

DRINK OFFERING TOURS

ISRAEL: 10 DAYS/11 NIGHTS



SEPTEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

DETAILED PROGRAM ITINERARY

- Mobility:** **Moderate:** Some might find this itinerary a challenge, as there are no full days off. There will also be times we are walking up dirt or gravel paths to reach the archaeological sites. Our time in Jerusalem will also involve about 6 hours of walking.
- Sensitivities:** **Alcohol:** Although they are welcome to join, this itinerary isn't recommended for those under 18 years of age or have a sensitive view of alcohol. We will enjoy lunch at two boutique wineries and there is an optional whiskey and spirit tasting at the camp. As such, it should be expected that many will be consuming alcohol.
- Religion:** All are welcome to join if they agree to our Terms and Conditions, we don't discriminate against religions. The itinerary doesn't include visits to active churches (*i.e.*: Church of the Holy Sepulcher). However, we do visit religious buildings that are part of the archaeological record (*i.e.*: the ruins of Capernaum's synagogue).
- Accommodations:** The itinerary includes overnight at hotels in Jerusalem (five nights), Tel Aviv (one night) and Tiberias (three nights). We also include two amazing glamping nights in the Negev Desert.
- Included:** Accommodations (11 nights), transportation (mini bus), driver and guiding fees, park and museum entrance fees, 11 full breakfasts (9 provided by the hotel or a local cafe, 2 at camp), 5 lunches (2 include wine tastings), 2 camp dinners.
- Excluded:** Some dinners and lunches, travel insurance, medical insurance, entry visas, flights, transit between the airport and hotel.
- Requirements:** Everyone joining the tour must have valid travel medical insurance.
- Price:** \$2700 for double occupancy | \$3700 single occupancy
All our prices are in US Dollars. It does not include the price of the optional add-ons (*i.e.*: kayaking, whiskey & spirit tasting, pottery class)
- Cancellation:** In the event of a cancellation, the following policy will apply:
91+ Days Prior = 100% Refund minus deposit and bank fees
90-31 Days Prior = 50% Refund minus deposit and bank fees
Less than 30 Days Prior = Non-Refundable
If a replacement can be found for your place on the tour, we will provide up to 100% refund minus deposit, bank and hotel fees. In the event of cancellation due to travel lockdowns, see our Terms & Liabilities.

ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION (DAY 0/NIGHT 1)

Once everyone has arrived, we will meet in the evening (*at a place to be announced later*) for a tour orientation. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the whole group in person before the tour begins. We will be able to help you with any last minute needs, answer questions and get you ready for the excitement ahead. Our Jerusalem Hotel is right in the heart of the new city and beside the historic Machne Yehuda market, so it will be easy for you to find some great local food (although we can also make recommendations). The hotel is also right on Jaffa Street, where the Jerusalem Light Rail runs making it convenient to arrive from the airport on public transport. We will also have a gift pack waiting for you at your arrival filled with goodies from some amazing local businesses.

HOTEL: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA (Jaffa St 105, Jerusalem)

JERUSALEM (DAY 1/NIGHT 2)

INCLUDED MEALS: Full Breakfast | Lunch

We begin the day with a walking tour of Jerusalem and the focus is on *Jerusalem in the Canaanite and First Temple Period*. We will spend the morning examining in depth the

City of David and **Givati excavations**. However, because many find it claustrophobic and physically challenging, we will not enter Hezekiah's Tunnel. We will have our lunch delivered to us at the City of David and you can take some extra pictures before we make the walk up the hill to the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City. We will discuss the layout of Jerusalem in Hezekiah's time and how the archaeology confirms the Biblical description of his building projects. We will also give you an introduction to the **Old City Market**. The tour day will end early so you have the option to shop in the market or return to City of David and enter Hezekiah's Tunnel. Or if the jet lag is hitting you, you can head back to the hotel and rest a little before enjoying the Jerusalem nightlife.

