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DAY TOUR

Student & Alumni HOLY LAND TOUR March 11-18, 2026

8 Days / 7 Nights from \$4928 per person Double Occupancy Single Supplement: \$980

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Travel to the Holy Land and feel the very foundation of your faith; to take what was in the Bible and turn it into a vivid reality. Truly, a fulfilling pilgrimage!

Student Scholarships are available for students. For information, contact Carrie Green at <u>carrie.green@macu.edu</u>

There is a \$500 per person (non-refundable) deposit.

Tour Highlights

- 8 Days / 7 Nights' Accommodations
- Cities: Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Masada
- Breakfasts and dinner daily at hotel
- International Airfare from OKC
- Stunning Churches, Sanctuaries, Dead Sea and Masada
- All entrance fees to sites as mentioned on itinerary
- 1 St Peter fish lunch (North), 1 Farewell Dinner, 1 Dinner out at Abraham's Tent
- All transfers to and from airport in Israel including Smile service
 upon arrival
- Licensed English-Speaking tour guide on all days
- Luxury Bus 55-seater with WIFI
- Whispers & 2 bottles of water daily per person
- Porterage at all hotels

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Each traveler is permitted 1 checked luggage bag and one soft carry-on item, such as a backpack.

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Day 1: FLIGHT FROM USA TO ISRAEL

Your journey to the Holy Land of Israel begins today as you board your flight to the Airport. (International Flight from OKC included)



\mathcal{D}_{ay} 2: ISRAEL ARRIVAL / TEL AVIV (D)

Welcome to the beautiful Country of Israel!

Today, you will arrive at the Ben Gurion Airport, one of our Mission Travel Representatives will meet and assist you upon arrival.

Meet with your English-speaking guide and drive to Jaffa for a walking tour of the Old City.

Jaffa has been known in the bible as Joppa and is considered the world's oldest port and the place where the prophet Jonah set sail for Tarshish. Jaffa is associated with the deeds of Peter.

You'll be transferred to your hotel after your visit to Jafa. **Have your delicious dinner and overnight stay at Tal Hotel (or similar)**

Day 3: THE COAST, MEDITERANEAN/ NAZARETH (B,D)

Good Morning! Relish your breakfast at the hotel.

Today, you will **drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea**, the seat of the Roman Procurator of Judea at the time of Christ, and the site where Peter converted the centurion, Cornelius.

Caesarea, the great Roman Port city and one of the largest archeological digs in Israel. Here the Roman centurions Cornelius was baptized by Peter and became the first gentile convert to Christianity (Acts 10) and Paul was tried by Festus (Acts 25:6-12).

A drive up to **Mt. Carmel,** where Elijah challenged and defeated the 450 prophets of Baal.

Continue to Tel Megiddo, (1 Kings 9:15), site of a fascinating Tel (hill) comprising 26 ancient civilizations superimposed on one another, the Fortress City of King Solomon, later built again by King Ahab.

Hike up to the Valley of Jezreel to Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16).

Drive across the **valley to Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus. It is a city in Israel with biblical history. In the old city, the domed **Basilica of the Annunciation** is some belief, where the angel Gabriel told Mary she would bear a child. St. Joseph's Church is said to be the site of Joseph's carpentry workshop.



The underground Synagogue Church is reputedly where Jesus studied and prayed. Nazareth Village, an open-air museum, reconstructs daily life in Jesus' era.

You will then **visit the Church of Annunciation and Mary's Well** and see Gideon's Spring (Mayan Harod) and watch Judges 4 come to life.

Drive to Magdala hotel and check in to hotel

Overnight and Dinner at the Gomeh Hotel (or similar)

Day 4: SEA OF GALILEE (B,L,D)

Enjoy your **breakfast at the hotel** for this morning, you will be visiting the biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Then **visit the Mount of Beatitudes**, a hill in northern Israel, in the Korazim Plateau. It is where Jesus is believed to have delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Mathew 5:1-12. This was followed by the visit to Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during His Galilee ministry (Matthew 4:13, Mark 3:1).

Continue to Tabgha, where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes (Luke 9:10-17); chapel that commemorates where Jesus instructed Peter to "feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17).

Continue to Capernaum.

Have your **lunch with St. Peter's Fish** from the Sea of Galilee served in a Tiberias restaurant at your leisure.

