



# Study Trip to Israel

January 4 - 16, 2020<sup>1</sup>

Host Pastor: Rick Goertzen<sup>2</sup>  
 Teacher: Doug Bookman  
 Driver/Guide: Pastor Nabil Kort

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																				
<b>December 29</b> <b>Telephone #s:</b> Gilgal Hotel – Tel Aviv . . . . . Kibbutz En Gev . . . . . Masada Youth Hostel . . . . . Gloria Hotel . . . . . Bookman's Mobile . . . . . Mobile (Guide) . . . . .	<b>December 30</b> From the USA, precede with 011-972- 3 5111000 4-665-9800 2-628-2431 050-709-5639 (Israel Phone) 973.685.5625 (US Virtual) 054 924-5552	<b>Trip offered on Land-Only Basis</b> Travelers secure their own air flights <b>Land Cost</b> <b>\$3,200</b> Please read <i>completely &amp; carefully</i> <u>all</u> of the information on both sides of this sheet			<u>Optional Early Departure Date</u> <sup>3</sup>	<u>Depart for Israel</u> by the flight of your choice and arrangement. <sup>4</sup>																				
<b>January 5</b> <b>Arrive Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel</b> Make your way to our hotel in Tel Aviv <sup>5</sup> Option: Independence Hall Option: Joppa Walk Introductions & Preview <sup>6</sup> (after evening meal) ON: Gilgal Hotel Tel Aviv	<b>January 6</b> <b>Coastal Plains &amp; The Jezreel Valley</b> Caesarea Maritima Mt Carmel (Muhraka) [Overview: Jezreel Valley] 2 <sup>nd</sup> Temple Tomb Tel Megiddo Mt Gilboa / Jezreel [Ein Harod Overlook] Nazareth: Mt Precipice En Gev – Sea of Galilee	<b>January 7</b> <b>Sea of Galilee</b> Lower Galilee (drive thru) HoH / Mt Arbel (Hike) Magdala / Migdol Church of Beatitudes Capernaum Tabgha Nof Ginnosar Boat Ride ON: En Gev	<b>January 8</b> <b>Northern Galilee / Huleh Valley</b> Chorazim Tel Hazor Huleh Valley Tel Dan Banias Falls Caesarea Philippi/Banias Golan Heights/Syria overlook Qazrin ON: En Gev	<b>January 9</b> <b>Jordan Rift</b> Beth Shan Border Road Route Jordan River Site Tel Jericho Qumran / Cave 11 [hike] Dead Sea Swim Aliyah / Up to Jerusalem PM: Visit to Western Wall ON: Gloria Hotel – Jaffa Gate	<b>January 10</b> <b>Negev /Shephelah</b> En Gedi (overlook) Masada [down seige ramp] Arad / Beer-Sheva [drive-by] Tel Lachish Elah Valley / Azekah Sorek Val / Beth-Shemesh Aliyah from the West ON: Gloria Hotel	<b>January 11</b> <b>Intro to Jerusalem</b> Gibeah of Saul [Cent Benj Plateau – overlook] Mt Scopus / Mt of Olives Haas Promenade Israel Museum: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Temple Model Shrine of the Book Archeological Museum PM: Optional Worship Service ON: Gloria Hotel																				
<b>January 12</b> <b>Judea/Ephraim/Samaria [The West Bank]</b> Drive thru Ephraim Hill Ctry Sychar/Jacob's well Shechem/Tel Balata Shiloh Beitin / Bethel / Luz Et-Tell / Ai Dayr Debwan [Ai on the east, Bethel on the west] Geba-Michmash overlook ON: Gloria Hotel	<b>January 13</b> <b>Jerusalem / OT</b> [Along the way: Bar-Mitzvah watch & Cardo Walk-through] Hezekiah's Broad Wall City of David Warren's Shaft / Hezekiah's Tunnel / Pool of Siloam AFTERNOON: FREE <sup>7</sup> ON: Gloria Hotel	<b>January 14</b> <b>Jerusalem / NT</b> Davidson Center [Southern Step Excavations] Western Wall Tunnel Holy Sepulcher Church AFTERNOON – FREE Evening: <b>Jesus Final Hours (Pt 2)</b> Priestly Villa & Stone Pavement [Jewish & Roman Trials] ON: Gloria Hotel	<b>January 15</b> <b>Jesus' Final Hours (Pt 1)</b> Temple Mount [700 am] Cenacle/Upper room Walk to Gethsemane AFTERNOON FREE Farewell Dinner Depart for airport <sup>8</sup> – time per your arrangement ON: Aboard an airplane	<b>January 16</b> <b>Travel Home</b> Important Note: Schedule your departure time here – as close as possible to <b>midnight, Wednesday, January 15</b> – Either very late on Wed, January 15 or as early as possible on Thurs, January 16. ON: In your own bed!	<b>January 17</b> <b>January 18</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>FYI (Festivals – Hebrew year 5777)</b>  <table border="0"> <tr><td>Tabernacles</td><td>Oct 14-15, 2019</td></tr> <tr><td>Purim</td><td>Mar 10, 2020</td></tr> <tr><td>Passover/Pesach</td><td>April 9-10</td></tr> <tr><td>Pentecost/Shavuot</td><td>May 29-30</td></tr> <tr><td>Tish'a B'Av</td><td>July 30, 2020</td></tr> <tr><td>Rosh Hashana</td><td>Sept 19-20, 2020</td></tr> <tr><td>Yom Kippur</td><td>Sept 28, 2020</td></tr> <tr><td>Tabernacles</td><td>Oct 3-4, 2020</td></tr> <tr><td>Simchat Torah</td><td>Oct 11, 2020</td></tr> <tr><td>Chanukah</td><td>Dec 11-18, 2020</td></tr> </table> </div>		Tabernacles	Oct 14-15, 2019	Purim	Mar 10, 2020	Passover/Pesach	April 9-10	Pentecost/Shavuot	May 29-30	Tish'a B'Av	July 30, 2020	Rosh Hashana	Sept 19-20, 2020	Yom Kippur	Sept 28, 2020	Tabernacles	Oct 3-4, 2020	Simchat Torah	Oct 11, 2020	Chanukah	Dec 11-18, 2020
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<sup>1</sup> **Cost [Land-Only]: \$3,200.** Note that this is a trip of 13 days, which includes *10 full study days in Israel*, with guide/teacher throughout the trip, all lodging, travel, entrance fees and incidentals paid. On the other hand, understand that the cost does *not* cover airfare, travel from and to the airport in Israel, lunches or any personal items (gifts, snacks, personal travel, etc.). Single Room Supplement: \$600.

