

Bringing the Bible to Life Jordan and Israel Tour with Tim Taggart



Prices start at \$3,799 / per person based on double occupancy

Come join acclaimed Tim Taggart on a tour that will entertain as well as educate. Tim's enthusiasm for the Holy Land is matched by his experience to make sure you get the very best experience possible. Journey back to the Holy Land where the land echoes with the voices of Abraham, Moses, David, and Elijah. 16 days to see and experience the places where Christ's powerful teachings still permeate the land. You'll see the most incredible landscapes, one of the new 7 wonders of the world, and several of the most sacred spots on Earth, all in one tour!

Date	Daily Schedule
Oct 21	Depart USA to Amman
Oct 22	Arrive in Amman
Oct 23	Amman, Jerash
Oct 24	Madaba – Mt. Nebo
Oct 25	Petra – Wadi Rum
Oct 26	Eilat – Netanya
Oct 27	Caesarea – Mt. Carmel – Megiddo – Nazareth – Cana
Oct 28	Sea of Galilee – Mount of Beatitudes – Capernaum – Tabgha
Oct 29	Chorazin – Tel Dan – Banias – Mt. Bental
Oct 30	Mt. Tabor – Beit Shean
Oct 31	Bethabara – Qumran – Masada – Dead Sea – Jerusalem
Nov 1	Temple Mount – Israel Museum – Hezekiah's Tunnel
Nov 2	Western Wall Tunnels – Dome of the Rock – Old Jerusalem
Nov 3	Mount of Olives – Herodian – Bethlehem – Church of the Nativity – Shepard Field
Nov 4	BYU Jerusalem Center – Gethsemane – Garden Tomb
Nov 6	Return to the USA

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- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees and activities as specified in the itinerary
- Hotel portorage – 1 bag per person
- Tips to native driver, Jordan guide, Israeli guide, hotel, and restaurant staff
- Whisper technology headsets to be used during the tour
- Experienced US guide traveling and services of a bilingual licensed Israeli tour guide throughout the tour
- Transportation via deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches
- Group transfers
- Destination study and information books
- Travel day bag and document package

Not Included:

- Round-trip air from your home city. *Group air from Salt Lake City will be available. Price TBA
- Additional transfers when not arriving or departing with the group
- Items of a personal nature
- Cancellation and Travel insurance
- Meals not specified in the itinerary

Payment Information:

- Deposit is \$500.00 pp
- Cash Discount of \$125.00 pp offered for final payment by Check or ACH
- Final Payment is due July 21, 2023
- Program based on a minimum of 30 travelers

Optional Pricing Per Person:

- Double/Triple/Single Share - \$3,799
- Single - \$5,199
- Optional Egypt Extension - \$3,349 per person based on double occupancy

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ITINERARY:

Day 1-2: Saturday and Sunday, October 21-22, 2023

Depart USA to Amman

We will take flights from our various home cities, make transfers, and arrive the following day at the Queen Alia International Airport in Amman, Jordan, where we will be taken to our comfortable hotel and rest from our travels.

Day 3: Monday, October 23, 2023

Amman, Jerash

Today we will start our exploring by visiting the ancient city of Jerash, which boasts of an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years. Jerash lies on a plain surrounded by hilly wooded areas and fertile basins. This afternoon we will return to the modern city of Amman to see the Citadel and King Abdullah Mosque during our city highlighted tour. Tonight, we'll have our welcome dinner to get to know each other better.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 4: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Madaba – Mt. Nebo

Today we travel south and visit the mosaic city of Madaba, where the oldest map of the Holy Land exists on the floor of St. George's Church. We then journey to Mt. Nebo, the site where the Prophet Moses looked over the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea before sending the Children of Israel across without him. Here you view 4th and 6th century Byzantine churches with wonderful mosaics. We then continue our journey to Petra and enjoy dinner tonight at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 5: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Petra – Wadi Rum

The red-rose city of Petra is a unique destination. More than 2000 years ago the area was settled by the Nabataeans who carved magnificent buildings in sandstone. We begin our adventure with an optional horse ride, then walk through the Siq, an immense crack in stone, to see the end Petra's most impressive monument: the Treasury. You walk along the Street of Facades, see the Royal Tombs, and Qasr al Bint. After lunch we will drive 1.5 hours to the dramatic Wadi Rum, one of the most impressive desert landscapes in the world and view the spectacular rock formations, canyons, and Nabatean rock inscriptions. This landscape is reminiscent of Lehi's family's journey through this area. At the end of the day, we will cross the Israeli border to Eilat, a beautiful vacation town on the Red Sea.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6: Thursday, October 26, 2023**Eilat – Netanya**

