



**A JOURNEY OF FAITH TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE  
WITH SOLANA BEACH & LA JOLLA PRESBYTERIAN**

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**AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 05, 2024**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 -**

Depart Los Angeles with Turkish Airlines **nonstop** flight # 10 to Istanbul, leaving at 6:25pm.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26 – TIBERIAS**

Arrive Istanbul at 6:25pm and connect with Turkish Airlines **nonstop** flight # 864 to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion, leaving at 7:25pm and arriving at 8:35pm. Upon arrival, you will be met by a **Ya'lla Tours USA Israel** representative and our tour guide who will assist the group with the transfer to our hotel for overnight.

Our hotel, **LEONARDO PLAZA TIBERIAS**, is a 4-star property located on the historic Sea of Galilee promenade. All 258 rooms have air-conditioning, hair dryer, cable TV, free Wi-Fi, 24-hour room service and in-room safe. Hotel amenities include a restaurant, bar, seasonal outdoor pool, kid's club, and the Bereniki Spa with indoor and outdoor Jacuzzis, state of the art fitness room, wet/dry saunas, and luxury treatment rooms.

<https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-plaza-hotel-tiberias>

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 – TIBERIAS (B,L,D)**

Take a **private** boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee** to visit the 2,000-year-old **Ginosar Boat** (“the Jesus boat”) discovered in 1986. Nearby, we visit the New Testament fishing village of **Magdala** (Matthew 27:56, 61).

Continue to **Tabgha**, the traditional site of the multiplication of bread and fish (John 6:1) and then to **Capernaum**, with an ancient synagogue where Christ taught. The disciples Peter and Andrew made their homes here as well (John 6:24).

Then enjoy a **St. Peter’s Fish lunch** by the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Visit the **Church of the Primacy**, where Peter was first among the apostles to confess the divinity of Christ (Matthew 16:16, Mark 8:29, John 6:69).

Then drive to **Kursi** and see the remains of the Byzantine church and floor mosaic commemorating the miracle of the swine running into the Sea of Galilee (Mark 5:15).

End the day on the **Jordan River**, where you will have the opportunity to renew your baptism.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 – TIBERIAS (B,D)**

Visit the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, the traditional site where Jesus Christ delivered the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5).

Next, we are off to the ruins of the prehistoric settlement at **Tel Dan**, once a thriving Canaanite community and the northern limit of the Promised Land. It was here that King Jeroboam set up a calf altar that brought disaster on Israel. Back on the bus, we continue north to **Caesarea Philippi** (Banias Spring), where Peter confessed to Jesus, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16). From this location, we can see **Mt. Hermon**, often covered with snow year-round.

Continue to the **Golan Heights** and **Mount Bental**, a beautiful spot for panoramic views of the Upper Galilee, the Golan Heights, Mount Hermon and Syria.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 – TIBERIAS (B,L,D)**

Visit **Cana**, where Jesus performed his first public miracle, turning water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1–11). Continue to **Nazareth Village** for a first-hand experience of the way of life in Galilee during the days of Jesus, including a *biblical-style lunch*. While in Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23), we will also visit the **Annunciation Church** where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary (Luke 1:26-38).

Then visit **Mt. Precipice**, where Christ was taken “...to throw him off the cliff” (Luke 4:28-30).

Take in the view of the **Jezreel Valley** (Armageddon), Mt. Tabor (The Mt. of Transfiguration) and Mt. Gilboa (where Gideon chose his 300 brave men).

Next, we head to **Megiddo** (I Kings 9:15) where archaeological digs have revealed 26 layers of civilization, including fortifications of King Solomon and a water tunnel of King Ahab. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the fertile Jezreel Valley, the prophesied site of Armageddon, at the crossroads of the ancient Via Maris “freeway.”

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Early this morning, we will drive south along the **Jordan Valley** to **Beit Shean** (I Samuel 31:10) to view the expansive excavations taking place at this ancient Roman Decapolis city.

Continue north to **Mt. Carmel** to visit **Muhraka**, where Elijah the prophet “faced off” with the prophets of Ba’al (I Kings 18:18).

Then we drive through the fast-growing towns and farms of the **Plain of Sharon** en route to **Caesarea Maritima**, a large port city built by Herod the Great to honor Roman Caesar Augustus. Herod built a port in the bay and erected all the cultural institutions found in every great Greco-Roman city, including a theater, a hippodrome, and a luxurious bathhouse.

In order to supply water to the city’s ever-growing population, he built an aqueduct system stretching from the springs of Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. Part of this system is still visible today.

The Book of Acts refers repeatedly to Caesarea as the city Peter visited (Acts 10).