HOTEL: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA (Jaffa St 105, Jerusalem)

arrive	depart	location
	08:00	Leave the hotel
08:45	12:30	City of David and Givati
12:30	13:15	Lunch
13:30	14:15	Jewish Quarter & Market
14:15		Free Time

SHEPHELAH REGION (DAY 2/NIGHT 3)

INCLUDED MEALS: Full Breakfast | Lunch w/Wine Tasting | Camp Dinner

We leave the city and focus our morning on *the Philistines* by starting at **Tel Bet Shemesh** and considering life during the Judges Period.

We will then drive towards **the Elah Valley** and make the short hike into **Khirbet Qeiyafa**. This is a great site for a crash course in archaeology and how this city played a pivotal role in the lives and

battles of Saul and David. Our lunch break will be at a boutique winery in the hills of Adullam. You will enjoy some amazing local dishes, locally made cheese, and be treated to a tasting of their wines. We will work off the lunch with a 15 minute nature walk into **Horvat Midras** to view a wonderfully preserved 1st century Pharisaic tomb. This will help you understand their burial customs and visualize the Biblical descriptions of Jesus' burial. From here we will begin the drive south into the **Negev Desert** for our overnight camp. We will stop for a photo opportunity at the edge of the Makhtesh Ramon and set the scene for the next day's program. Desiree will be waiting for us at the camp with dinner ready to go.

OVERNIGHT: SELINA RAMON GLAMPING (Makhtesh Ramon)

arrive	depart	location
	07:30	Leave the hotel
08:15	09:00	Tel Bet Shemesh
09:20	11:30	Khirbet Qeiyafa
11:45	12:45	Winery Lunch
13:00	14:00	Horvat Midras
15:45	16:15	Mitzpe Ramon
16:30		Glamping Site



"Mind blown! Thank you for all the hard work you put into researching ...My mind is primed and it gives me even more to look forward to. I cannot thank you enough David and Desiree!"



MIDDLE NEGEV DESERT* (DAY 3/NIGHT 4)

INCLUDED: Camp Breakfast | Camp Dinner

For the early risers, we will have coffee, hot chocolate or tea waiting for you at sunrise, so you can enjoy some quiet time reflection in the morning. After a camp breakfast, we will delve deep into *Israel's forty*

years in the wilderness by helping you first understand the amazing geology, hydrology and flora of the region. This will shed light on many accounts and provide some amazing photos. We will begin with a great view of the Wilderness of Zin before descending into **En Avdat** canyon to learn about the desert's water sources, and how much was needed to travel and live in this region. We may include a visit to see the ibex at **Midreshet Ben Gurion** (*depending on the migration season*) before going to **Lipa Gal Lookout**, to see the ancient roadway, and rock carvings from the time of the wanderings that may just mark the spot of the Israelite camp. We will take a lunch break at **Mitzpe Ramon** before entering **Makhtesh Ramon**, perhaps the most impressive geological feature in Israel. We will visit various sites within the makhtesh and discuss how the Israelites could have crossed such a landscape. We will return back to the camp and have time to relax and unwind. For those interested, it may be possible to arrange a pottery class at the camp. In the evening, we will also begin our Israeli Whiskey and Spirits Tasting for those who signed up (*more information below*).

OPTIONAL: POTTERY CLASS | ISRAELI WHISKEY & SPIRITS TASTING

OVERNIGHT: SELINA RAMON (Makhtesh Ramon)

arrive	depart	location
	08:00	Leave the camp
08:45	11:15	Ein Avdat
11:30	12:00	Lipa Gal Lookout
12:20	13:00	Lunch
13:15	15:30	Makhtesh Ramon

NORTHERN NEGEV DESERT* (DAY 4/NIGHT 5)

INCLUDED: Camp Breakfast

We will begin our way back north with a focus on *the ancient roadways and trade routes* and how these affected the actions of the Patriarchs, Judges and Kings in the Bible. We will begin at the ancient Nabatean city of **Avdat** to understand the importance of the southern and desert trade routes and how it affected Solomon's foreign policy.

We then head to **Tel Beer Sheva** and consider the travels of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as well as Jehoshaphat's domestic and foreign policy. We will then have a quick lunch in Beer Sheva before driving to **Tel Lachish** to consider the reasons behind King Sennacherib's invasion of Judah. If time and weather permits, we will also make a short visit to **Tel Gezer** to discuss the Via Maris and its role in Israelite history. We will then continue north to Tel Aviv-Yaffo for the night. Our hotel is located in front of the new Tel Aviv Light Rail station, so it will be easy to find a great place to eat.