**Restrictions and Requirements:** This study trip will demand more of the traveler than the ordinary tourist trip, both in terms of daily schedule and physical exertion. Our days will begin early and involve several hours of study and hiking. It is important that each traveler be capable of walking 5 to 8 miles a day, often up and down steep hills, and possibly in rainy weather. Finally, remember that you must be in possession of a valid and unexpired passport [i.e., which does not expire within six months of the departure date].

**Deadline Dates:**

☞ A non-refundable deposit of \$250 asap to secure a spot; ☞ The balance paid by **December 1, 2019.**

☞ Cancellations: full refund less deposit & administrative costs

**Registration Procedure:** If you would like further information, please contact:

Dr. Rick Goertzen, Pastor, Shades Mountain Community Church [M: 620.727.0929]; e-mail: rick@smcc.church

Doug Bookman, 115 Strathburgh Lane, Cary NC 27518 [O: 919.573.1555; M: 616.713.8999]; e-mail: doug.bookman@gmail.com

NOTE: If you would like to register for the *Study Trip*, please send your deposit to the underlined address above. Make the check to "Doug Bookman" and put "20.1 – Cornerstone Westfield" on the memo line. Please be careful to include the following information:

- 1) the full name of all travelers (as the name appears on his/her passport);
- 2) complete mailing address(es);
- 3) phone numbers (day & evening);
- 4) e-mail addresses;
- 5) passport number(s) & expiration date(s);
- 6) any questions or special concerns you have.

