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# In the Footsteps of Jesus

Israel Teaching Trip ~ Led by: Dr. Bill Creasy



**Israel Travel Dates: October 7 – 18, 2023**  
**\$7,998.00 from Los Angeles, CA**

(Includes: Roundtrip flights from Los Angeles, Intl. departure taxes,  
standard gratuities, and visas for U.S. citizens)

**OPTIONAL ESCORTED POST-TRIP JORDAN RETURNS: OCTOBER 21, 2023**

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**DAY 1 -  
SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 7: LOS  
ANGELES/ TEL  
AVIV**

We depart for Israel from the Los Angeles International Airport for our flights to Tel Aviv.



Photography by Ana Maria Vargas

**DAY 2 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8: TEL AVIV**

We arrive this evening at Ben Gurion Airport and drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

**DAY 3 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 9: TEL AVIV CAESAREA  
MARITIMA/ NAZARETH/ GALILEE**

After breakfast we drive to **Caesarea by the Sea** (Caesarea Maritima), the deep-water port built by Herod the Great. Caesarea was the home of the Roman garrison and of Pontius Pilate. We will explore the ancient ruins and Dr. Creasy will teach in the same outdoor theatre mentioned in the Book of Acts where Herod Antipas collapses on the stage, is eaten by worms . . . and dies (Acts 12: 23)! After a self-host lunch in a lovely restaurant at Caesarea, we drive north to Nazareth, where Dr. Creasy teaches about the Annunciation at the **Church of the Annunciation**. We then visit St. Joseph's Church and the remains of the house where Jesus grew up. From here we move to "brow of the cliff," where an angry mob threatened to throw Jesus off the cliff (Luke 4: 14-30). From the cliff we have a magnificent panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley and Mount Tabor where Deborah and Barak defeat the Canaanites (Judges 4-5). Sitting 690 feet below sea level and flanked by mountains, the Sea of Galilee becomes our home for the next three nights as we check into our hotel. After dinner we relax and get a good night's sleep, for tomorrow is a BIG day! (B, D)

**DAY 4 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10: GALILEE: MT. OF  
BEATITUDES, CAPERNAUM, BETHSAIDA and SAIL ON THE  
SEA OF GALILEE**

We begin this very special day **on the Mount of Beatitudes** overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Then, we descend the hill to **Capernaum**. Sitting under the trees, Dr. Creasy teaches the story of Jesus driving out the demon from the man who attended his teaching, and we picture the paralytic being lowered through Peter's roof, just 37 yards from where we sit. After a self-host lunch of St. Peter's fish, we drive to the **archaeological site of Bethsaida**, the ancestral home of Peter and his brother Andrew, where we discuss daily village life during the time of Jesus and the historical and political environment in which he lived. Late this afternoon, we **visit the Jesus Boat Museum** where we see a 2,000-year-old fishing boat, which once sailed the Sea of Galilee . . . and then we ourselves **sail in a boat on the Sea of Galilee!** We conclude our day with dinner and overnight. (B, D)



**DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11: GALILEE DAN, CAESAREA  
PHILIPPI and MAGDALA**

This morning we head north to the Upper Galilee to Dan, the northern border of Israel. We **hike through the beautiful Tel Dan Nature Reserve** along the Dan River, reaching the site of ancient Dan with the remains of its altar for the golden calf, where Dr. Creasy tells the story. From Dan we drive a short distance to **Caesarea Philippi** where Jesus takes his disciples and Peter affirms that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16: 13-16). After lunch, we return to the Sea of Galilee to **visit Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene**, where we will end our day. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### **DAY 6 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12: GALILEE / JORDAN VALLEY / BEIT SHEAN/ JERICHO/ JERUSALEM**

Today we leave the Sea of Galilee and head for Jerusalem, driving south through the **Jordan Valley**. We first **visit Beit She'an** where Dr. Creasy tells the story of the death of Israel's first king, Saul . . . which opens the door for David to become king. We then continue south to **Jericho** to visit the site where John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Finally, we head up to Jerusalem where we check in to our home in Jerusalem for the next five nights. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### **DAY 7 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13: JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES, GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, OLD CITY and CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE/ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU**

Today is a profoundly spiritual day which begins on the Mount of Olives with an introduction to Jerusalem. **Walking down the "Palm Sunday Road"**—the road Jesus rode down when he entered Jerusalem at the start of "holy week"—we reach the **Garden of Gethsemane, where we spend one hour of prayer and contemplation in the private Garden**. We enter the Old City through the Lion's Gate and walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the 14 stations of the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After our visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, we have a late self-host lunch at one of the many outdoor cafes in the Old City. We then move on to the **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu**, a church built over the remains of the high priest Caiaphus' home, where Jesus was interrogated and where St. Peter denied Jesus three times. In late afternoon, we head back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### **DAY 8 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14: JERUSALEM: EIN GEDI, MASADA and DEAD SEA**