OVERNIGHT: JOSEPH HOTEL TLV (Jerusalem Blvd 49, Tel Aviv-Yafo)

**Note that the itinerary will be adjusted if there is rain in the forecast.*

arrive	depart	location
	08:00	Leave the camp
08:30	10:00	Avdat
11:00	12:30	Tel Beer Sheva
12:45	13:30	Beer Sheva
14:15	15:30	Tel Lachish
16:00	17:00	Tel Gezer
17:30		Tel Aviv

Israeli Whiskey & Spirits Tasting

Throughout the trip, you will not only sample six unique Israeli spirits, but also hear a Biblical anecdote connected to the ingredients, flavor or region of the drink. The stories are free and everyone is welcome to join. The tastings are an additional cost, but well worth it!

CENTRAL COASTLINE (DAY 5/NIGHT 6)

INCLUDED: Full Breakfast

This will be a lighter tour day and allow you to get some shopping done. From the hotel we will walk to and through the **Old City of Yaffo**, with our focus being *the ministry of Peter and Philip* and the effect on the congregations as they approached 70CE. After this short tour, you will have some free time but make sure to have a bite to eat as well, because we will leave the hotel at 12:30 for **Caesarea National Park** and tour through this historic first century city. We will examine the layout of the city and it's pivotal place in the early congregation's history. After this we'll have time for photos at **Aqueduct Beach** before driving to **Tiberias** where we will spend the night.

OVERNIGHT: LAKEHOUSE TIBERIAS (Sderot Eliezar Kaplan, Tiberias)

arrive	depart	location
	08:30	Leave the hotel
08:30	10:00	Jaffa Old City
10:00	12:00	Free time
14:00	16:00	Caesarea
16:15	16:45	Aqueduct Beach
17:45		Tiberias

KINNERET/SEA OF GALILEE (DAY 6/NIGHT 7)

INCLUDED: Full Breakfast | Lunch

This day we will start a little later for those needing some extra sleep, but for the early risers wanting a unique experience, we will meet at the beach outside the hotel to **kayak on the Sea of Galilee** (*weather permitting*). There will be enough time afterwards for you to get breakfast at the hotel before we begin a day focused on *the lives of Jesus' disciples*. Our first stop will be at the ongoing excavations of **Magdala**, home of Mary Magdelene, and how the fishing industry developed in the Galilee. After, we will spend some time in the ruins of **Capernaum** and discuss Andrew and Matthew's life and ministry and the challenges they would have faced. Our lunch will be delivered to us and we will enjoy it at a scenic spot in the Galilee before heading to **Hippos Susita**. This was a Decapolis city, so we will delve into the life of the man who was possessed by a legion of demons and learn about Decapolis culture. From Hippos, we will return to Tiberias from the south so you can get a full 360 degree view of the Galilee.

OPTIONAL: SUNRISE KAYAKING (*weather permitting*)

OVERNIGHT: LAKEHOUSE TIBERIAS (Sderot Eliezar Kaplan, Tiberias)

arrive	depart	location
	09:00	Leave the hotel
09:30	10:30	Magdala
10:45	12:30	Capernaum
12:45	13:15	Lunch Break
14:00	16:15	Hippos Susita
17:00		Tiberias

HERMON, HULA & GOLAN (DAY 7/NIGHT 8)

INCLUDED: Full Breakfast | Lunch w/Wine Tasting

Our focus on this day will be the **Conquest of Canaan** and the events that resulted following and not following direction. This will take us to **Tel Dan**, one of the most important Biblical sites in Israel. We will discuss, among other things, the tribe of Dan and how their decisions influenced Jeroboam. After spending most of the morning exploring this site, we will head through **the Golan Heights** (*once the land of Geshur and Maacah*) and enjoy lunch and wine tasting at one of the best wineries in Israel. There will also be time to visit a famous Israeli chocolatier next door. After lunch, we will explore the ruins of **Tel Hazor** and its role in Israelite history from the conquest to the destruction of Israel. If time allows, we will visit a lookout point of the Galilee before returning to the hotel in Tiberias.

