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Christmas in Israel Tour with Anthony Sweat

12 days from **\$1,999** pp/dbl

Dec. 26, 2018 - Jan. 6, 2019

LAND ONLY



We invite you to come with your family and friends and enjoy a magically meaningful experience for all as we celebrate the holiday season where it all began over 2000 years ago.

Please join BYU professor, LDS author and artist Anthony Sweat as we study Christ's birth in the fields of Bethlehem, his youth and ministry in Galilee and the last week of his life and resurrection in Jerusalem. Each area will add spiritual dimension to your holiday traditions and special memories to last a lifetime.

This tour has many highlights that will enhance the testimonies of all who join us and bring the Bible to life in the true meaning of the holiday.

For those with a little more time, please consider adding a breathtaking experience with a post trip to Egypt! Your adventure will take you to Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple, Pyramids of Giza and more!

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Day 1: Wednesday, Dec. 26 U.S.A. to Tel Aviv

As you leave your home cities you will meet up with the group either in Salt Lake or our final destination at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. This is an overnight flight that will have you arriving the next day.

Day 2: Thursday, Dec. 27 Tel Aviv - Joppa - Haifa

For 3,000 years on this small patch of land, men have toiled and battled; prayed and worshiped; and added their own small humanity to the history of this country. Departing the airport we dive right into the Bible starting at the ancient seaport town of Joppa and talk about Daniel as well as visit the traditional site of Simon the Tanners house where Peter received the important revelation about teaching the Gentiles. (D)

Day 3: Friday, Dec. 28 Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Mt Carmel - Megiddo - Cana

Enter Caesarea, remains of a city founded by Herod, residence of Pontius Pilate and a prison for Paul. Sit in the well-preserved amphitheater overlooking the blue sea and hear the story of Paul's conversion of the Centurion. The scenery begins to change to the beautiful green pastures and high rolling hills of the Jezreel Valley as we approach Mt Carmel where the prophet Elijah and the priests of Baal contested their faith. Not far away is Megiddo, tragic site of ancient bloody battles. Upon these same tragic fields, the terrible last battle of Armageddon will be fought. We will stop by the church in Cana that celebrates the 1st miracle performed by Christ when he turned water to wine at the wedding. Tonight we stay on the shores of the Sea of Galilee! (B,D)

Day 4: Saturday, Dec. 29 Mt. Tabor\Nazareth\Beit Shean

Shabbat Shalom - This is the official Jewish greeting on the Sabbath and we have a great day planned. Mount Tabor is one of the mountains traditionally claimed to be the site of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. You will thrill to the almost hair-raising taxi ride up the mountain, but once at the summit, you will feel the peace and calm of the surrounding valley. We journey next to Nazareth, the quaint town where Jesus Christ spent his childhood, learned his earthly vocation as a carpenter and "grew and waxed strong in spirit." We will visit a recreated town from Christ's time and visit with the villagers to learn what life was like for the Jesus as a boy. This afternoon we will travel to the ancient tel of Bet She'an, where 6,000 years of civilization seem to unfold among the ruins. It is believed to be the very Bet She'an of the Old Testament where the former King of Israel, Saul, was fastened to the city wall without his head by the conquering Philistines. We will end our day with a visit to the beautiful state park Sahne. (B,D)

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Price includes:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Local guides
- Experienced LDS Tour Director
- Accommodations in moderate to first class hotels
- Sightseeing tours as outlined on the itinerary
- Entrance fees and all admissions during tour
- Breakfasts and dinners daily
- Whisper hearing devices throughout tour
- Document materials including study books

Price does not include:

- Round-trip airfare *Group options will be available
- Additional possible airfare from cities other than Salt Lake City
- Pre-paid tipping of \$125 per person (required)
- Sightseeing not included on the itinerary
- Additional hotel accommodations
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., phone calls, room service, internet, etc.)
- Trip cancellation/ Trip interruption coverage as low as \$35
- Lunches

Optional pricing:

- Single Supplement: \$800 (for private room)
- ** Ask about our Single/Share Program **

Egypt Option: \$1,599 per person/double

- Single Traveler Price: \$1,725 (for private room)
- Jordan Extension available upon request

Payment information:

- Deposit due at time of booking \$500.00 p/p
- Pay final payment by cash and receive a \$50 discount PER PERSON
- Final payment due Sept. 21, 2018

* Note: Do not purchase airline tickets without consulting LDS Travel Study. There is a minimum of 25 passengers needed to operate this tour.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Prices and itineraries are subject to availability and may change without notice.