This morning we descend from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, arriving at Ein Gedi, a lush oasis which served as David's hideout when he was on the run from King Saul. Here, Dr. Creasy tells the story of David sparing Saul's life (1 Samuel 24) and we hike up the dead-end canyon to a beautiful waterfall. If we are lucky, we see ibex mentioned in scripture, and conies that live among the rocks. Next, we **visit Masada**, where the Jews made their last stand against the Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. We ride the cable car to the top of the fortress built by Herod the Great, explore the archeology, and enjoy a **panoramic view of the Dead Sea** framed by the mountains of Moab to the east. We have a self-host lunch at Masada and end our day with a **"float" in the Dead Sea** (optional). This evening, we return to Jerusalem in time for optional Mass at the Pontifical Institute of Notre Dame, then dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### **DAY 9 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15: JERUSALEM: OLD CITY**

This morning we ascend to the Temple Mount, where the Jewish Temple sat in Jesus' day and where since 691/692 the Dome of the Rock stands as the third holiest site in Islam. We then walk down to the **Western Wall** (or the "Wailing Wall"), the holiest site in Judaism. Here we join the men and women of Jerusalem as they offer prayers to God. Be sure to have your own prayers ready for this very special place. We then **tour the Southern Wall excavations**, including the Southern Steps excavations, where we watch the film at the guest center and explore the excavations. After lunch on our own in the Jewish Quarter, **we visit the City of David**, the ancient part of the city that dates back to the Old Testament, and we splash through Hezekiah's water-filled tunnel, cut through 583 yards of solid rock in 701 B.C.! Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

#### **DAY 10 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 16: JERUSALEM: ISRAEL MUSEUM and BETHLEHEM**

Today we visit the **Israel Museum**, the Shrine of the Book, (to see the **authentic Dead Sea Scrolls**) and the model of 1st-century Jerusalem. In the afternoon we make our way to Bethlehem where we have a self-host lunch at The Tent Restaurant and visit **the Church of the Nativity**, the site that remembers where Jesus was born, and the Church of St. Catherine, the church from which midnight Mass is broadcast worldwide every Christmas Eve . . . and the home parish of our Bethlehem guide. While in Bethlehem we will have an opportunity to shop for olive wood gifts and souvenirs. We return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

#### **DAY 11 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17: JERUSALEM: EIN KAREM/ GARDEN TOMB/ TEL AVIV**

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#### **DAY 12 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18: TEL AVIV/ LOS ANGELES**

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# Optional Escorted Jordan Extension October 17 –21, 2023

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## DAY 12 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18: JERUSALEM/ ALLENBY BRIDGE CROSSING/ MT. NEBO/ MACHAERUS/MADABA/ PETRA

Early this morning depart Israel for Jordan, marveling at the breathtaking Jordanian desert landscape while learning about the history and legends of the area. After crossing the Allenby Bridge into Jordan, you will meet your Jordanian guide after clearing security and customs. Then travel west to **Mt. Nebo, for a magnificent view of the Promised Land**, as Moses saw it. After lunch we continue to Machaerus (Mukawir), where John the Baptist was beheaded by Herod Antipas. The next stop is **Madaba, the city of mosaics** and the Moabite town of Madaba of the Bible. Then visit the Greek Orthodox Basilica of St. George to see the Ancient Holy Land Map, a floor mosaic dating to the 6th century AD and a treasure of early Christianity. Continue on to **Petra, "the Red Rose City,"** which was the target of a dreadful prophecy in the book of Obadiah, and it served as the capital of the ancient Nabatean Kingdom. In biblical times, Petra was part of the Edomite Kingdom, founded by Jacob's twin brother Esau. End the day at your hotel in Petra, with dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## DAY 13 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19: PETRA

After breakfast, visit Petra, a 2000-year-old Nabatean city. Walk a short half-mile through the narrow passageway with cliffs on either side (called the "Siq"). At the end of the Siq appears **Petra's most impressive monument, the Treasury**, carved out of the solid rock. This well-preserved site appears in the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade." A walk further down through the Outer Siq with all its tombs and burial chambers brings you to one of the largest theaters in Jordan, a 3000-seat theater from the early first century carved in the sandstone mountains at the bottom of the High Place of Sacrifice. Apparently, some sacrificial rituals had taken place here. From here, walk uphill to the Royal Tombs for a great view of the lower part of Petra with all its Roman remains. This is the heart of the Seir Mountains, Land of Edomites, mentioned in the Bible in Genesis. These mountains house the Aaron Peak, the highest in Petra and the burial place of Moses' brother Aaron. Return to your hotel in Petra for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## DAY 14 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20: PETRA/ JERASH/ AMMAN

