



VISION

**Seeking deeper communion with God through experiencing the Holy Land,
Biblical teaching, worship, prayer and community.**

The Terrace Lake Holy Land trip is designed to enable us to experience the place where so much of Scripture occurred and more specifically where Christ ministered and our faith began. While we do not see a visit to Israel as a required pilgrimage for Christians, since we are called to take the gospel to every corner of the earth, we do see great advantage to experiencing the places our Savior walked, providing context to the truth we read in Scripture. On this trip we will be forced to break out of our western view of scripture and we will seek to learn more about our Creator God through experience, worship and community. The goal is not to simply walk where Jesus walked, but through this journey to learn more how we are called to walk as He walked.

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ITINERARY

Day 1 - Saturday, July 13th

- Depart US

Day 2 - Sunday, July 14th

- Travel Day, arrive in Israel
- Dinner and overnight in Netanya or Tel Aviv

Day 3 - Monday, July 15th

- Caesarea Maritime
- Mt. Carmel
- Megiddo
- Nazareth - Mt Precipice
- Overnight in Galilee - Ron Beach Hotel

Day 4 - Tuesday, July 16th

- Mt Beatitudes
- Capernaum
- Golan Heights - Caesarea Philippi (Banias)
- Valley of the Doves
- Boat ride on Sea of Galilee
- Overnight in Galilee - Ron Beach Hotel

Day 5 - Wednesday - July 17th

- Magdala
- Gideon Springs
- Beit She'an
- Overnight in Jericho - Oasis Resort

Day 6 - Thursday, July 18th

- Masada
- En Gedi
- Qumran
- Lunch in Jericho
- Jericho/Mt Temptation view
- Dead Sea - swim
- Overnight in Jericho - Oasis Resort

Day 7 - Friday, July 19th

- Wadi Qilt (Jericho to Jerusalem Road)
- Bethlehem
 - Church of Nativity
 - Shepherd's Field
 - Olive wood shopping
- Overnight in Jerusalem - Lady Stern

Day 8 - Saturday, July 20th

- Mt Of Olives
- Palm Sunday Road
- Gethsemane
- Western Wall
- City of David
 - Hezekiah's Tunnel
 - Pool of Siloam
- Overnight in Jerusalem - Lady Stern

Day 9 - Sunday, July 21st

- Temple mount
- Southern Steps
- Israel museum
 - Jerusalem model
 - Shrine of the book
- Overnight in Jerusalem - Lady Stern

Day 10 - Monday, July 22nd

- Pool of Bethesda
- Via Dolorosa / Way of the Cross to Holy Sepulcher Church
- Prison cell
- St. Peter Gallicantu - Caiafa's house
- Garden Tomb
- Overnight in Jerusalem - Lady Stern

Day 11 - Tuesday, July 23rd

- Travel back to US

PRE-TRIP MEETINGS

We will meet at least once a month, beginning in January, for the six months leading up to the trip in July. These meetings are critical to achieving the vision that has been set for this trip. Each meeting will include food, devotional, trip logistics, and team bonding. When you register to go on the trip in July, you are also committing to attending these meetings.

Those meeting dates will be distributed when you register for the trip.

TOUR COST

Tour cost: \$2,810 (Cash discount: \$2,755)

Total estimated cost, including flight, around \$4,000-\$4,500.

Tour cost includes:

- All ground travel, beginning and ending at airport (assuming you arrive and leave at set times given in the itinerary)
- Ground travel will be on a modern bus with A/C and Wi-Fi
- Professional, licensed Christian guide
- Entrance fees to all sites, according to itinerary
- All hotel accommodations (4 stars or better), according to itinerary
- Hotel costs are for double rooms. If you want a single room, there will be an added cost of \$980.
- Breakfast and dinner included for all tour dates, does not include travel to/from Israel
- 2 small bottles of water per person per day
- Tips to be paid to guide, driver, bellhops, maitre'd's, and hotelier's
- The tour cost of 1 Terrace Lake staff member divided amongst all travelers
- 1 copy of Devotional Treasures in the Holy Land

Tour cost does NOT include:

- Airline tickets
- Everything not mentioned above
- Any alcohol
- Lunches
- Personal expenses (for example: souvenirs, extra drinks, any travel not organized by the group)
- Extra meals
- Travel insurance (recommended)

Payment	Full Amount	Paid in Cash Amount*	Due Date
Deposit (20% of total)	\$562	\$551	12/31/23
2nd Payment (30%)	\$843	\$826.50	2/13/24
3rd Payment (50%)	\$1,405	\$1,377.50	4/13/24

*When paying online via card there is a 2.5% processing fee charged. To help cover those fees to the church, we have added 2% to the overall trip cost. If you pay by cash or check, that fee will be removed from your trip cost (*include discount code CASH when you register*).

