

# DRINK OFFERING TOURS

## ISRAEL: 7 DAYS/6 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.
- 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 Tel Aviv (one night) and Tiberias (three nights). We also include two amazing glamping nights in the Negev Desert.
- Included:** Accommodations (6 nights), transportation (mini bus), driver and guiding fees, park and museum entrance fees, 6 full breakfasts (4 provided by the hotel or a local cafe, 2 at camp), 4 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:** \$1750 for double occupancy | \$2250 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.*

## JERUSALEM ORIENTATION (DAY 0/NIGHT 0)

We will meet in the evening at the pick up location for the next day (*location 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, and to find your way there for the morning. We will be able to help you with any last minute needs, answer questions and get you ready for the excitement ahead. We will also have a gift pack waiting for you filled with goodies from some amazing local businesses. Note that you will need your own hotel or bnb in Jerusalem for the night, but we can help you with finding a good place if needed.

**HOTEL:** NOT INCLUDED

## SHEPHELAH REGION (DAY 1/NIGHT 1)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**OVERNIGHT:** SELINA RAMON GLAMPING (Makhtesh Ramon)

| arrive | depart | location        |
|--------|--------|-----------------|
|        | 07:30  | Leave Jerusalem |
| 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   |

## MIDDLE NEGEV DESERT\* (DAY 2/NIGHT 2)

**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.

**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   |

*"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!"*





## NORTHERN NEGEV DESERT\* (DAY 3/NIGHT 3)

**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       |

## CENTRAL COASTLINE (DAY 4/NIGHT 4)

**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        |

### 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!

### 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.



## KINNERET/SEA OF GALILEE (DAY 5/NIGHT 5)

**INCLUDED:** Full Breakfast | Lunch

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 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 6/NIGHT 6)

**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        |

## THE JEZREEL VALLEY (DAY 7)

**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. From here, we return to Jerusalem to our original pick up location and from here you can get to your hotel for the night.

**OVERNIGHT:** NOT INCLUDED

| 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   |

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