This morning depart Petra and drive to the ancient city of Jerash. Near Jerash the road crosses the biblical Jabbock River. It was near the Jabbock River where Jacob wrestled with God in Genesis. Then **tour Jerash. This city is one of the world's best-preserved Roman provincial cities.** It is estimated to have had a population of 20,000 people, was a Decapolis city, and was one of the wealthiest cities of the Roman Empire. This evening return for dinner and a rest at your hotel prior to your transfer to the Amman Airport for your flights home. (B, D)

## DAY 15 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21: AMMAN/ LOS ANGELES

Arrive home filled with wonderful memories, a renewal of our faith and new friendships. Never again will you read the Bible in black and white; now you will read it in living color and Dolby® sound!

### NOTE:

- This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on ancient archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment, you should be able to walk a mile briskly and easily climb 100 stairs. Most sites are not handicapped accessible and cannot be accessed by persons with limited mobility.
- While we do our best to make sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary or require its alteration, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, traffic, political climate, time constraints, other conditions beyond our control, or changes by your group hosts and/or guides.

**Israel Trip Price: \$7,998.00 Jordan Extension Price: \$2,249.00**

**Trip price includes:** round trip group coach air from Los Angeles; US and Intl. departure taxes; visas for U.S. citizens; group transfers from group flights to group lodgings; accommodation and sightseeing per itinerary; certain meals per itinerary (listed as "B", "L" or "D" in the daily itinerary); entrance fees to sights visited as noted in the itinerary; destination group ground transportation; local guide(s); and all standard taxes and gratuities. Prices are based on a **minimum group sizes are 30 for Israel and 16 for Jordan.**

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy. The deposit is due at registration. When available, single rooms/cabins are often smaller than doubles. Full payment must be received by June 15, 2023. All offers are subject to availability, are capacity controlled and may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice. Trip price does not include airline baggage charges, travel insurance cost, individual transfers, optional items or personal expenses, or other items not listed as included in the itinerary. Lunches, meals/dinners not listed on the itinerary as included, and beverages at all meals are not included.

Post-booking changes in fees, fuel surcharges, and taxes may result in surcharges to each traveler. By taking this Trip, each traveler agrees that Devotion Travel (a division of Executours Travel Service ["Executours"]) may pass along such increases to the Trip member to offset increased taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges and agrees to pay the additional charges to offset them.

Devotion Travel and/or Dr. Bill Creasy reserve the right to cancel this trip for any reason in their sole judgment, including insufficient minimum number of participants. Dr. Creasy and Devotion Travel may reschedule Trip dates; adjust, omit or limit itineraries or scheduled stops or activities; and/or substitute hotels or flight arrangements as circumstances warrant in their sole judgment.

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#### **Payment Schedule & Refund and Cancellation Fees Per Person**

From registration until May 15, 2023 - fee is \$350.00.

May 16, 2023 - June 15, 2023, - fee is 100% of deposit.

Final payment due: June 15, 2023.

June 16, 2023 - July 31, 2023 – fee is 50% of Trip price.

August 1 - 31, 2023 – fee is 75% of Trip price.

On/after September 1, 2023 -- 100% fee (no refund).

Cancellations must be received in writing to be effective.

If final payment is not received by June 15, 2023, a late payment fee of \$150 will be assessed or we may cancel your registration and refund your payment, less applicable cancellation fee.

#### **Travel Insurance**

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Terms, exclusions, and limits are governed by the coverage documents (available on request). **Travel insurance payment is non-refundable.**

#### **Health/Mobility**

This trip requires walking (including on rough and uneven surfaces), climbing stairs and inclines, and at times significant exertion in order to see and experience all aspects of the itinerary.

The itinerary is not suitable for and cannot be fully accessed by persons with limited mobility, including persons who use a wheelchair or walker. Trip members should consult their personal physician for individual assessments and recommendations. Any needed assistance must be provided by the traveler at his/her expense and cannot be provided by Devotion Travel or Logos Bible Study.

#### **Registration Form**

A signed registration form (Seller of Travel disclosures available online) is required from each traveler agreeing to the terms and conditions for the Trip.

#### **Space is Limited**

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