**If you want a single room, there is an added cost of \$980 that will be split up amongst the three payments.

FLIGHTS

Each traveler is responsible for purchasing their own airline ticket. Everyone must arrive in Tel Aviv by 5pm on Sunday, July 14th.

Below is a general flight itinerary. We recommend that you join the staff leaders for a “flight booking party” on Wednesday, October 24th if you would like to travel on the same itinerary together. (More information coming.)

Outbound: Depart Indianapolis the morning of Saturday, July 13th, arrive in Tel Aviv the morning/afternoon (local time) of Saturday, July 14th. (15-18 hours of flight travel, depending of the flight chosen).

Return: Depart Tel Aviv in the morning/afternoon of Tuesday, July 23rd and arrive in Indy late that night (15-18 hours of flight travel).

HOTEL

Here is information on the hotels we have booked for our tour:

- The hotel for our first night in Israel (either Tel Aviv or Netanya) is not booked yet. That information will be shared soon.
- Ron Beach Hotel, Galilee - 2 nights (July 15th & 16th)
- ronbeachhotel.com/
- Oasis Resort, Jericho - 2 nights (July 17th & 18th)
- oasis-jericho.ps/
- Lady Stern, Jerusalem - 4 nights (July 19th-22nd)
- ladysternhotel.com/



FAQ'S

How do I register for the tour?

Starting Sunday, September 24th the registration will be open. To access the registration, go to the Holy Land page of the website (terracelake.org/israel) or use the QR code here. The registration application includes general traveler information, a couple of important questions, and paying the deposit (which you will have the option to do online or pay later). If you are paying by check/cash, please enter CASH as the discount code to remove the 2% processing fee.



Once you complete the registration application AND we receive your deposit, you will be registered IF you are one of the first 30 people to do so. If there are 30 people signed up, you can still register and pay to have your spot on the waiting list reserved. If a registered traveler needs to cancel for some reason, we will approach the first travelers on the waiting list to take their spot.

Who will be teaching/leading the trip?

This tour will be lead by a professional tour guide, who will be in charge of managing our itinerary, teaching us about the history and culture of the sites, and our main contact with all local authorities. There will also be 4 Terrace Lake staff of the trip with the following responsibilities:

- Pastor Carey Edgren will be providing biblical teaching and spiritual leadership throughout the trip.
- Pastor Isaac Manuel will be leading us in worship and praise throughout the trip and at specific sites.
- Jessica Manuel will be documenting the trip through photos and video for future use within TLC.
- Leah Sandlin is our administrative and logistical contact and support.

We will be partnering with Riviera Tours, in Israel. They will be coordinating all hotel accommodations, reservations at certain sites, bus transportation and driver, the Whisper audio technology, and any on the ground needs that arise. Here is their website for more information: www.riviera-tours.net

The name of our tour guide is Faris Azar. We met him in 2022 when we took our "scouting" trip and we knew we found a great guide. We know you are going to love him too. Faris is a Palestinian Christian living in Jerusalem and is a registered guide with Israel's board of tourism.

How large is the group we are traveling with?

Our plan is to have 30 travelers and 4 staff leaders on this trip. There will be no other groups sharing the bus and tour guide with us.

Can I bring my kids?

The better question may be "Should I bring my kids?"

If it is your first (and potentially only) time traveling to Israel, we highly recommend you travel without children so that you can get the most out of the experience. If you plan to take children, it is our recommendation that all travelers be at least 12 years of age or older to be able to both benefit from the tour and not take away from other tour member's experience. Our days are full and most adult travelers are ready for bed after dinner. If you do plan to bring your children the cost is 50% for kids 0-8, as long as they share a room and bed with their parents.

What is the refund/cancellation policy?

The amount of refund you receive depends on when you cancel. That information will be available upon request.

What currency is accepted in Israel?

Credit/debit cards and US dollars are widely accepted in Israel. If you plan to use your credit/debit card, make sure you contact your credit card company and/or bank and let them know about your travel. AND we recommend you make sure the cards you plan to take have "tap-to-pay," as that is definitely the most convenient way to pay.

We do recommend that you have some cash on hand: \$150-200 per person and 200-300 shekels. You can exchange money at the airport or hotels if you would like. You should be aware that you may receive change in shekels if you pay with dollars, so be prepared to convert in your head to ensure you get correct change. We will discuss the current exchange rate closer to the trip.

What if I don't like crowds and/or crowded spaces?