OVERNIGHT: LAKEHOUSE TIBERIAS (Sderot Eliezar Kaplan, Tiberias)

arrive	depart	location
	08:00	Leave the hotel
08:30	11:30	Tel Dan
12:15	13:45	Golan Heights
14:15	16:00	Tel Hazor
17:00		Tiberias

GALILEE KAYAKING

What better way to start your morning in the Galilee than the way Jesus and the disciples did, on a boat at sunrise! For an extra fee, a high quality inflatable, two person kayak will be waiting for you on the beach outside the hotel.



THE JEZREEL VALLEY (DAY 8/NIGHT 9)

INCLUDED: Full Breakfast

Throughout the day, we will discuss various *Prophets and the Rulers they worked with*. We begin **near En Dor**, where Barak and Deborah faced off against Sisera and we will discuss Sisera's possible origins. After this, we will stop at a lookout point along the **Mount Gilboa** range to discuss Samuel and Saul's strained

relationship. After this, we will head up **Mount Carmel** to a lookout point of the Jezreel Valley and consider the fire test and the relationships of Elijah, Obadiah and Ahab. We will stop for a traditional Druze lunch on the mountain before finishing at the ruins of **Tel Megiddo** as we consider the relationship between Jonah and Jeroboam II. After a long day, you will be able to rest on the bus as we return to our Jerusalem hotel.

OVERNIGHT: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA (Jaffa St 105, Jerusalem)

arrive	depart	location
	08:00	Leave the hotel
08:30	09:15	Mt Tabor lookout
09:45	11:00	Mt Gilboa lookout
11:30	12:30	Mt Carmel lookout
12:45	13:45	Lunch
14:00	16:00	Tel Megiddo
17:30		Jerusalem hotel

JERUSALEM (DAY 9/NIGHT 10)

INCLUDED: Full Breakfast

Our focus is *the Second Temple Period*, and specifically, the first century. We will begin at **Jaffa Gate** and the **Tower of David Museum** to understand the layout of the city and temple. We will visit **the Burnt House excavation** and discuss what it teaches us about the true locations of the areas mentioned in Jesus' trial. After a lunch break in the **Jewish Quarter**, we will visit **the Davidson Center and Archaeological Park** to examine the features of Herod's temple up close and how it shed light on accounts from the ministry and life of Jesus and his Apostles. From here we will take a route familiar to Jesus by crossing **the Kidron Valley** and walking up **the Mount of Olives**. We then will conclude the day by considering the prophecy of the temple's destruction and how it affected Jewish traditions and customs still in effect today. The bus will then pick us up and take us to the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA (Jaffa St 105, Jerusalem)

arrive	depart	location
	08:00	Leave the hotel
8:45	10:30	Tower of David
10:45	11:30	Burnt House
11:30	12:00	Cardo
12:00	13:00	Lunch
13:15	14:45	Davidson Center
15:00	15:15	Kidron Valley
15:30	16:30	Mt of Olives
17:00		Arrive at hotel

JERUSALEM (DAY 10/NIGHT 11)

INCLUDED: Full Breakfast

What better way to wrap up the tour and bring back to mind all the things you saw then with a visit to **the Israel Museum, Jerusalem Model and Shrine of the Book**. The artifacts come to life and make

sense with the context you learned over the last nine days. Then, after a lunch break, we will enjoy a lookout point from the south of the city. We will share one last drink together and a final thought on the theme of the tour. We also love to hear your thoughts and experiences. The bus will take us back to the hotel for a final night in Jerusalem. Once returning to the hotel, the tour is over and you are expected to check out the following day before 11:00am, or speak to the hotel about extending your stay accordingly.

OVERNIGHT: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA (Jaffa St 105, Jerusalem)

arrive	depart	location
	08:30	Leave the hotel
09:00	12:00	Israel Museum
12:15	13:15	Lunch
13:30	16:00	Tayelet Promenade
16:30		Arrive at hotel

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