

FAITH STEPS IN ISRAEL

June 9-19, 2026

— TOUR ITINERARY —

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DAY 1 — TUESDAY — March 17, 2026

Depart the USA for Israel

Take an overnight transatlantic flight from the USA to Tel Aviv.

DAY 2 — WEDNESDAY — March 18, 2026

Arrive Israel • Jerusalem

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, Israel, transfer to our hotel in **Jerusalem**, have dinner, and enjoy a good night's rest. (D)

DAY 3 — THURSDAY — March 19, 2026

City of David • Hezekiah's Tunnel • The Garden Tomb • Church of the Holy Sepulchre

We begin our tour of this marvelous land in the Jerusalem area. This area "bookends" the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our visits in this area include Bethlehem where he was born. They also include Jerusalem where he was crucified, buried, and resurrected as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The days in Jerusalem are full! Today we visit the **City of David** and walk **Hezekiah's Tunnel**. Hezekiah built the tunnel to bring water from the Gihon Spring into Jerusalem as he prepared to defend the city from Sennacherib (2 Chronicles 32).

We visit the **Garden Tomb** and then make our way to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. At these sites we remember the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Olive trees at Gethsemane

If time permits, this afternoon we visit the **Israel Museum** and view a number of archaeological discoveries. We will visit the **Shrine of the Book** and see Dead Sea Scrolls. Outside we see the **Model City of Jerusalem** which is a 1:50 scale model of what Jerusalem looked like about 66 A.D. during the Second Temple Period. (B, D)

DAY 4 — FRIDAY — March 20, 2026

Mount of Olives • Garden of Gethsemane • Church of All Nations • Palm Sunday Route

We began our day by going to the **Mount of Olives** and the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus often prayed (John 18:2).



A model of the Herodium

The **Church of All Nations** is built at the site of where some believe Jesus prayed before his arrest.

We then walk the **Palm Sunday Route** and visit Saint Peter in Gallicantu.

The massive **Western Wall** of the Temple Mount is the holiest place Jews are permitted to pray. We look forward to taking a few minutes for a devotional on the **Southern Steps**. We plan to visit the **Temple Mount** (time and circumstances permitting). (B, D)

DAY 5 — SATURDAY — March 21, 2026

Church of the Nativity • Herodium • Shepherd's Field • Tel Beth-Shemesh

The Bible contains many references to and events in Bethlehem. Perhaps the most notable event is the birth of our Savior.

In Bethlehem we will tour the **Church of the Nativity** where we see the Grotto of the Nativity. The church was originally built in 333 AD.

The **Herodium** is an amazing site. It is one of Herod's palace fortresses and where he was buried. We then proceed to **Shepherd's Field**.

Our journey takes us to the **Valley of Elah** where David slew Goliath. Visiting **Tel Beth-Shemesh** is a highlight because it is where the Ark of the Covenant returned after the Philistines sent it back to Israel (1 Samuel 6:12).

DAY 6 — SUNDAY — March 22, 2026

Jericho • Qumran • Ein Gedi • Ein Bokek

We leave Jerusalem and head to **Jericho** which the children of Israel conquered when entering the Promised Land. We view the ruins of the city and discuss the findings of John Garstang and Kathleen Kenyon.

The **Qumran** community is our next destination. This is where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. We continue south and stop at the spring of **Ein Gedi** where David hid from King Saul (1 Samuel 23:29 - 24:1-2).

Our hotel in **Ein Bokek** is on the **Dead Sea**. We should have time to float in the Dead Sea and spend a little time on the beach. (B, D)

DAY 7 — MONDAY — March 23, 2026

Masada • Qasr al-Yahud • Beit She'an

We begin our day by taking the cable car to the majestic ruins of **Masada**. It was here that Jewish zealots held the fortress against the Romans until the X Legion seized Masada in 73 A.D. Josephus wrote of the plan for the 960 men, women and children to kill themselves rather than become Roman slaves. Two women and five children were found alive.