Then climb the Judean hills to the most beautiful city in the world, JERUSALEM, for dinner and overnight.

Our hotel, **GRAND COURT JERUSALEM**, is located near the historic Mandelbaum Gate and within easy walking distance of Jerusalem’s Old City. All 442 guest rooms have air-conditioning, cable TV, phone with voice mail, mini-fridge, hair dryer, safe, and coffee maker. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, two restaurants, lobby lounge, concierge, seasonal outdoor swimming pool, children’s pool and sundeck, health club, room service, and doctor on call. <https://www.grandhotels-israel.com/grand-court-hotel-jerusalem>

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Drive to the top of the **Mt. of Olives** (Acts 1:8) for a magnificent view of the **Old City**.

Then we take the “Palm Sunday Walk” to the **Dominus Flevit Church** (“the Lord weeps,” Luke 19:41-44). During construction in 1955, archaeologists uncovered artefacts dating back to the Canaanite period as well as tombs from both the Second Temple and Byzantine eras. Also unearthed were the remains of a lovely Byzantine shrine with an elaborate mosaic floor that was incorporated into the church.

Continue walking down to the **Garden of Gethsemane** (Matthew 26:36). Some of the oldest olive trees in the world are here. We will visit the **Church of All Nations** which contains the stone where Jesus prayed on the night of his betrayal, according to tradition. We will have time for singing, reflection, and prayer in a quiet area of the Garden of Gethsemane. Next we’ll have some time for browsing and shopping.

Enter the Old City through **St. Stephen’s Gate (Lions’ Gate)** and the **Christian Quarter**. Here is the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5:1), where Jesus healed the lame man, and **St. Anne’s Church**, an outstanding example of crusader architecture, with amazing acoustics.

Walk along the **Via Dolorosa** (Way of the Cross) past the **Stations of the Cross** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. In 325, Constantine’s mother Helen first requisitioned the area for a church. The 4<sup>th</sup>-century church was largely destroyed by the Turks in 1009 and partially restored in 1048. The impressive stone decorations adorning the facade date from crusader times. In its current form, the church preserves the crusader structure and is shared by two major Christian denominations, the Greek Orthodox and the

Roman Catholic. The church enshrines a tomb that some traditions hold to be the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 01 – JERUSALEM (B,L,D)**

Visit the **Israel Museum** to see an exhibition of the **Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book** and a scale model of Jerusalem as it was in Jesus' time.

Continue to **Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial**. *“As the Jewish people's living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations. For over half a century, Yad Vashem has been committed to four pillars of remembrance: Commemoration, Documentation, Research, and Education.”* Meet a local cantor for a service in the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis.

We drive 6 miles south of Jerusalem to **Bethlehem** (Micah 5:2 and Luke 2:1).

Enjoy a typical Arabic lunch in Bethlehem.

Then visit the **Church of the Nativity**, the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use.

Construction of this church began in 327AD over the traditional birthplace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then we continue through the Field of Boaz to the **Shepherds' Field** (Luke 2) where we will revisit the Christmas story with the angels and shepherds of Bethlehem.

Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 02 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Start the morning with a visit to **Caiaphas Palace** (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, John 18:12) and see the cistern where Jesus was held before he was taken to Pilate and the Roman Period steps he walked from the Kidron Valley.

Continue to **Mt. Zion** to visit **King David's Tomb** and the **Last Supper Room** (Luke 22:7-28).

Next, we will visit the **City of David** and see excavations which reveal the time period of King David. If weather permits, we will walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** (optional) and visit the **Pool of Siloam** where Jesus sent the blind man to be healed.

Walk the **Pilgrims Road** direct to the Old City.

See the ancient **Southern Steps** and the **Hulda Gates** (II Kings 22:14) which originally led up to the Temple entrance where Jesus is known to have taught and fought with the money changers.

Walk to the **Western Wall**, the holiest site in Judaism and the only visible remains of Herod's splendid Second Temple, where Jesus walked and taught.

Walk through the **Western Wall Tunnel**, huge arched spaces just north of the Western Wall which link to a Hasmonean period water tunnel.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Drive east from Jerusalem to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea.

See **Jericho** from a short distance, and **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947.

Continue to **Masada**, a natural fortress with majestic ruins overlooking the Dead Sea.

Take a cable car to the top of the rock for a tour. Jewish zealots held out here for several months in 73AD under siege by the 10th Roman legion. The Romans finally took the fortress by way of a massive attack ramp. The camps and other fortifications that encircle Masada constitute the most complete Roman siege works to have survived to the present day.

Then drive to the **Dead Sea** for a float in the soothing, therapeutic water (*bring towel, bathing suit and flip flops*).

