

Israel Trip 2019

Group #1 — March 19-30

Group #2 — March 29 to April 7



Preparing for the Trip of A Lifetime!

What you will most probably find, is that you can take vacations to many parts of the world, but a trip to Israel is much more of a pilgrimage.

Although it has been a great vacation for many people, it is also a spiritual experience that will change your understanding and reading of the Scriptures!

Getting There!

You will purchase your own flight (but I will help with the process if you need it).

Group #1 — Leave the US — **March 19** (or before if you prefer)

Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel — **March 20** (earlier in the day the better; if you want to come a day early and rest a bit before the trip begins, we will get your lodging for you)

Leave Tel Aviv, Israel — **March 30th** (anytime)

Group #2 — Leave the US — **March 29** (or before if you prefer)

Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel — **March 30** (earlier in the day the better; if you want to come a day early and rest a bit before the trip begins, we will get your lodging for you)

Leave Tel Aviv, Israel — **April 7** (anytime)

The advantages of booking your own flight:

- Probably cheaper and you can set a schedule that works best for you.
- If you have FF points, you can use them.
- You can use your own credit card and get points for the purchase.
- You can book the seats and class that you prefer, leaving from your preferred airport.
- You can go early, stay late or visit another country during your trip.

Group #1

	Date	Itinerary	Overnight
1	Tue, Mar 19, 2019	Flight to Israel	Plane
2	Wed, Mar 20, 2019	Arrive in Tel Aviv ; drive to Herzliya	Herod Hotel Herzliya
3	Thu, Mar 21, 2019	Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana	Scotts, Tiberias
4	Fri, Mar 22, 2019	Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Kursi, Tabgha, etc	Scotts, Tiberias
5	Sat, Mar 23, 2019	North to Golan, Dan, Caesarea Philippi, etc	Scotts, Tiberias
6	Sun, Mar 24, 2019	Drive towards Jerusalem, Beth Shean, Mt. Gilboa,	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
7	Mon, Mar 25, 2019	Jerusalem, Bethlehem	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
8	Tue, Mar 26, 2019	Jerusalem Experiences	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
9	Wed, Mar 27, 2019	Jerusalem -- Path of Christ - Palm Sunday to Easter	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
10	Thu, Mar 28, 2019	En Gedi, Masada, Dead Sea	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
11	Fri, Mar 29, 2019	Free Day	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
	Sat, Mar 30, 2019	Part Day Free — Flight Home	

Group #2

	Date	Itinerary	Overnight
1	Fri, Mar 29, 2019	Flight to Israel	Plane
2	Sat, Mar 30, 2019	Arrive in Tel Aviv ; drive to Herzliya	Leonardo Plaza Netanya
3	Sun, Mar 31, 2019	Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana	Ron Beach, Tiberias
4	Mon, Apr 1, 2019	Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Kursi, Tabgha, etc	Ron Beach, Tiberias
5	Tue, Apr 2, 2019	North to Golan, Dan, Caesarea Philippi, etc	Ron Beach, Tiberias
6	Wed, Apr 3, 2019	Drive towards Jerusalem, Beth Shean, Mt. Gilboa, Masada, Dead Sea	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
7	Thu, Apr 4, 2019	Jerusalem Experiences	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
8	Fri, Apr 5, 2019	Jerusalem -- Path of Christ - Palm Sunday to Easter	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
9	Sat, Apr 6, 2019	Bethlehem and Jerusalem — Half day free	Prima Kings, Jerusalem
10	Sun, Apr 7, 2019	Flight Home	

TYPICAL DAY

7 a.m. – Breakfast buffet

7:45 am – Board bus

Noon – Lunch

4:30 pm – Back to hotel

6 pm – Dinner buffet

Evenings – free and explore

Money

Your trip cost includes the land portion of the trip which is the following:

- All lodging in 4* hotels,
- All breakfasts,
- All dinners,
- Israeli Guide,
- Bus and bus driver,
- All entrance fees (as listed on the itinerary),
- Tips for guide, bus driver, hotels, etc.,
- A notebook with loads of information,
- Your trip insurance (but not cancellation insurance).

The only other money that you should need is for lunches, whatever you do on the free day and any personal items or souvenirs.

TRIP ONE

Trip Cost: \$2,995 (*5 star hotels, 2 days longer, special experiences*)

A nonrefundable \$500 deposit will be due **June 15, 2018.**

Final payment of \$2,495 is due on **November 15, 2018.**

TRIP TWO

Trip Cost: \$2,295 (*Spring Break trip, 4 star hotels*)

A nonrefundable \$500 deposit will be due **June 15, 2018.**

Final payment of \$1,795 is due on **November 15, 2018.**

How to Prepare Now

1. Check your Passport now. It must be valid for six months after leaving Israel so the expiration date must be AFTER October 7, 2019.
2. Think about places from Scripture or your reading that you would like to visit. Let Pastor Denny know asap so that we could possibly include it.
3. Study a map of Israel. (A basic one is attached.)
4. Listen to some good Hebrew music. (Paul Wilbur is one of my favorite artists for Messianic Hebrew music.)
5. READ. You will be given a Bible reading schedule to read the Gospels a few months before we leave, but in the meantime, you can look through Israel tour books or read a book like the following:
 - O Jerusalem — By Collins
 - Israel, My Beloved — By Kay Arthur
 - ISRAEL – by Barry Rubin
 - Our Man in Damascus – Elie Cohen:
 - Six Days of War – June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East:
 - A History of the Jews: by Paul Johnson.
 - A History of Israel – From the Rise of Zionism to Our Time:
 - Israel from the Air:

Packing

You can take one suitcase with total measurement of 62 inches and 50 pounds or less.
And one carry on of 45 inches (22x14x9) and 40 pounds or less.

At Our Next Meeting

Preliminary Meeting this fall to give you some more ideas on planning and preparing.

OCTOBER 28, 2018 at 12:15 p.m.

Flights

1. You will not be able to book your flights until April or May.
2. Flights from Chicago and Toronto are usually least expensive.
3. Flights from Indianapolis or Fort Wayne are obviously most convenient.
4. If you need help booking a flight, please let us know
5. Strategy for getting credit card points or miles. —