We travel to the Jordan River at **Qasr al-Yahud**. This is near Bethany Beyond the Jordan where John was baptizing (John 1:28).

Much reconstruction from the Roman time period has taken place at **Beit She'an** — then known as Scythopolis. We also view **Tel Beit She'an** where King Saul's body was hung after his death (1 Samuel 31:10-12).

Our day concludes in Tiberias. (B, D)

DAY 8 — TUESDAY — March 24, 2026

Golan Heights • Bethsaida • Qatzrin • Hazor • Dan • Caesarea Philippi

We are now in the Galilee Region. It is this area — between the "bookends" — where most of Jesus' public ministry took place.



The Dead Sea at Ein Bokek

We begin the day by driving upon the **Golan Heights** for a panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. Then we continue to **Bethsaida** on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee.

We continue to **Qatzrin** where we visit the Qatzrin Archaeological Park. Another archaeological site we get to visit is Hazor (Joshua 11:10).

At **Dan** we walk through the Nature Preserve beside the roaring Jordan River before entering **Tel Dan**. We see where Jeroboam set up the high place in the northern kingdom so people would not return to Jerusalem (1 Kings 12:28).



Visiting Abraham's Gate at Dan

We continue to **Caesarea Philippi** (Banais) where Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16:16). We return to Tiberias for a good night's sleep. (B, D)

Day 9 — WEDNESDAY — March 25, 2026
Magdala • Chorazim • Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes • Yigal Allon Museum at Nof Ginosar • Sea of Galilee Boat Ride

Our busy day begins by going to **Magdala**, believed by many to be the home of Mary Magdalene. Recent excavations (2009-2013) discovered an ancient synagogue.

We proceed to the north side of the Sea of Galilee to the ruins of **Chorazin**, one of the cities that Jesus condemned (Matthew 11:21-22).

Next on the schedule is **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry. There we see a reconstructed 4th century synagogue built upon a 1st century synagogue, perhaps the one mentioned in the gospels (John 6:59). We also see a house said to have belonged to Peter.

We visit the **Mount of Beatitudes** (Matthew 5, 6, 7) before stopping at the **Yigal Allon Mu-**

seum at Nof Ginosar to view the first-century boat, sometimes called the "Jesus Boat." If time and weather allows, we will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee before returning to our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 10 — THURSDAY — March 26, 2026
Nazareth • Megiddo • Mount Carmel • Caesarea Maritima

Our first stop today is **Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus. It is also where he read the scriptures in the synagogue and proclaimed, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).

We visit the **Church of the Annunciation** and Mary's Well.

Our journey takes us through the Jezreel Valley to visit **Megiddo** which has about 26 levels of occupation. Ahab constructed a large water system in the 9th century BC. We have the opportunity to descend into the water system and walk the tunnel to the spring.

Next on our list is **Mount Carmel** where Elijah met the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18).

Our list site to see in Israel is **Caesarea Maritima** (Acts 10, Peter's encounter with Cornelius) where the Pontius Pilate Stone was discovered. The remains of Herod's palace give evidence to what a majestic residence it was. We view the ancient harbor, the Roman theater, the hippodrome, and the Roman aqueducts.

We will stop for a meal before arriving at the **Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)** for our late night return flight to the US. (B)



Some of group on the Sea of Galilee

DAY 11 — FRIDAY — March 27, 2026

Return Home

Many of our group will depart Tel Aviv about midnight on Thursday. We will arrive home with photos, memories of a trip of a lifetime, and greater appreciation for our Father's love and plan for us.



The aqueduct at Caesarea Maritima

Scheduled Hotels

(Subject to Change)

June 10-13 – Cassia Hotel – Jerusalem
June 14 – Enjoy Dead Sea Hotel – Ein Bokek
June 15-17 – Leonardo Plaza – Tiberias

B = Breakfast

D = Dinner

No noon meals are included.

Tips included: Hotel (housekeeping, dining, front desk, and baggage)
Guide and driver, including their end-of-tour tips.
Noon meal tips are not included.



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