Stop at the **Good Samaritan Inn** to revisit the famous parable in Luke 10 and view some ancient mosaics.

Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 04 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

We begin our last day in Jerusalem with a visit to the **Garden Tomb**, held by many Protestants to be the actual location of the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (John 19:38 & Luke 23). We will have some time for prayer and meditation and Holy Communion.

Depart Jerusalem and drive south.

Drive through the **Tzora** and **Eshta'ol**, the region where Samson battled the Philistines.

Stop at **Tel Azekah**, an Israelite military outpost, from which we'll view the **Sorek Valley** and the **Elah Valley**, where David slew the giant Goliath with only faith and a slingshot.

Continue to the **Lachish** area on the southern coast of Israel, where we will participate in an **archaeological dig** (approx. 2 hours) in **Tel Maresha** (Joshua 15:20, 44 and 2 Chronicles 11: 5-8).

Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 05 - (B)**

Transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport for your departure with Turkish Airlines **nonstop** flight # 793 to Istanbul, leaving at 7:20am and arriving at 10:45am. Connect to Turkish Airlines flight # 9 **nonstop** to Los Angeles, leaving at 1:50pm and arriving at 4:45pm.

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**Price per person in a double room: \$4,895**

**Price per person in a single room: \$5,990**

**Prices are GUARANTEED for August - September 2024**

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**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- \* Round-trip, economy class airfare from Los Angeles to Tel Aviv with Turkish Airlines.
- \* Departure taxes (\$630 based on November 08, 2023 tariff), subject to change until final invoice is issued.
- \* 10 nights of accommodations with breakfast and dinner daily.
- \* Private transfers as per the itinerary.
- \* 9 days of touring in a private, luxurious, air-conditioned motor coach with licensed, **English-speaking** guide.
- \* All entrance fees as per itinerary.
- \* Participate in an archeological dig.
- \* **Private** boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- \* St. Peter's Fish lunch
- \* Biblical lunch at Nazareth Village.
- \* Arabic lunch in Bethlehem.
- \* Tips to guide and driver, restaurants, and hotels.
- \* Personal headsets.
- \* Portage at airport and hotels, service fees and local taxes.
- \* **Ya'lla Tours** Special Pilgrims kit and travel bag.

**TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- \* Meals or beverages other than specified.
- \* Expenses of a personal nature.
- \* ***Travel Insurance required by Israel for every tourist to enter: \$420.97 per person in a double room and \$515.14 in a single room.***

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- \* Turkish Airlines offers credit for all Star Alliance Members.
- \* Air schedules are subject to change at any time.
- \* An \$800 per person deposit is required upon booking. The deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days prior to departure.
- \* Final payment is due on **May 27, 2024.**
- \* Passenger must have a valid U.S. Passport to enter Israel.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## PRICE:

- \* The price of the tour is: **\$4,895** per person in a double room based on a minimum of **40** participants in the tour. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc's** control, our suppliers increase the price, **Ya'lla USA Inc.** will adjust the price accordingly.
- \* Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket has been issued.
- \* Should a single traveler wish to share a room with another traveler, and **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- \* Should the number of participants, **90** days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled.

## DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

- \* A deposit of **\$800** per person is due upon registration.
- \* Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure **May 27, 2024.**

## CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- \* **For cancellation of 89 to 45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.**
- \* **For cancellation of 44 to 30 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.**
- \* **For cancellation of 29 days and less prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.**  
**No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.**
- \* **If Ya'lla Tours USA cancels the trip/tour for reasons beyond its control, a credit voucher will be offered for the land services good for use up to 18 months from the original travel date to any Ya'lla Tours USA destination. Any refund or credit of airfare included by Ya'lla Tours USA in the trip/tour will be determined by the policy of each individual airline.**
- \* **TRAVEL INSURANCE IS NONREFUNDABLE.**

## LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** will strive to maintain the content of the tour.

The Tour operator reserves the right to change the hotels listed on the tour for others of similar quality.

### **RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:**

Whereas **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours.

The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

**Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** reserve the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced; the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven. Venue for any dispute is Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

### **PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:**

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically, passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

### **PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:**

Your passport must be valid for at least six months following your return date from your travel destination. For more specific visa requirement, please contact the relevant consulate for current information.

### **ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:**

This is the entire agreement of the parties, and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the client.

If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Each tour participant is responsible for paying any applicable fees for cancellation, medical treatment, medical evacuation, and repatriation of remains. Ya'lla Tours USA highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance for cancellation (for covered reasons), medical treatment, medical evacuation, and repatriation of remains. Travel insurance is not included in your tour price.