



Some say there are five gospels: Four you will find in the Bible and the fifth one is the land we call holy. Come and explore this fifth gospel and see how the world of the other four comes alive to you. The familiar stories in the Bible will take on remarkable color and depth as you experience the world that the people of the Old and New Testaments knew.

Come join us on location as we study the Biblical story in its geographical and cultural context, and experience how they give testimony to the intricate story of God and His people from the days of Abraham to yours.



"We experienced Jesus like never before. John's teaching inspired my soul and inspired us to live like Jesus."

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Your host...
John DeKruyter



John DeKruyter has spent over 20 years studying the land of the Bible. He and his family lived there while he earned a master's degree from Jerusalem University College in Biblical History and Historical Geography. The land was his classroom and he studied under world renowned archeologists, historians, and contemporary scholars. John was first introduced to the land through Ray VanderLaan in 2000 and has been leading his own study tours since 2008. John continues to study, teach, and develop resources to equip others with the history, culture, and geography of the Bible.

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Trip to **Israel**

A spiritual journey
you will never forget!

March
2025
with your host
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Israel Trip

Whether this is your first trip to Israel, or you are returning, any experience in Israel surpasses most people's expectations.

Israel is a small country on the Mediterranean that is rich in culture and history. Israel serves as the foundation for our Christian faith as well as two other world religions.

The chance to explore the lands of the Bible with friends is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you do not want to miss!



You can expect...

Physical Challenge

We will be in the land of Jesus, Paul, Samson, David and others. We, like them, will do a lot of walking. Be prepared to hike 5-6 miles a day, sometimes over rugged terrain. Israel is surprisingly hilly. Be prepared for elevation changes. These circumstances will give you greater appreciation for people in Bible times. Everyone can do it, but you need to train by hiking and climbing stairs. The more you do to prepare physically and spiritually the more you will enjoy the trip.

Emotional Connection

Plan to talk, study and listen to our hosts, our guides, and the other people on the trip with you. New friendships will be forged and a piece of your heart will be captured. This will be a trip you will never forget.

Spiritual Awakening

This trip will help the Bible come alive to you. Your studying and reading will never be the same once you have experienced this land firsthand.

Schedule (subject to change)

March

- 02 Depart from Chicago
- 03 Arrive in Israel, welcome dinner and settle into hotel
- 04 Caesarea, Mt. Carmel (Elijah vs. Baal), Megiddo, Nazareth Ridge
- 05 Arbel, Magdala, Capernaum, Boat Ride Sea of Galilee
- 06 Gamla, Caesarea Philippi, Dan
- 07 Korazin, Jordan River, Decapolis cities
- 08 Judean Wilderness, Ellah Valley (David and Goliath), Beth Shemesh (Sampson)
- 09 Masada (Herod's desert fortress), Ein Gedi (Oasis), Qumram (Dead Sea Scrolls & Float)
- 10 Jerusalem Temple Mount, Israel Museum, Western Wall
- 11 Bethlehem, Herodian, Church of Nativity, Shepherd's Fields
- 12 Jerusalem sites passion week
- 13 Return home



Hotels

Kfar Hanokdim
David Dead Sea
Lake House Hotel
Ramada Jerusalem

(1 night)
(1 night)
(5 nights)
(3 nights)

Flights

Round trip economy class flight from Chicago O'Hare is included in the price

Payment Schedule

Required deposit per person:

\$300 by October 1, 2024
(Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable)

Balance due by December 1, 2024*

*\$300 cancellation fee

Price

\$4,959 per person*

based on double occupancy and one standard suitcase/person

- Single Room Supplement available (+\$1,287)
- Price based on cash/check - +\$224 for credit card use
- Land only option available upon request

Includes:

- Full Israeli breakfast buffet daily
- Dinner each evening
- All motor coach transfers and entrance fees
- All taxes, tips & service charges
- All fuel surcharges
- Customized study guide & welcome kit
- Traditional St. Peter's Fish Lunch

Does not Include:

Cost of obtaining U.S. Passport, Visa fees (if required), additional meals, insurance, items of a personal nature (laundry, phone calls, etc.), bottled water, daily lunches.