



ISRAEL TOUR 2027

Information Brochure

Join me in Israel

Come Walk Where the Story Happened

There is something extraordinary about reading the Bible in the places where its story unfolded.

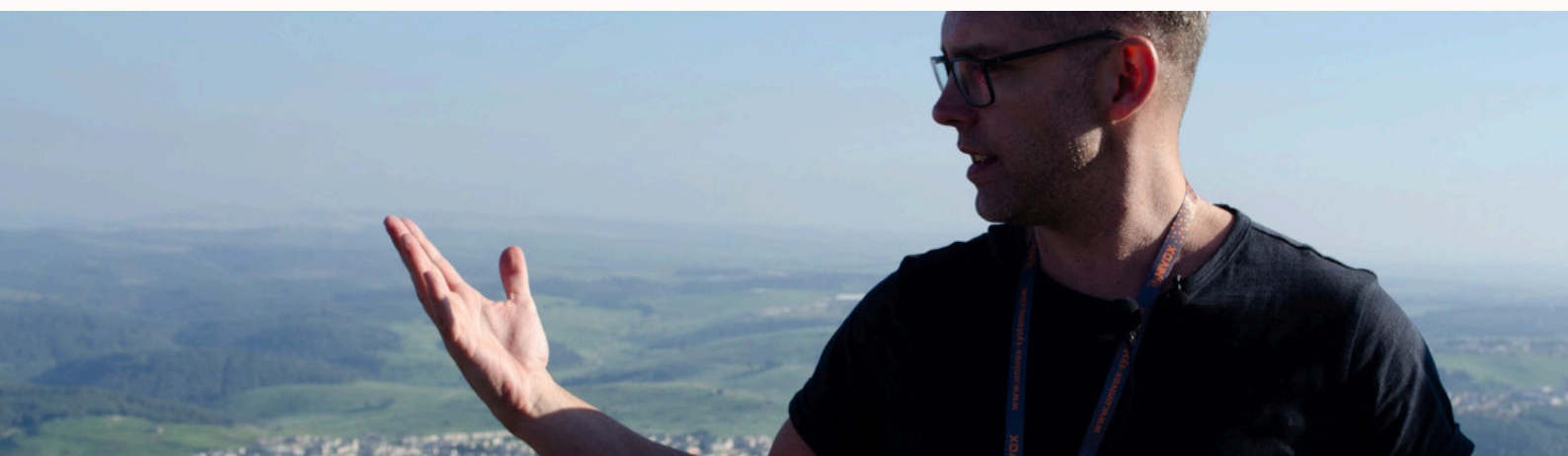
To stand beside the Sea of Galilee. To walk the streets of Jerusalem. To see the landscape Jesus knew. To open Scripture together and realise that these are not simply names on a page, but real places where God worked in the lives of real people.

In 2027, I would love you to join me for an unforgettable journey through Israel. This will be more than a sightseeing tour. We'll travel together, explore the land, worship, open the Bible in some of its most significant locations, share meals and conversations, and experience Israel in a way that I believe will bring fresh colour and depth to the Scriptures for years to come.

Whether this is your first visit to Israel or a place you have long dreamed of returning to, my hope is that you will come home with incredible memories, new friendships and an even greater love for Jesus and His Word.

Come and experience the land of the Bible with me.

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Why this journey matters

An Israel tour is not simply a holiday – it is an opportunity to experience the Bible in a completely different way.

For many Christians, visiting the places where the events of Scripture unfolded changes the way they read the Bible forever. Places that once existed only as names on a page become real. The geography begins to make sense. Familiar passages take on new colour, depth and meaning.

See the Bible in its real-world setting

Stand beside the Sea of Galilee. Walk through Jerusalem. Look across the Judean wilderness. See the hills, valleys and roads you have read about for years. Suddenly, distances, terrain and geography become tangible, and familiar passages begin to make sense in a fresh way.

Open Scripture where it happened

Throughout the journey, we will regularly stop to read, reflect and worship together in places connected to the biblical story. We will open the Gospels beside the Sea of Galilee, reflect on the Psalms in Jerusalem, consider the ministry of Jesus in Capernaum, and remember His death and resurrection at the Garden Tomb.

More than sightseeing

There will be time for worship, prayer, conversation and reflection throughout the tour. Travelling, eating and experiencing the land together also creates space for meaningful friendships and shared memories.

My hope is that you will return home not only having seen Israel, but with a deeper understanding of Scripture, a renewed love for God's Word, and a Bible that will never quite read the same way again.



The journey ahead



Over the course of this journey, we will travel through some of the most significant places in the biblical story – from the Mediterranean coast and the hills of Galilee, through the Jordan Valley and Judean wilderness, and finally into Jerusalem.