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Day 5: Sunday, Dec. 30 *Banias\Sea of Galilee\Jordan River*

A place of great natural beauty, Banias is the site of ancient Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus asked His disciples who people were saying He was. This afternoon we will sail upon the Sea of Galilee to view the area of Jesus Christ's early ministry. As the wind carries your boat, note the halo of mountains that surrounds its shores. Our last visit will be at the Yardenit Baptismal Site on the banks of the Jordan River. It is here that people from around the world, representing diverse denominations, still come to be baptized. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Monday, Dec. 31 *Mount of Beatitudes\Capernaum\Tabgha*

The Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount is always a highlight to visitors. From here we will visit Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. There is a beautiful Byzantine mosaic in the floor that you will not want to miss. We will end our day Capernaum, where Jesus lived and recruited his first followers among the fishermen. We will sit in the synagogue and imagine Jesus' teaching and performing miracles for the masses. (B,D)

Day 7: Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 *Qumran\Dead Sea\Masada\Jerusalem*

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we leave the fertile valleys of the Galilee, we enter the strange desert of the Dead Sea. Once the Biblical Lands of Moab and Edom, the Dead Sea basin has been a refuge to prophets, zealots and outcasts throughout time. Buried in the limestone bluffs, the ruins of Qumran still tell the story of the essences, a reclusive Jewish sect that buried the Dead Sea Scrolls. Further south lays Ein Gedi, the oasis where David hid from King Saul. From the desert floor, ascend by cable car to the spectacular cliff-top fortress of Masada, where a community of 960 Jews preferred death at their own hands to the indignity of surrender to the overwhelming Roman forces. While at the Dead Sea, you cannot miss the opportunity to enjoy a dip in the buoyant waters and bathe in the wonderful medicinal mud! This evening we will journey to Jerusalem. (B,D)

Day 8: Wednesday, Jan. 2 *Western Wall\Dome of the Rock\Old Jerusalem*

The Western Wall is the most important site in all of Jewish civilization because these rough massive stones are all that is left of the great Second Temple. Above the wall is Mount Moriah where the Islamic shrine the Dome of the Rock is located. Entering the oldest quarter of Jerusalem, follow the winding alleys and crowded streets to the Pools of Bethesda. We will discover the ancient city beneath the modern streets where the old paving stones are carved with Roman games at Antonia Fortress. Located in the Old Quarter is the site believed to be the Room of the Last Supper. Our last stop will be at the House of Caiaphas, which owns the dark and sad dungeon that once imprisoned the Savior. (B,D)

Day 9: Thursday, Jan. 3 *Museum\Yad Vashem\Davidson Center Park*

Discover the treasures of the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, the site chosen to house the Dead Sea Scrolls. While we are there we will get to see the Holy Land Model, a unique scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. The model visually explains the layout of the ancient city as well as the design and magnitude of the Second Temple. One of the most memorable pages of Jewish history unfolds as we visit Yad Veshem, the official memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the Nazi-wrought Holocaust in Europe. (B,D)

Day 10: Friday, Jan 4, 2019 *Bethlehem - Free Time in the Old City*

Music, bells and churches appropriately adorn the little town of Bethlehem for it was here that the Light of the World was given life. Pilgrimages, sacred holidays and festivities occur all year long to celebrate the birth of Christ. Tradition holds that the small humble inn with just a stable for lodging was located where the Church of the Nativity now stands. Gathered on the shepherds' fields, we sing the beloved hymns and listen to the wondrous story - a moment not to be forgotten. This afternoon we will have some free time to go back into the Old City to revisit sites or to finish up shopping for treasures to take home. (B,D)

Day 11: Saturday, Jan 5, 2019 *Mount of Olives - Gethsemane - Sacrament Services at the BYU Jerusalem Center - The Old City*

This morning begins on the Mount of Olives on whose slopes the Garden of Gethsemane lies nestled. We will attend sacrament services at the BYU Jerusalem Center. After lunch we will stop at the beautiful Garden Tomb and the limestone hill which many revere as Golgotha, site of the crucifixion. Just around that hill is an old cemetery with an ancient tomb that once held the Savior's mortal body and saw its glorious resurrection. There is a sign on the door of the tomb that says, "Do not look for Him here for He is risen." Tonight we will have a farewell dinner together as we prepare to leave the land we have grown to love to travel back home. After clearing immigration and customs, you will transfer to the connecting gate for your flight back home with memories to last a lifetime.

Day 12, Sunday, Jan 6, 2019 *Arrive Home*

Arrive home with memories to last a lifetime!