This morning you may choose to rise early and go for a swim in the Red Sea, walk along the beach, or just sit and watch the sail boats in the harbor. We now journey North to Tel Aviv with many special stops along the way that most pilgrims don't get to see. The first is the Timna Mines and Park. These ancient mines were a source of silver and copper dating back to ancient times. There is some indication that Lehi and his sons may have been metalworkers and visited this site. Here we visit a marvelous full-sized model Tabernacle based on the one revealed to Moses in the wilderness. After traveling north near Beersheba, we will visit Joppa, the site of Jonah's departure, running away from his mission and the site of Peter's vision which opened missionary work to the Gentiles. We will arrive at our hotel in Netanya, a beautiful resting point on the Mediterranean Sea, for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 7: Friday, October 27, 2023****Caesarea – Mt. Carmel – Megiddo – Nazareth – Cana**

"And on the morrow, they entered into Caesarea. Cornelius thy prayer is heard". 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, the tragic site of ancient bloody battles where nations were won and lost. Upon these same tragic fields, the great and terrible last battle of Armageddon will be fought. As we make our way towards the Sea of Galilee, we will visit Nazareth and the historic re-creation Nazareth Village, a living presentation of the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth. We will make our way towards the Sea of Galilee, drive through the village of Cana, where the Savior turned water into wine.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 8: Saturday, October 28, 2023****Sea of Galilee – Mount of Beatitudes – Capernaum – Tabgha**

We will begin our Sabbath with a short devotional in the Valley of the Doves, walking where Jesus walked. We then travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, this is always a highlight to visitors. We will read the words of the greatest teacher of all time as He taught the greatest sermon of all time. Today, 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 the shores. The St. Peter's fish lunch today is included and not only tastes fabulous but makes a great memory. We will also visit Capernaum, where Jesus lived and recruited his first followers among the fishermen. The well-preserved city will amaze you as you sit in the synagogue and image Jesus' teaching and performing miracles in this important place. Today we will also visit the Magdala Synagogue dating back to the Savior's Day, where a newly discovered stone portrays the symbols of the ancient temple. If time permits, we will visit Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. There is a beautiful Byzantine mosaic on the floor commemorating this miracle.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Sunday, October 29, 2023

Chorazin – Tel Dan – Banias – Golan – Mt. Bental

This morning we will travel north to visit Chorazin, a site dating back to the Savior's Day with a black basalt Synagogue that looks like the one of Capernaum of the first century. We will visit Tel Dan National Park, which combines a lush nature reserve with a biblical archaeological experience. Beside a massive rock cliff, a place of great natural beauty, Banias is the site of ancient Caesarea Philippi, where Peter bore testimony of the Savior and Jesus said, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock, I will build my church". As we make our way back south towards the Sea of Galilee you will observe some of the rich farmland that has made Israel one of the leading agriculture leaders of the world. On the Golan Heights we will stop at Mount Bental to not only admire the view but to orient ourselves to the geography and history of the area.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10: Monday, October 30, 2023

Mt. Tabor – Beit She 'an

Mount Tabor is traditionally known as the site of transfiguration of the Savior, it is also the site where the ancient First Presidency received their endowment. You will enjoy the "thrill-ride" as you take the taxi ride up the mountain, but once at the summit, you will feel the peace and calm of the surrounding valley. We then 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.

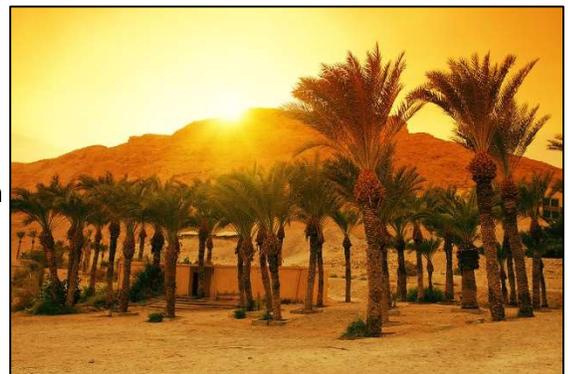


Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11: Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Bethabara – Qumran – Masada – Dead Sea – Jerusalem

Early this morning we leave the fertile valleys of the Galilee, and we follow the Jordan River valley south to near Jericho where we will visit Bethabara the site where the Savior was baptized by John the Baptist. We then enter the strange and barren 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 beige limestone bluffs, the ruins of Qumran still tell the story of the Essenes, a reclusive Jewish sect that buried the now famous 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 of 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 at Kalia Beach! Even Cleopatra sent her slaves to retrieve the magical mud to preserve her legendary beauty. This evening we will journey to the beloved city of Jerusalem.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: Wednesday, November 1, 2023**Temple Mount – Israel Museum – Hezekiah’s Tunnel**