**Note:** It is recommended that travelers consider purchasing **accident/health insurance** for the trip. If your health insurance does not adequately cover you when abroad, consider short-term policies that cover only the time you are in Israel; they are quite affordable, and they do provide thorough and accessible coverage. An American company which provides policies primarily for Christian workers is MissionaryHealth.net. Phone: (800) 647-4589; e-mail health@missionaryhealth.net; website: www.missionaryhealth.net. A fine Israeli provider is Chacoty Sasson General & Life Insurance Agency, [www.chacoty.co.il](http://www.chacoty.co.il). Click the American flag for English, then *Options*, then *Insurance for Tourists*; download, print and complete the application form and submit it by fax. Allow at least two weeks to accomplish this. Further, it is strongly recommended that you purchase **Trip Cancellation Insurance**. A close friend of Doug's who offers this is Craig Dunning at <https://discipleshiptravel.com>; find the banner entitled "Need Travel Insurance" (right side of page), click and follow the prompts. Note: do *not* insure the land-cost, as that will be refunded to you if you are unable to go for any reason. You are wise to insure the cost of air passage, as the airlines are reluctant to refund that cost.

<sup>2</sup>To access a website dedicated to this trip, go to <https://thewestinstitute.moodlehub.com/course/view.php?id=158>; follow the instructions to create an account, and then use the enrollment key – BookmanIsrael! – to get into the site where you will find a wealth of helpful information.

<sup>3</sup>The group will gather at the Gilgal Hotel in Tel Aviv on Sunday, January 5, 2020. However, if you would like to have a day to recoup, you are welcome to arrive a day (or more, for that matter) early. The hotel will be alerted that some travelers choose to arrive early, but you must make those arrangements yourself. The contact information is as follows:

Address: Nes-Ziona St. Tel Aviv 63904

Website: <http://www.hotelgilgal.net>

E-Mail: reception@hagilgal.com

Phone: +972 3 5111000 // Fax: +972 3 5167291; Note: Mention that you are with the STS/ Bookman Study group.

The Gilgal Hotel is about a ten-minute walk from a very nice Mediterranean beach. The price of a regular room for *Sunday* night (the 1<sup>st</sup> night of our tour) is built into the cost of the trip; if you choose to arrive early, you will need to cover the charge for the additional night(s).

<sup>4</sup>Arrival in Israel on Sunday will mean departing the US on Saturday. Select any carrier you like but be careful to *schedule your arrival sometime on (or before) Sunday, January 5*. The earlier you arrive, the more time you will have to gather yourself before we start out early Monday morning.

<sup>5</sup>Getting from the airport to the first night's hotel. The least complicated and most dependable way of getting from the airport to the Gilgal Hotel in Tel Aviv is simply to take a taxi. There are shuttle services, but they are no cheaper (in my experience) and they involve a level of complexity and uncertainty (e.g., in case of flight delays) which are simply not worth the effort. To secure a taxi could hardly be easier or more dependable. After passing customs and picking up your luggage, proceed through the Greeters Hall and exit at Gate #3; turn left at the sidewalk, find the dispatcher's station and ask for a taxi to the Gilgal Hotel in Tel Aviv. (Have the address available.)

NOTE: Taxi drivers are required by law to offer to use the meter on all trips. If you know the accepted rates, it is acceptable to set a price beforehand. For long trips, the driver must charge passengers according to the Ministry of Transport price list posted in all taxis. Further, a 25% surcharge for night trips is in effect from 9:01pm – 5:29am (from 4pm on Fridays & holiday eves). Trips out of Ben Gurion Airport are charged an additional NIS 5.00, and passengers pay approximately NIS 3.00 for each suitcase.

Please do not be intimidated by this, as it is very simple and entirely dependable. Further, note that the cost of getting to the hotel is not covered in the cost of the trip, so you will have to pay for this yourself. The trip has been arranged in this way in order to provide maximum flexibility for the traveler, and to keep your cost at a minimum. (By booking your own flight, you will probably save 10 – 20% of what a group rate would be.)

<sup>6</sup>We will regularly gather in the evenings to review the day's travels and learning and to preview the region we will be exploring the next day.

<sup>7</sup>One important stop not on our itinerary is Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in West Jerusalem. This would be a good day to take the commuter tram to the museum and spend 2 or 3 hours thinking through the exhibits.

<sup>8</sup>**Please schedule your departure as close to midnight as possible on Wed night (January 15), or as early as possible on Thur (January 16).**

Several airlines have departures close to midnight, which works best as it gives us a full day on Wednesday, saves us paying for a room on Wednesday evening. Your room will possibly be available to you as late as you need it on that Wednesday; we'll settle this when we are there. Once we know the various departure times, we will work to arrange either taxis and/or a bus to get us to the airport in plenty of time for the various departure times.