handlers

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- Visit the all-important **Jaffa**: the biblical port city
- Walk in the footsteps of Peter and Paul at **Caesarea Maritima** (Model, Roman Theatre, Movie, Praetorium – Pilate's House & Paul's Prison, Hippodrome, Aqueduct)
- Check-in to our hotel
- Lodging: [Colony Hotel](#), Haifa or similar

Friday, February 15th – (B/D)

- Enjoy a spectacular view of the **Bahai Gardens** and visit **Stella Maris**.
- Visit the **Muhraka Monastery** (Elijah vs. Prophets of Baal)
- Have lunch on your own at a Druze Restaurant on **Mt. Carmel**
- Visit **Tel Megiddo** in the Valley of Armageddon
- Visit **Nazareth** (City Square, Church of the Annunciation, Church of St. Joseph)
- Time permitting, we'll stop in **Cana of Galilee** and visit the Church of the Wedding.
- Lodging: (Tiberias) [Mt. of Beatitudes Guest House](#) or similar

Saturday, February 16th – (B/D)

- **Enjoy a boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Ginosar
- Visit the 1st century boat at **Ginosar**
- Walk through the **Arbel Pass**, Jesus' passageway into the Galilee
- Lookout over **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdalene
- Visit the scene of John 21 at the **Church of the Primacy of Peter**
- Visit **Capernaum**, mentioned more times than any other city in the NT.
- Experience **Bethsaida** (home to 5 of the 12 disciples)
- Enjoy a time of prayer at the **Mount of Beatitudes**
- Weather permitting, walk down the Mount of Beatitudes
- Lodging: (Tiberias) [Mt. of Beatitudes Guest House](#) or similar

Sunday, February 17th – (B/D)

- See **Safed**, the city of Kaballah
- Visit **Tel Hazor**, the capital of the Canaanite Kingdom and the destroyed city of Joshua 11
- Explore **Tel Dan** and walk through the ruins of Jeroboam's temple.
- Visit **Caesarea Philippi** ("Upon this Rock")
- Visit the **Mt. Bental Volcano** in the Golan Heights and lookout over the Road to Damascus.
- Lodging: (Tiberias) [Mt. of Beatitudes Guest House](#) or similar

Monday, February 18th – (B/D)

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- Visit **Mount Tabor, the Mt. of Transfiguration** (private taxis up/down)
- Visit **Tel Yizrael** (ancient Jezreel & Naboth's Vineyard)
- See **the Harod Spring**, where Gideon chose his men
- Drive down the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea
- Visit **Qasr el Yahud Baptismal Site**, the most likely spot where John the Baptist baptized early disciples.
- End the day at **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.
- Evening swim in the **Dead Sea** and spa time
- Lodging (Dead Sea): [Prima Oasis](#) or similar

Tuesday, February 19th – (B/D)

- Enjoy a restful morning at the Dead Sea or the hotel's private spa.
- Depart hotel at 10:30 am
- Visit **Masada**, Herod the Great's desert fortress
- Have a nature walk to the lower waterfall of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul.
- Visit **Jericho**
- Drive up to Jerusalem
- Lookout over the city from **Mount Scopus**
- Lodging: [Prima Kings](#), [Prima Royale](#), [Olive Tree Hotel](#), [Grand Court](#), or similar

Wednesday, February 20th – (B/D)

- Lookout from the **Mount of Olives**
- Walk down the mountain to visit **Dominus Flevit** where Jesus wept
- Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** at the Church of the Agony
- 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 **Church of St. Anne** and the Pools of Bethesda
- Walk the **Via Dolorosa** (stations I & II), stopping at the Lithostratos at the Ecco Homo Convent
- Enjoy a lunch break at a Christian Armenian restaurant.
- Continue along the Via Dolorosa (visiting each stop)
- Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
- Exit the Old City via **Damascus Gate**
- Visit the Church of **Pater Noster** and read the Lord's Prayer
- End the day at the **Chapel of Ascension on the Mt. of Olives**
- Lodging: [Prima Kings](#), [Prima Royale](#), [Olive Tree Hotel](#), [Grand Court](#), or similar

Thursday, February 21st – (B/D)

- Visit **St. Peter en Gallicantu** – the **House of Caiaphas** and the traditional jailhouse where Jesus was kept the night before his trial.

