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# ISRAEL 2019

October 30th - November 8th





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## **Welcome Pilgrims! Shalom!**

**We are excited about our trip to Israel this year. There is no trip like one to the Holy Lands to see the places made famous by Jesus, the Prophets and the Jewish people. When you stand on places like the Mount of Olives with us and gaze over the Temple Mount for the first time, there is something that becomes real to you like no picture can ever produce. A trip to Israel will change your understanding of the Bible forever. On this trip my intention is to visit the historic sites of old and to explore future important places like the Valley of Armageddon.**

**All of the details for the trip can be found on the following pages. We will be using a third party travel agency to take care of the arrangements for us, something I have done many times in the past. Should you have any questions beyond the information in this document, feel free to contact us via phone or email.**

**A trip to Israel is an experience like no other you will ever take! Guaranteed. See you in November.**

**Barry & Becky Coffey**

# Israel, The Holy Land, 2019

## Led by Brother Barry Coffey

### 10 days, October 30-November 8

Only \$3798 from Newark, NJ (other airports possible)

**Day one, Wednesday, October 30:** you can get to Israel one of several ways. (1) make your way to Newark, New Jersey; the group will fly from Newark early afternoon to Israel on El Al the national Israel airline, so you might want to spend the night at an airport hotel on the 29th; or (2) you might arrange a flight from your home city that connects with the El Al flight in Newark; or (3) you might fly from your home airport on another airline and schedule, meeting the group in Israel (with assistance when you land). Our tour operator Ron Cansler will be happy to assist you in your planning: ron.cansler@yahoo.com, 417 499 8685.

**Day two, Thursday, October 31:** morning arrival at Ben Gurion international airport, just outside Tel Aviv. After boarding the deluxe coach, head up the coast to **Caesarea Maritime**, artificial harbor and city built by Herod the Great. A restored Roman theater, where proof of the historical existence of Pontius Pilate was found, is a highlight, along with a Crusader fortress and an aqueduct built by Herod the Great. Continue north to **Mt Carmel** for a breathtaking view of the Jezreel valley from the spot where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal. Drive on to **Haifa**, biblical Israel's only natural port. Stop for an overlook in the **Bahai Gardens**, a literal vision of "Paradise," the Persian word for the Garden of Eden, before checking into the deluxe hotel with a commanding view over the city, Mt Carmel, and the Mediterranean Bay of Haifa. Full breakfast and dinner buffet in all hotels.

**Day three, Friday, November 1:** drive from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Galilee for a sail on the **Sea of Galilee** in an enlarged version of the boats used by Jesus and his fishermen disciples--and see an actual boat from the time of Jesus as archaeologists raised it from the lake. Re-experience the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount at the **Mt of Beatitudes** chapel. At

**Capernaum**, where Jesus based his 18-month Galilean ministry, stand within the foundations of the synagogue where he preached and healed and see the house of Peter's family where He stayed. At **Tabgha**, an ancient mosaic remembers the Miracle of Loaves and Fishes and another spot recalls where the risen Jesus fed his disciples after a miraculous catch and gave Peter his commission to "feed my sheep." **Magdala** is an exciting new excavation, the hometown of Mary the Magdalene, and a fascinating glimpse into life on the seashore villages of Jesus' followers.

While in Galilee, those who wish will have the opportunity for baptism in the **Jordan River**.

**Day four, Saturday, November 2: Day five, Sunday, November 3:** explore northern Galilee at **Caesarea Philippi**, center of Roman might and pagan worship in Jesus' time, where He challenged his disciples then and now, "Who do men--and do you--say that I am?" Continue to the northernmost city of biblical Israel, **Dan**, and see the actual excavated gates that Abraham entered as he first journeyed through the Promised Land as well as a "high place" here Jereboam erected the golden bulls that led Israel into pagan worship. Explore the Dan Nature preserve on an easy hike for streams, waterfalls, forest, then experience a thrilling 4-wheel Jeep ride through the hills and valleys, along streams and path of the **Golan Heights**.

**Day five, Sunday, November 3:** begin heading south, first stopping at **Bet Shean**, where the bodies of King Saul and his sons were hung by the Philistines. A Decapolis city in Jesus' day, Bet Shean was both destroyed and saved by a massive earthquake--as archaeologists have now done a fantastic job restoring the previously-hidden ruins at one of the best Greco-Roman sites in the world. The date palm oasis of **En Gedi** is where David spared King Saul. Crossing the lunar

landscape of the Judean wilderness, come to **Qumran** on the shores of the **Dead Sea**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered (you will actually see scroll discoveries at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. You spend two nights at a deluxe Dead Sea spa hotel. Do bring a swimming suit so you can experience a unique “float” in the saltiest water in the world at the lowest spot in the world. The hotel also has pools with both fresh and Dead Sea water; spa treatments are available on your own arrangements.

**Day six, Tuesday, November 4:** lazy morning, then to **Masada**, Dead Sea palace/fortress built by Herod the Great to enjoy winter at the Dead Sea and also as a bulwark against invasion by Cleopatra, last ruling Egyptian Pharaoh (the actual last hereditary Pharaoh was Cleopatra’s son by Julius Caesar, though he never actually ruled). After the Romans destroyed the Jerusalem Temple in 70 AD/CE, zealous Jews captured Masada and based their final resistance there, defying the might of Rome from the mountaintop fortress until 73AD/CE, ending their own lives in valor rather than submitting to slavery by the pagans. Back to the luxury Dead Sea spa hotel for an afternoon and evening of relaxation.

