

Song for Israel Petra & Israel Tour

October 20 – November 2, 2025

Day 1- Monday, October 20, 2025

Depart LAX for Amman Jordan

Day 2- Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Arrive in Amman Jordan. Meet our guide and driver who will transport us to the hotel for dinner and rest for the remainder of the evening. We relax tonight as we prepare for the adventurous travel ahead.

Hotel- Geneva Hotel, Amman (www.genevahotel-amman.com)

Day 3- Wednesday, October 22, 2025

We start the day traveling to **Petra**. We will stop at **Mount Nebo**, a high mountain in Moab where Moses viewed the Promised Land before his death. It rises more than 4,000 feet or 1,200 meters above the Dead Sea. It is located on the east side of the Jordan River, opposite Jericho. This is the place where Moses was allowed to view the Promised Land, and then would die. (Deuteronomy 32:48-52)

Hotel- Petra Moon Hotel, Petra (www.petramoonhotel.com)

Day 4- Thursday, October 23, 2025

The day begins with an incredible tour of **Petra**. Petra was in the land of the Edomites, who were descendants of Esau. Israel and Edom were constantly at odds, starting with Edom's refusal to allow Moses and the Israelites passage through their land on their way to Canaan (Numbers 20:18-21). During the kingdom years, King Saul and King David both fought the Edomites (1 Samuel 14:47; 2 Samuel 8:13-14). During the reign of King Jehoshaphat, Edom invaded Judah and was repelled (2 Chronicles 20). Later, King Amaziah fought against Edom, and he took control of Petra, renaming it "Joktheel" (2 Kings 14:7).

When King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC, the Edomites gave aid and comfort to the enemy (Psalm 137:7). For this, they were strongly condemned by the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Obadiah (Isaiah 34:5-8; Jeremiah 49:16-18).

For centuries, Petra seemed secure in its unassailable fortress of rock, but today its ruins lie uninhabited, in fulfillment of the prophetic word: "As Sodom and Gomorrah were overthrown, along with their neighboring towns,' says the LORD, 'so no one will live there; no people will dwell in it'" (Jeremiah 49:18).

After the tour of Petra, we will head south towards Eilat. On the way, we will stop for a **camel ride** in Wadi Run. We then cross the border from Jordan into Israel and spend the night in Eilat.

Hotel- Astral Palma Hotel, Eilat Israel (www.astralhotels.co.il/astral-palma)

Day 5- Friday, October 24, 2025

We start the day with a visit to **Timna Park**. This beautiful desert area is about twenty miles north of Eilat. The park has beautiful sandstone formations, one is named "Solomon's Pillars". While at the park, you will visit the full-scale model of **Israel's original tabernacle**. It is in this area that the children of Israel wandered for 40 years in the wilderness before going into the promised land.

Next, we stop at the **Ramon Crater** in Israel's Negev Desert. It is the world's largest erosion crater or makhtesh. A landform unique to Israel's Negev and Egypt's Sinai deserts', a makhtesh is a large erosion cirque, created when oceans covered the area (the word crater is, therefore, a misleading translation of Hebrew to English.) The Ramon Crater measures 40km in length and between 2 and 10km in width, shaped like a long heart, and forms Israel's largest national park, the Ramon Nature Reserve. Our last stop of the day will be at the **Dead Sea** where we will have time to experience "floating" on the waters of the lowest place on earth.

Hotel- Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem (www.prima-hotels-israel.com/prima-kings-jerusalem-hotel)

Day 6- Saturday, October 25, 2025

We start the day with a visit to **Qumran** to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by shepherds.

Next, we head to the **Cave of the Patriarchs** (Machpela), which has an ancient history dating back to the earliest man and woman in the Bible. Adam and Eve are said to be buried in the cave. Besides Adam and Eve, the three patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people – Abraham and Sarah, Rebekah and Isaac, and Jacob and Leah – are buried there as well. Since Biblical times, the Cave of Machpela has been a place of prayer, meditation, and study. Hebron was the capital of the tribe of Judah. King David began his kingship here. From Hebron, he was crowned King of Judah seven years before he was crowned King of Israel in Jerusalem.

We end the day at the **Mount of Olives**, getting a panoramic view of Jerusalem. The New Testament tells how Jesus ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives according to Acts 1:9–12.