You will be on a **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, also called Lake Tiberias, Kinneret, or Kinnereth, which is a freshwater lake in Israel. It is the lowest freshwater lake on Earth and the second-lowest lake in the world, at levels between 215 meters and 209 meters below sea level.

Stopover at Nof Ginnosar to see the 2,000-year-old "Jesus Boat" unearthed from the Sea of Galilee.

Overnight and Dinner Gomeh Hotel (or similar)



\mathcal{D}_{ay} 5: BAPTISM / JERUSALEM (B,D)

Have a hearty breakfast at your hotel. Grab your belongings and check out of the hotel.

This morning we will head to the Yardenit site on the Jordan for Baptisms.

Visit the Beath Shean excavations - a prominent location where King Saul and his sons were hung by the Philistines after their defeat at the Battle of Gilboa (1 Sam 31:8-13, 1 Chron 10:8-12) This is a significant archaeological digs revealing a city's history, spanning from the Canaanite period to the Roman and Byzantine eras. Notable finds include temples, Roman baths, colonnades, and a Byzantine round church.

Drive via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem

If security allows visit Jericho

If time permits visit Bethlehem

Drive to Jerusalem

Overnight and Dinner Olive Tree hotel, Jerusalem (or similar)





Day 8: JERUSALEM / DEPARTURE (B,D)

Enjoy your **breakfast at the hotel,** and prepare for your final tour today!

Gather all your belongings, You'll have a late check out today.

Today, you will visit the **Garden Tomb** (Gordon's Calvary) and you will walk along the **Road to Emmaus** in Abu Ghosh and see the location of the **house of Abinadab**, where the ark of the covenant was held.

Drive through Samson's country and see the ancient site of Beth Shemesh. **Stand in the Elah Valley,** where David fought Goliath, and see Gath, Goliath's hometown.

Have your Farewell Dinner.

Transfer to take you to the Airport to board your flight back home.

Day 6: OLD CITY JERUSALEM (B,D)

Enjoy your breakfast at your hotel, gather your belongings and check out of the hotel.

Today we visit the **Old City of Jerusalem**. Our appreciation of this Golden City begins with a **panoramic view from the Mount of Olives**, overlooking the walls of the old city and the ancient Jewish cemetery.

Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem.

Visit the beautiful Church of All Nations then proceed to **Mount Zion** to see the tomb of King David and the nearby Room of the Last Supper (Luke 22).

You will then **enter the Old City through the Zion Gate**, walk to the **Jewish Quarter**, visit the **Cardo and Hezekiah's Wall**, and have your first glimpse of the Western Wall.

View the **Temple Mount** and the **Western Wall and tunnels. Walk along the Via Dolorosa**, where Jesus carried His Cross. **Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, a church in the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. The church contains, according to traditions dating back to at least the fourth century, the two holiest sites in Christianity: the site where Jesus was crucified, at a place known as Calvary or Golgotha, and Jesus's empty tomb, where he was buried and resurrected. The tomb is enclosed by a 19th-century shrine called the Aedicula. The Status Quo, an understanding between religious communities dating to 1757, applies to the site. (Matthew 27, Matthew 33:57).

No visit to Jerusalem is complete without a walk through the colorful Arab bazaar for a chance to test your negotiating skills.

Overnight and Dinner, Olive Tree hotel (or similar) Jerusalem

ay 7: DEAD SEA / MASADA / JERUSALEMN (B,D)

Enjoy your early delicious breakfast at the hotel.

7:15am After breakfast, you will proceed to the **shores of the Dead Sea** to visit **Qumran** where the Dead Sea scrolls were found **and Masada**.

You will tour around **Qumran Caves**, a series of caves, some natural, some artificial, found around the archaeological site of Qumran in the Judaean Desert of the West Bank. It is in these caves that the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Ascend Masada by cable car. Masada is the site of the most dramatic act in Jewish History. You will explore the ancient excavation of Herod's Palaces, the bathhouse, the storerooms, the Ramp, and the oldest Synagogue in the world.

Enjoy a relaxing **swim in the Dead Sea**. A Salt Lake bordered by Jordan to the east and Israel and the West Bank to the west. It lies in the Jordan Rift Valley, and its main tributary is the Jordan River. Its surface and shores are 430.5 meters below sea level, Earth's lowest elevation on land.

You'll proceed to have Dinner at Abraham's Tentto enjoy the local food, and then experience a Camel ride.

Return to Jerusalem for overnight stay at the Olive Tree Hotel (or similar)