Each day has been designed to combine the history and geography of the land with meaningful opportunities to open Scripture, worship together and reflect on what we are seeing.

We will visit ancient cities, walk through places connected to the life and ministry of Jesus, stand where major events of the Bible unfolded, and experience the landscapes that shaped so much of the biblical story.

The days will be full, but intentionally so. This is not simply a sightseeing holiday. It is a journey of discovery, learning, worship and shared experience.

Day -1

We depart from OR Tambo International Airport on an overnight flight to Israel.

Day 1

Joppa

Ancient port city where Peter received the vision to go to Cornelius. Visit St Peters church, dip your feet in the Mediterranean Sea and experience some of the Tel Aviv sites



Caesarea Maritima

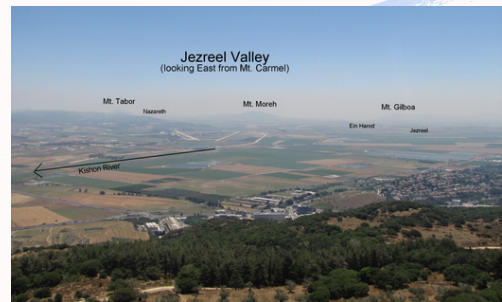
Ruins where Cornelius lived and where the Gospel first reached the Gentiles. Ruins of the Roman hippodrome. View an ancient Roman aquaduct



Day 1 continued...

Mount Carmel

This is where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal, overlooking the Jezreel Valley where Gideon defeated the Midianites, and Mount Gilboa where Saul and Jonathan died. Take time for devotion/teaching around the power of God.



Haifa

Visit the Bahá'í Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a view over the city of Haifa



Tiberius

Check-in at the King Solomon Hotel for overnight in Tiberius, overlooking the Sea of Galilee.



Day 2

Caesarea Philippi

Visit Travel North to Banias, one of the sources of the Jordan River where Jesus famously declared that He will build His church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it. Time of Worship and teaching.



Day 2 cont...

Mount Beatitude

Experience reading Matthew 5-7 on Mount Beatitude where Jesus preached his famous sermon. Time for a devotion/teaching.



Tabgha

This is the site of the Miracle of the Multiplication. Here travellers will have their first opportunity to wade in the waters of the Sea of Galilee. Opportunity for a devotion around the Lord's provision.



Capernaum

"The Town of Jesus". Many of His miracles and teachings happened there, including healing the paralytic and calling His first disciples. It's often referred to as "His own city" (Matthew 9:1). An opportunity for reflection - "Am I a fan or follower of Jesus"?



Magdala

"The Town of Mary". Experience striking ruins of a 4th century synagogue and Peter's House, discovered as recently as 2009.



Sea of Galilee

"Enjoy a board trip and time of worship on the Sea of Galilee, on a boat owned by a Christian Israeli Worship Leader



Tiberias

Return to the King Solomon Hotel for dinner. Explore the Tiberias Port after dinner - a vibrant area with markets, restaurants and Israeli Culture.



Day 3

Nazareth

Experience Nazareth, including the Synagogue where Jesus read from Isaiah, and Mount Precipice where Jesus was almost thrown off a cliff. Also experience the Nazareth Village - A living museum recreating 1st-century Nazareth



Cana

Walk through Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle. Visit the Wedding Church and see ancient stone jars. Opportunity for teaching on Marriage, and prayer for marriages.



Jericho

Visit one of the oldest cities in the world, including Elisha's Fountain and the ruins of the ancient city walls.



Bathabara

Visit the Baptism site on the Jordan river, with opportunities for baptism, or people to affirm their baptism in the waters of the Jordan.



Dead Sea

Spend some time floating in the Dead Sea.- the lowest point on earth.



Day 4



Masada

Cable Car to the top of Masada, a desert fortress above the Dead Sea, built by Herod and later the site of a dramatic last stand against the Romans (AD 73). It stands as a powerful symbol of courage, resistance, and sacrifice.



Qumran

Explore the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, making it one of the most important discoveries for understanding the Bible's history.



Travel through Judean Wilderness

A 2 hour bus ride - we're climb - physically and spiritually - from the lowest place on earth toward the place where God stepped into the world, seeing the sites where David fled, and where Jesus was tempted.



Bethlehem

Worship alongside the Shepherds Field In Bethlehem, and visit an ancient Grotto. Opportunity for teaching around the birth of Jesus and the prophetic significance of the Lamb of God coming from Bethlehem.



Jerusalem Hotel

Check-in to our Hotel in Jerusalem, and explore the Mahane Yehuda Market, a buzzing food + nightlife market.