We will begin our day to a visit to the Temple Mount, one of the most sacred spots to three religions. This was the site of Solomon’s Temple then the massive Second Temple rebuilt by Herod. We will also visit the archeological park located on the south side of the temple mount. The original steps located here were certainly walked on by the Savior himself many times. After lunch we will discover the treasures of the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, the site chosen to house the Dead Sea Scrolls. This unique building is shaped like the ancient pottery in which the precious scrolls lay hidden for thousands of years. 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. We end our day with an optional tour of the Ancient City of David and a walk-through Hezekiah’s Tunnel. One of the highlights of our trip.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13: Thursday, November 2, 2023**Western Wall Tunnels – Dome of the Rock – Old Jerusalem**

We will begin our day with a tour of the tunnels beneath the Western Wall. The Western Wall is the most important site in all Jewish civilization because these rough massive stones are all that is left of the great Second Temple. Revered and honored, the Jews wait and hope for the day they will rebuild their third and final temple upon these sacred remnants. Today at the Western wall we will see Jewish families rejoicing in the Bar Mitzvah celebration of their youth. 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 and learn about their importance. We will discover the ancient city beneath the modern streets where the old paving stones are carved with Roman games at Antonio Fortress. Today we will visit Hezekiah’s “Broad Wall” an ancient Jerusalem wall that was near to where Lehi and his family lived. We will also walk in the old quarter of Jerusalem to the site believed to be the Room of the Last Supper. Devoid of gilded statues or ornate chapels, the quiet simplicity and elegance of this room helps one to focus on the words of Christ and the poignant last moments with his beloved disciples. Our last stop will be at the House of Caiaphas, which owns the dark and sad dungeon that once imprisoned the Savior. To experience the cold dismal cells and feel the sorrow and grieving of such a place, brings understanding and gratitude to our hearts.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14: Friday, November 3, 2023**Mount of Olives – Herodian – Bethlehem – Church of the Nativity – Shepherd Field**

This morning we will visit the Mount of Olives with a panoramic view that is breathtaking. On the mount we visit the Pater Noster Church and discuss the sacred information Jesus shared with his disciples after his resurrection. Then we travel south toward Bethlehem where we will see the Herodian, built by Herod the Great as a fortress and palace as well as his burial place. Music, bells, and churches appropriately adorn the little town of Bethlehem for it was here 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 was just a stable for lodging and was located where the Church of the Nativity now

stands. Near sunset we will gather on the Shepherd Field where Shepherds still tend their flock on the fields overlooking Bethlehem just as they did over 2,000 years ago when the angel appeared bringing them glad tidings of great joy. We will sing the beloved Christmas hymns and listen to the wondrous story – a moment not to be forgotten.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15: Saturday, November 4, 2023

BYU Jerusalem Center – Gethsemane – Garden Tomb

We will enjoy visiting the grounds of the BYU Jerusalem Center followed by Sacrament meeting. After lunch we will visit the Garden of Gethsemane. Here we'll talk about and have some private time to contemplate the amazing sacrifice that was made for each of us. Afterwards we will visit the Orson Hyde Memorial Grove, for another view of the Old City and a review of some of the interesting LDS history related to this land. Our day will conclude by visiting the Garden Tomb. Here we will see Golgotha, to talk about the Savior's crucifixion, and then the tomb, where the body of Christ was interred and from which He arose on the Easter Sunday so long ago.

Tonight, we will have a farewell dinner together then head to the airport for your flight back to Salt Lake City or continue to Egypt.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 16: Sunday, November 5, 2023

Early AM flight home with memories to last a lifetime!



Meet Your Host:

Tim Taggart has been a pioneer in LDS travel pretty much from the beginning of the industry, traveling to the lands of the scriptures in the Middle East and Europe the first time in 1981 and conducting tours since 1983.

He was born and grew up in Cache Valley, UT and served his first mission in Australia. He received a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Utah State University with a career goal to become a master teacher. He began his teaching career in the LDS Church seminary program, completing a master's degree in instructional technology from USU at the same time. His teaching career changed course in 1982 when he and the family came to Salt Lake City to work for the Church producing media. The new focus was to teach through the technology of visual and audio media to a worldwide audience.

Tim has retired as a director of Audio-visual department of the Church for which he worked for over 20 years. Since his retirement, he is currently teaching Religion to Adult Education classes and escorting religious tours.

Tim has traveled to nearly every area of the world, professionally and as a tour guide. He has a great love for travel, exploring the various regions of the world, learning of their cultures and photo journaling his experiences!



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