**Day seven, Tuesday, November 5:** on the way “Up to Jerusalem” drive through the **Shepherds’ Fields** outside Bethlehem where the shepherds were tending their flocks by night till the glory of the Lord shone round about them—perhaps stop to sing a Christmas hymn. Stop outside Jerusalem at the **Israel Museum** to study a huge outdoor, very detailed model of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus. And then from a spacious promenade get your first gaze over Temple Mount and the Old City of Jerusalem built entirely out of gleaming white limestone. Walk from the promenade down the slope of Mt of Olives, following the Palm Sunday Path Jesus rode on the donkey, hosannas echoing from those who claimed to be his followers. At the bottom of the path is **The Garden of Gethsemane** with olives trees still flourishing from roots that were alive when Jesus entered the Garden to pray as he faced and accepted the challenge of the Cross. After a time of study and prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, on to the deluxe hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day eight, Wednesday, November 6:** descend into the recently-excavated original “City of David” just outside the current city walls, where David established his dwelling after capturing Jerusalem via the “water shaft” (II Samuel 5). Those who wish can wade Hezekiah’s Tunnel, dug from both ends to bring water into the city in time of siege by Sennacherib (or take the dry path) to the **Pool of Siloam** where Jesus healed a blind man. Go to the actual **House of Caiphas the High Priest** where Jesus was dragged up the still visible stone steps to be held for trial—where Peter denied him thrice before he cock crew. Outside the city visit **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust Museum, a memory of the evil men and the faith of those who resist and triumph.

**Day nine, Thursday November 7:** on this special day in the Holy City of Jerusalem, stand on the very same **Southern Stairs of the Temple** where Jesus taught before His Passion. Pray at the **Western (Wailing) Wall**, leaving scrolls of your prayers in the giant stones remaining from the Temple, from where Jewish tradition says prayers go most directly to heaven. Worship in the special setting that recalls the **Upper Room**, see the memorial known as **David’s Tomb**. Pray for the healing of loved ones at the **Pools of Bethesda**, then marvel at the acoustics as you sing in the **Crusader Church of St. Anne**. Stand on the pavement where Jesus was tormented by the soldiers in the **Judgment Hall of Pilate**. Walk the twisting, narrow streets of the Old City, still very like they were on the day when Jesus carried His cross on the **Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow)**. Go just outside Jerusalem, just past the Damascus Gate, to the hillside where nature has gouged out caves that remind many of a skull’s nose and eye sockets, **Calvary, Golgotha**, place of the Skull . . . and then end your experience of Jerusalem and The Holy Land with a service of Holy Communion, set in a lovely private garden where there is a Tomb that is gloriously empty. After a special “farewell banquet” and time to freshen up in your hotel, head to the airport to check in for the flight home, arriving back in the U.S. on **Day 10, Friday, November 8.**

**See complete enrollment details on “Terms and Conditions” page**

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**U.S. passport** valid through end of May, 2020, is required; anyone with non-U.S. passport, please contact tour operator.

**Payment schedule:** \$400 deposit required to guarantee a place on the tour. Second payment of \$1500 is due May 15. Final payment is due August 31. Credit cards may be used for second and final payments with a non-refundable 5% processing fee, which will show up on credit card statements from Rafi Shelef Tourism, Tel Aviv.

## **Tour price includes . . .**

**While air transportation** is scheduled on El Al, Israel's national airline, any regularly-scheduled airline can be used. Cancellations after the air tickets have been issued are subject to a cancellation penalty as imposed by the airline. Current air fuel charge and taxes/fees are included. Please note: frequent flyer miles or credit card points cannot be used to purchase or upgrade air tickets; however, if you arrange your own airfare, you can deduct \$1217 from the brochure price.

**Accommodations** in superior and deluxe hotels, private bath. Cost for anyone staying in a single room \$911.

**Meals** daily buffet breakfasts and dinners in hotels or restaurant.

**Sightseeing** in the itinerary including entrance fees and services of English-speaking guide.

**One regular-sized suitcase**, maximum 50 pounds, is currently allowed free of charge plus one personal item and one "carry-on" that will fit under the seat ahead or in the overhead bin. Tour organizers accept no liability for loss or damage to any baggage.

**All tips** to guide, driver, hotel and restaurant personnel, and porters are included.

**Tour price does not include** beverages not part of regular menu; sightseeing or services not specifically mentioned or noted as optional; baggage charges that may be implemented by airlines (none as of this printing).

**Cancellation policy:** No penalty for written cancellations received before May 1, 2019. Written cancellations received May 1-30 are subject to a \$400 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellations received June 1-30 are subject to a 25% cancellation fee of the total tour price. Written cancellations received July 1-September 15 are subject to a 50% cancellation fee of the total tour price. No refund for written cancellations received after September 15. No refund made for missed services while on tour. *In addition to the above cancellation fees*, airline tickets are not refundable once issued. *We recommend the purchase of travel insurance*, which covers medical expenses as well as cancellation penalties and other eventualities as per policy standards. Please note: Healthcare and Medical Costs outside the USA are not covered by basic Medicare; information on travel insurance available on written request to ron.cansler@yahoo.com.

**Brochure price** based on minimum 36 passengers and VAT policy and shekel/dollar exchange rate of December 15, 2018.

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*Payment of deposit by tour participants indicates acceptance of above terms and conditions.*



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Escorted Travel Concepts--Coffey, 1015 W Kensington Rd, Joplin MO 64801

*Important: please include email address and phone number with registration check!*

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