Day 5 & 6 | Jerusalem

*Final night to include a time of worship, reflection and testimony in the hotel conference room after dinner

We'll spend two full days in one of the most significant cities in the world – a place where the story of our faith comes into sharp, tangible focus.

We begin on the Mount of Olives, tracing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we walk down Palm Sunday Road. Along the way, we'll stop at the Church of Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over the city, before spending time in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and visiting the Church of All Nations. Entering the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate, we'll visit the Church of St Anne, known for its remarkable acoustics, where we'll lift our voices in worship together. Nearby, at the Pool of Bethesda, we'll reflect on Jesus' healing ministry and spend time in prayer.

We'll then step beneath the city into the Lithostrotos, the stone pavement where Pilate pronounced judgment on Jesus, and walk through the ancient streets that echo the Jerusalem of 2,000 years ago.

Above ground, we'll follow the Via Dolorosa, tracing the path Jesus walked to the cross, before visiting the Western Wall and, where possible, the Temple Mount – the very heart of worship in Jesus' day.

On Mount Zion, we'll gather in the Upper Room, remembering the Last Supper and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We'll also visit David's Tomb and the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu, reflecting on Peter's denial and the events leading up to Jesus' trial.

The climax of our time in Jerusalem will be a visit to Golgotha, the place of the skull, and the Garden Tomb. Here, we'll share in a time of worship, prayer, and communion – remembering not only the cross, but the hope of the resurrection.



Day 7

RETURN TO JOHANNESBURG

What is included?

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Your tour package has been designed to cover almost everything you need for the journey, so that once we arrive in Israel you can focus on the experience rather than constantly worrying about additional costs.

Your tour includes

- Return economy flights from Johannesburg to Tel Aviv
- Airport taxes and fuel charges
- Group travel insurance
- Hotel accommodation in Tiberias, the Dead Sea region and Jerusalem
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- One bottle of water per person each day
- Luxury air-conditioned tour coach
- Professional local Israeli tour guide and driver
- Entrance fees to all included sites and attractions
- Sea of Galilee boat trip
- Masada cable car
- Tips for guides, drivers and hotel staff

Tour Cost

- R45,900 per person sharing
- This price is based on a minimum group of 21 passengers.

Not Included

The tour price does not include:

- Lunches and personal snacks
- Personal shopping and souvenirs
- Drinks and other personal hotel expenses
- Optional activities
- Single-room supplements, where applicable
- Any additional personal travel insurance you may choose to arrange

Deposit

No deposit is required when you initially register.

The tour will proceed once we have reached the minimum group size of 21 confirmed passengers. Once the group is confirmed, your registration will be submitted to the travel agent and a R5,000 deposit will become payable to secure your place.

Further payment dates and the final payment schedule will be communicated once the tour is confirmed.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is it safe to travel to Israel?

The safety of the group is a primary consideration. While in Israel, we will travel with an experienced local guide and driver, and the itinerary can be adjusted if conditions require it. I have led over 10 tours of Israel, and have never had any safety concerns or incidents.

How many passengers are needed for the tour to proceed?

The tour is priced on a minimum group of 21 passengers. Your initial registration therefore expresses your intention to join the tour, but no deposit will be required until the minimum group size has been reached and the tour is formally confirmed.

Can anyone join the tour?

The tour is open to Christians who would value the opportunity to experience the land of the Bible together. Because of current Israeli group-entry requirements, I need to personally know the people travelling with our group. If we have not met before, I will arrange one or two conversations with you before your place is finally confirmed. This is simply part of ensuring that I am able to confidently account for the members of the group I am leading.

How physically demanding is the tour?

You do not need to be extremely fit, but you should have a reasonable level of mobility.

On many days we can expect to walk around 10,000 steps, while some of our days in Jerusalem may reach approximately 18,000–20,000 steps. There will also be uneven surfaces, steps, hills and periods of standing. If you have any concerns about mobility, please discuss them with me before registering.

How much spiritual input will there be?

A significant part of this journey is the opportunity to open Scripture in the places connected to its story. We will normally begin the day with a short devotion and will have additional opportunities for teaching, Scripture reading, worship, prayer and reflection at key sites throughout the tour. The goal is not simply to see the sites, but to understand why they matter.

Will there be time to rest?

This is a full and active tour, rather than a relaxed resort holiday. Most days will begin with breakfast from around 06:30, with departure at approximately 07:45. We normally stop for lunch during the day and return to the hotel in time for dinner at approximately 17:30. Evenings will generally be free to rest, explore nearby areas or spend time with fellow travellers.





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