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- The **Church of the Last Supper** and **David's Tomb** on **Mount Zion**
- Zion Gate
- Visit the **Jewish Quarter** to see (Hezekiah's Broad Wall & **The Herodian Quarter**)
- Visit the **Temple Institute** and see the many objects that have already been made for the future Third Temple.
- Have lunch on your own in the Jewish Quarter
- Visit the **Southern Wall Excavations** to walk up the 1st century steps of the Temple
- Visit the **Western “Wailing” Wall**
- Time Permitting, we'll visit the ancient tunnels and excavations in the **City of David**
- Special Evening Event (19:00): **Tower of David Sound & Light Show OR The Western Wall Tunnels**
- Lodging: [Prima Kings](#), [Prima Royale](#), [Olive Tree Hotel](#), [Grand Court](#), or similar

Friday, February 22nd – (B/D)

- Visit the **Israel Museum's** Shrine of the Book and 2nd Temple Period model
- Drive to **Beth Shemesh and by Zora and Eshtaol**, where Samson grew up
- Visit **Tel Beth Shemesh**, where the Ark of the Covenant was returned by the Philistines
- See the **Elah Valley**, where David vs. Goliath
- End the day in **Bethlehem (The Church of the Nativity, Manger Square & Bazaar Shopping)**
- Enjoy a Sabbath dinner together.
- Lodging: [Prima Kings](#), [Prima Royale](#), [Olive Tree Hotel](#), [Grand Court](#), or similar

Saturday, February 23rd – (B/D)

- Depending on our flight time, we'll have a morning of leisure
- 10:30: Visit the **Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary**, an alternative site for the crucifixion and resurrection.
- Visit **Ein Kerem**, the traditional birthplace of John the Baptist
- Follow the **road to Emmaus** and the Church of the Resurrection in Abu Ghosh
- 18:30 - Enjoy a Middle Eastern style Farewell lunch/early dinner together.
- 20:00 - Transfer to Airport.

Sunday, February 24th – (B/D)

- **01:00** – Aboard El Al Airlines Flight LY1 (via JFK) for your journey home.

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Policies

Refund & Other Policies (Samson Tours)

- **Group Minimum:** This program is based on an absolute minimum of **18** participants. The price goes considerably down with the more passengers who join. If the group minimum is not met within 4 months of departure, a new pricing structure may be applied.
- **Your Health:** All participants must 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. Any condition that may require special accommodation must be reported at the time of your reservation.
- **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. Most airlines publish their rates 10 months before the departure date. Samson Tours will book your group airfare at no markup.
- **Deposit for Land:** To ensure your spot on the tour, we request a **\$400.00 deposit** be paid **upon signup**. **Final registration cutoff is 4 months before departure date**. The deposit is fully refundable up to 4 months before departure. After that, the deposit is non-refundable, but transferable to another passenger (provided that the group minimum is met). If the group minimum is not maintained, then the deposit can be used as a future credit with Samson Tours. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, money order, bank transfer, debit or credit card.
- **Final Payments:** 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. The final payment will be due **three months before departure**. If there are any unpaid fuel surcharges for the group flight, they will be billed to you at cost per the group airline contract.
- **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.
- **Refunds (Land):** The following refunds for the **land portion** (less deposit) of the price will apply: Full refund if cancelled 90+ calendar days before departure. 75% refund if cancelled 89-60 days before departure. 50% refund if cancelled 59-40 days before departure. 25% refund if cancelled 39-15 days before departure. 0% refund if cancelled 14-0 days before departure. **ALL land-payments are transferable to another new passenger up to 40 days before departure**, provided that the group minimum has already been met.
- **Refunds (Air):** Per group contract with airline
- **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 a private carrier, like [Travel Guard](#) or through your credit card company. See the Group Leader for more details.
- **Single Supplement:** For single travelers, a single supplement fee for the hotels is required. This usually amounts to around 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:** The current exchange rate is 3.7 shekels to the dollar. Samson Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a supplement to the price if the dollar falls below the 3.5

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- threshold. Note: Samson Tours will only do this if the hotels and other agents require it to do so. As of April, 2012, we have never yet had to charge an exchange rate surcharge.
- **Responsibility** - Samson Tours, Inc. and or its agents 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.

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