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Day 7- Sunday, October 26, 2025

Our first stop of the day is **Shiloh**, the religious and military capital of Israel during the times of the Judges, and the Tabernacle resided here for 369 years. It was the first place where the tabernacle became a permanent structure.

Next, we visit the **Western Wall Tunnels** which take us underground to see the entire length of the Western Wall under the Arab Quarter. You will then visit the **Western Wall**, the holiest place for Jews. If you'd like, you can put a note in the wall while there. Then we will ascend to the **Temple Mount**, which has an ancient biblical history, going back as far as 1800 B.C. when Abraham came to Mount Moriah to offer his son Isaac (Genesis 22:2, 12). The site came to be known as the "Mount of the LORD" (verse 14). 400 years later Moses referred to this site after leading the Israelites out of Egypt (Exodus 15:17). Four centuries after that, King David purchased this site for the location of a future temple (1 Chronicles 21:18-24; 2 Chronicles 3:1).

We then go to the **Davidson Center Archaeological Park**. You will find displays from the First and Second Temple periods: the ancient city wall, the Temple's staircase, a preserved ancient street, ritual immersion baths, and stores. We'll stop to sit on the original **Southern Steps**, where Jesus taught at the age of 12, and where Peter likely preached his first sermon in Acts 2.

Next, we explore the **City of David**, one of the most important archaeological sites in Israel. It bears the oldest remains of Jerusalem, including significant remains from the time of David's kingdom when his capital was here.

We then get to go through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** (wet or dry) for an incredible experience. It is a 1750-foot-long tunnel that was dug by King Hezekiah, so that he could fortify the city against the invading Assyrian armies without compromising its main water source, the **Gihon Spring**, which lay outside the walls, 2 Kings 20. After exiting the tunnel, we come to the **Pool of Siloam**.

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Day 8- Monday, October 27, 2025

The day begins at the **Garden of Gethsemane**. The New Testament tells how Jesus ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives according to Acts 1:9–12. At the foot of the Mount of Olives is the Garden of Gethsemane. This is the garden where Jesus prayed on the night of His betrayal and arrest (Mark 14:32-41). According to the record in Luke, Jesus' despair in Gethsemane was so deep that He sweated drops of blood (Luke 22:40-46).

Next, we go to the **Garden Tomb** (the site of **Golgotha/Calvary**). Many believe Jesus was crucified, died on the cross, was buried, and raised from the dead here (Matthew 27:33-61). At the site, we'll have a special devotional time and a **communion service**.

We then go to the **House of Caiaphas**. According to Luke 22:63, Jesus is mocked and beaten. This is also the place where Peter denied knowing Jesus three times (Matthew 26:69-74).

Afterward, we will continue to the **Israel Museum**, where we'll see a **Scale Model of Jerusalem** during the Second Temple period and we'll learn about the topography of the city in the time of Jesus. We'll also visit the **Shrine of the Book** where we can see the **Dead Sea Scrolls**.

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Day 9- Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Starting the day, we'll visit **Caesarea**, the port city built by King Herod the Great 2,000 years ago, and the place where Simon Peter shared the gospel with Cornelius, the Roman centurion who became the first Gentile convert (Acts 10). We'll see a Roman Amphitheatre, hippodrome, and other remains of this famous port city.

We then drive to the outskirts of Nazareth to the **Mount Precipice**. It is called that because of a story found in Luke 4:16-30.

Ending the day, we go to the **Yardenit Baptismal Site** on the **Jordan River**. If you desire, you will have the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River like Jesus!

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Day 10- Wednesday, October 29, 2025

We start the day with a **Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee**, the same waters where Jesus walked (Mark 6:48-50).

Next, we stop at **Magdala**. In 2009, while constructing a guesthouse on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, archaeologists found a First Century synagogue. Inside the synagogue, they found the Magdala Stone. Mary Magdalene was from here and Jesus would have visited and taught in the synagogue. Matthew 15:39; Luke 8:1-3

Then we head to the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, the area where Jesus preached to the multitudes the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. Next, we visit **Capernaum**, the chosen home city of Jesus after He was driven from Nazareth by the religious officials (Luke 4:16, 28-30). Capernaum was also the home of Peter and Andrew and where Jesus called them to follow Him (Matt. 4:18-20). Jesus also found Matthew in Capernaum and called him to follow (Matthew 9:9).