You need to be aware that there will be crowds nearly everywhere we go. While we are traveling at a time of year where there will (hopefully) be fewer tourists, places will still be filled with people. Some of the sites we go to will be very cramped, so if that is a concern for you, you may want to opt out of visiting them. We will discuss those sites as the trip gets closer.

How active of a trip is this? What should I expect in terms of fitness required?

The set itinerary is a fairly active tour. We will walk or hike between 1-5 miles a day. Some of the hikes offered are more difficult. If you feel like you are unable to participate in a site or a hike, you are always able to stay on the bus or in the gift shop area (if there is one).

As the trip gets closer, we will talk more about "training" to make sure we are all ready for the trip and no one is getting left behind or holding the group up.

What if I want to do some travel on my own before or after the scheduled tour?

You are certainly able to add on any travel you would like outside of the scheduled tour. The only requirement is that you do all you can to arrive in Tel Aviv by 5pm on Sunday, July 14th.

If I am traveling as a single, what is the roommate situation?

You do not have to have a roommate. If you wish to have your own room, there is a one-time \$980 supplement you will need to pay. If you would like to be paired with a roommate you can either determine who that is and let us know, or we will try to pair you with one.

What are the visa and passport requirements?

There is no visa required ahead of time. Israel requires that your passport be valid for at least 6 months from the date of our return. Please check your passport now so you can begin the renewal process as soon as possible, if needed.

Do I need to purchase travel insurance?

We recommend you purchase travel insurance, though it is not required. Travel insurance will cover things like: lost luggage, flight delays/cancellations, medical expenses (most health insurance does not cover international travel), etc. We have used TravelGuard in the past, but we don't have a strong recommendation at this point. More on this closer to the trip.

Do I need to have certain vaccines/immunizations to travel to Israel?

No. There are no required vaccines/immunizations for traveling to Israel (including COVID). It is recommended that you are up to date on routine vaccinations.

Will my cell phone work?

If you have a cell phone with international capabilities, contact your company for costs and to verify that it will work in Israel. We will have at least 2 staff members with working cell phones if there is an emergency, but if you will be using the phone regularly, we recommend getting international coverage for the length of the tour.

How will my family contact me if I don't have a cell phone?

We will have an emergency contact sheet for you to share with family. It will include staff numbers available to call, and the itinerary of hotels and numbers.

How much luggage can I take?

Each traveler is permitted on suitcase and 1 carry one (plus your purse, camera case, etc.). The size of these bags will be determined by the airline guidelines.

What will the weather be like?

Hot. July is the hottest part of the year for Israel. We chose this time of year because it is also the slowest time of year for tourism. We believe the trade off will be worth it to have a more intimate tour experience. We will share more details on weather as the trip gets closer.

What should I wear?

You should plan to dress comfortably, respectfully, and ready for walking. This will mean something different for each person. Most sites we visit do not have dress codes, but some will ask that legs be covered, so be prepared for that (we will share with you which sites those are so you can plan accordingly).

Do I need to plan to tip?

No. Tips are included in your tour cost and will be distributed by a staff member to the appropriate people at the right times. You are certainly allowed to tip for personal or exceptional experiences at your own discretion. We will also give you the opportunity to add to the tip for our guide and driver if you feel they have provided the service to merit it.

How will our team communicate on the ground?

We will use "WhatsApp" when we are in Israel. The leadership will use this to communicate important details to the group. So if you want to be "in the know" we will ask that you have that app downloaded for the trip.

What type of food will we eat? What if I have dietary restrictions?

The food is Mediterranean and Palestinian. There will be lots of fresh fruit and veggies, meat (mostly chicken and fish) will be offered at every meal, and fresh bread. Breakfast and dinner will be buffet style at our hotel every day. So, if you do have dietary restrictions, you should be able to find food that meets your needs. Lunches will be at sites, or different restaurants while we are out touring. You should plan for \$10-15 per day per person for lunch. If dietary restrictions are a concern for lunch, please plan to bring pre-packaged food that you know you can eat for lunches.

Will I need an adapter/converter for my electronics?

An adapter (which changes the shape of the plug) and/or a converter (to change the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an electric appliance in a foreign country. Israel uses 220 volts AC (instead of the 120 used in the United States), single phase, 50 Hertz. Most of the hotels have hair dryers and 110/220 electric shaver sockets (will take shavers from either voltage). Some chargers for cell phones, computers, iPads, and cameras only require a small adapter, while other small appliances such as flat irons, hair dryers, etc. may require a converter as well as an adapter (you may want to verify this on your individual devices). Universal adapters and converters can be purchased at most retail stores selling electronics.

Other questions about traveling to Israel? Here is the link to the Israel Board of Tourism. This is a helpful website about all things related to traveling to Israel.
www.goisrael.com/