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# A Week In Israel

## The Homeland of Jesus of Nazareth

January 19-26, 2026

Join Pastor Brandon and Melanie Hilstad on an unforgettable, inspirational tour of the Holy Land.



### THE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip Transportation
- Breakfast and dinner at each resort
- Baptisms in the Jordan River
- Sightseeing in Jerusalem, Gethsemane, The Garden Tomb, Masada, the Dead Sea, and Bethlehem

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# ISRAEL 2026

## Details and Highlights

### Day 1: Monday, Jan. 19 — Depart U.S.

Depart USA for our flight to Israel.

### Day 2: Tuesday, Jan. 20 — Tel Aviv

We will be met by a HLST representative. Our tour begins as we drive north to Caesarea Maritima. Visit the Roman Theater, the Herod's Palace, the Palace of Roman Procurator (Acts 23:23 and Acts 26:23 - Paul: Acts 10:20-48 - Peter and Cornelius), the Amphitheater, the Crusaders' City and Harbor. Proceed to Mount Carmel to visit the Monastery of the Muhra, where Elijah fought with the Baal priests. From the roofs of this Monastery, we will have a beautiful view of Jezreel Plain. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Tiberias. **(D)**

### Day 3: Wednesday, Jan. 21 — Galilee

After breakfast, check out of our hotel and go on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on the water (Matthew 14: 22-26). The ride will end at Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar to visit the Ancient Boat, from the time of Jesus, that was found nearby. Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-11) where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount". Driving along the Northern shores of the Sea of Galilee, we shall reach Capernaum. This was the town where Jesus lived in the house of Peter, performing from there his miracles and healings (Matthew 4: 13, Matthew 8: 14-15). Next we visit the Yardenit Baptismal site near the southern part of the Sea of Galilee. After which we will begin our drive to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

### Day 4: Thursday, Jan. 22 — Jerusalem - The Mount of Olives and the Old City

After breakfast, ascend the Mount of Olives for a wonderful panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem with the Temple Mount. Walking down the Mount of Olives, we shall reach the Church of Dominus Flevit (Luke 19: 41-44) for a visit. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus was arrested (Matthew 26: 36-58), to see the old olive trees and visit the Basilica of the Agony. Driving through the Kidron Valley, we shall reach the Lion's Gate and enter the Old City to visit St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-15). We will then walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa (all 14 Stations of the Cross) and, via the exotic bazaar, arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We conclude our day at the house of Caiaphas, where Jesus was beaten and tried by the Sanhedrin. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem. **(B,D)**

### Day 5: Friday, Jan. 23 — Israeli Museum/Bethlehem\*

After breakfast, we will visit the Temple Mount\* and the Western Wall. Next we will visit Davidson Archeological Park and the Southern Steps. We then visit David's City, the most ancient part of Jerusalem and enjoy sloshing through Hezekiah's water tunnel (strap-on water shoes needed). Next, we proceed to \*Bethlehem, the Shepherd's Fields and the Kando family store. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

### Day 6: Saturday, Jan. 24 — Ein Gedi/Masada/Dead Sea/Qumran

After breakfast, drive via the Good Samaritan Inn (Luke 8: 25-37) to the Ein Gedi Overlook where David hid from King Saul. Next, we'll proceed to the fortress of Masada, stronghold of the Jews in the war against the Romans. Ascend to the fortress by cable car to visit the palaces of Herod the Great with its Roman baths and pools. Descend for a possible "dip" and "float" in the salty water of the Dead Sea, the world's lowest place. On the way back to Jerusalem, we will pass by Qumran, the city of the Essenes, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found in a cave by a shepherd. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

### Day 7: Sunday, Jan. 25 — Jerusalem/Abu Gosh

We start the day at the Garden Tomb to celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. Then we will visit the Israeli Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and a model of ancient Jerusalem. Next we drive via Emmaus (Latrun) (Luke 24: 13-32) to Beit Shemesh and the Elah Valley, where David fought with Goliath. Finally, we drive to Abu Gosh, the biblical Kiryat Ye'arim, from where King David brought the Arc of the Covenant (I Chronicles 13) back to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

### Day 8: Monday, Jan. 26 — En Route, Arrive in U.S.

Early morning transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back home. Arrive home and begin planning our next trip to the Holy Land.

*(B = Breakfast, D = Dinner, \* = visit subject to availability)*

### Please Note:

*This tour is a feet-on-the-ground adventure that requires travelers to be in generally good health and responsible to have independent mobility and strength. You should be able to climb two flights of stairs without assistance, walk at a modest pace, and stand in potentially hot weather. Individuals registering for this journey accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk without assistance. If you require a cane, crutches, wheelchair, or personal assistance to walk, this is not the trip for you. You must be physically able to independently walk and travel with the tour group.*

## Summary of Trip Pricing (per person): \$3,510 (includes land and airfare)

Cost includes round-trip bus, air, taxes, and estimated fuel surcharges (PRICES AND ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE). This price is based on 30 participants (minimum age requirement is 14 years). Single supplement: add \$660 for those desiring to room alone. \$200 deposit is due with your application. Final payment will be due Sept. 1, 2025. Questions?

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**Not Included** — Travel insurance is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. Possible adjustments for fuel surcharge and minimum enrollment charge. Extra expenses of a personal nature and lunches (average lunch, \$20 per day) and \$100 each for tips.