The last stop of the day is at Tabgha, the Church of the **Primacy of Peter**. A church was built here in 1934 and was built over a large rock called "Mensa Christi" (Christ's Table, place of the Lord's Supper). Tabgha is likely the site where Jesus met the disciples when they were fishing. It is also believed by many that this is the traditional location where Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord appeared to His disciples. Matthew 4:18-22; John 21:1-19

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We start the day driving through the Valley of Jezreel where we'll visit **Megiddo**, the city of King Solomon and King Ahab. Here, 20 different layers of civilization were excavated. This area is known as the valley where the kings of the earth will gather for the battle commonly referred to as the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:12-16). We continue to the top of **Mt. Carmel**, where the prophet Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal and proved to the people that the God of Israel is the one true God (1 Kings 18:17-40).

Day 11- Thursday, October 30, 2025

We head north to **Tel Dan**. This is where God appeared to Jeroboam and promised to bless him if he would serve Him. However, Jeroboam turned away from the Lord and built golden calves in Bethel and Dan. After a severe warning from God, Jeroboam continued the worship of false gods, and the sin of Jeroboam became a pattern that the rest of the kings of Israel would follow. In 722 BC, as judgment from God for their continual

disobedience, the 10 northern tribes of Israel were deported by the Assyrian Empire. Today a replica of an altar is on display. (1 Kings 11:38; 1 Kings 12:25-31; 1 Kings 13:33-34; 1 Kings 15:33-34; 1 Kings 16:26)

Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, the northernmost limit of Christ's ministry. It sits on the southern slopes of Mt. Hermon near the ancient city of Dan. Jesus brought His disciples to Caesarea Philippi to put into their hearts and minds the truth of who He was and what the mission of the church would be over evil. It was in Caesarea Philippi that the apostle Peter confessed Jesus to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God". (Matt. 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-22)

Next, we travel to **Mount Bental**. During the Yom Kippur War in 1973, one of Israel's largest tank battles took place at the foot of Mt. Bental. The fierce battle earned the area below Mount Bental the name Valley of Tears. In 1974 a demilitarized zone was established between Syria and Israel and monitored by the UN.

We end the day enjoying a **Druze Market** before returning to our hotel.

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Day 12- Friday, October 31, 2025

We start the day at **Megiddo**. The city of Megiddo was large and a strategic stronghold. Major traffic that would pass through northern Israel would have to pass by Megiddo. Twenty-six separate layers of occupation were found at Megiddo, each built on top of the ruins of the previous city. Armageddon is the compound that means "mountain of Megiddo". (Joshua 12:7, 21; Judges 1:27, 5:19-20; Zechariah 12:11; Revelation 16:13-16)

The next stop of the day is **Nazareth Village**. This small village is a recreation of what it would have looked like in the time of Jesus. Nazareth overlooks the Jezreel Valley and became important because it was the hometown of Jesus. Mary was here when an angel came to her and announced that she would be the mother of Jesus. Jesus preached His first recorded sermon in Nazareth. (Luke 1:26-38, 2:41-52; 4:16-30)

We travel to **Cana**, the place of Jesus' first public miracle at the start of His ministry where He changed the water into wine. Jesus also healed an official's son in Cana. John 2:1-11; John 4:46-54

The last stop of the day is **Bet Shean**, which had been inhabited for over 5,000 years. It was known as Scythopolis and was mentioned in B.C. Egyptian documents. During excavations, 18 different cities have been unearthed that were built upon its ruins. The Philistines nailed the body of King Saul here after their victory at Mt. Gilboa (1 Samuel 31:8-12). The city was then captured during the days of King David. An earthquake in 749 A.D. destroyed the city leaving the ruins we see today. (Joshua 17:11, 16; Judges 1:27)

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Day 13- Saturday, November 1, 2025

We depart from Tiberias for Jaffa (Joppa), one of the oldest port cities in the Mediterranean area. This is the port where Jonah tried to flee from God. Simon the Tanner lived in Joppa, and it was the place the Apostle Peter was staying when he received the vision to take the Gospel to the Gentiles. Jonah 1; Acts 10.

The afternoon will be free to enjoy the beach before our farewell dinner.

Hotel- Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv (www.hotelmetropolitan.co.il)

Day 14- Sunday, November 2, 2025

We depart the hotel early in the morning for the airport for our flight home. You will realize after the trip that you will never be the same!