

Israel Expedition

With *River Rocks Church*

Pastor Jeff Birmingham
Your Host



Itinerary *(Subject to change)*

March 8 - 17, 2027

Day 1: Monday, March 8, 2027: Depart the US

The day has arrived, and we depart the US on an overnight journey to Israel.

Day 2: Tuesday, March 9, 2027: Arrive in Israel

Today we arrive in Israel at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. Time permitting, we visit the ancient town of Jaffa where Peter had his vision on the roof top of the house of Simon the Tanner. Overnight Tel Aviv area. Daniel Herzliya or similar. D.

Day 3: Wednesday, March 10, 2027: Caesarea Maritima, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth

Today we travel towards Caesarea Maritima (entrance included), where we will have a brief visit to this magnificent city with Roman, Byzantine, and Crusader ruins. Here we will elaborate on the story of the baptism of Cornelius, the first gentile convert to Christianity, and on the travels of Paul – those events that led Caesarea Maritima to become the springboard of Christianity to the West. We continue to Mount Carmel (entrance included) and consider the contest between the Prophet Elijah and the false prophets of Baal, discussing the reasons why the Prophet chose that place for the contest, and the lessons we learn from the story. We visit Tel Megiddo (entrance included) before moving on to Nazareth Village (entrance included), a re-creation of life in Nazareth during the time of Jesus. We depart for the Sea of Galilee passing Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first miracle. Overnight Sea of Galilee area. Ron Beach or similar. B, L, D.

Day 4: Thursday, March 11, 2027: Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Magdala, Yardenit

We begin our day with a visit to Tel Dan (included), the northern extremity of biblical Israel. We continue to Caesarea Philippi (included), where we will visit the ruins of the pagan altars and consider Peter's confession of Christ here. We will visit Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene, which boasts the remains of a 1st Century synagogue. We will finish the day on the Jordan River, where you will have the opportunity to be baptized in the same river as was Jesus. Overnight Sea of Galilee area. Ron Beach or similar. B, L, D.

Day 5: Friday, March 12, 2027: Boat Ride and Museum, Capernaum, Primacy of Peter, Dead Sea

Today we will visit the ancient boat museum containing a recently-discovered 2000-year-old fishing boat (entrance included). We will sail on the Sea of Galilee on a replica of that boat (included). We visit Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean ministry base, where we will see among other things the remains of the ancient synagogue and of the house where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. We drive to Tabgha and see the Primacy of Peter, where Jesus appeared to his disciples for the third time after his resurrection. We will enjoy a lunch of "St. Peter's Fish" (included), before departing the Sea of Galilee area for the Dead Sea. Upon arrival at our hotel, whatever remains of the day will be spent at leisure. Overnight Dead Sea area. Enjoy Dead Sea or similar. B, L, D.

Day 6: Saturday, March 13, 2027: Masada, Ein Gedi, Jerusalem

This morning before breakfast there will be an optional hike up Masada. Those who participate will be brought back to the hotel for breakfast. Those who do not participate will visit Masada after breakfast by cable car. Masada is a fortress built by King Herod the Great and made famous by the Zealots in 73/74 AD with their standoff against the Romans. We visit the fortress and see the ruins that are considered a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We continue to Ein Gedi, the oasis in the desert where the meeting between David and King Saul took place and where many of the psalms were written by David. Overnight Jerusalem. Grand Court or similar. B, L, D.

Day 7: Sunday, March 14, 2027: Temple Mount, Temple Institute, Western Wall, Southern Wall Excavations, City of David

We begin the day by ascending the Temple Mount, discussing its connection to both the Old and New Testaments. We visit the Temple Institute (included) and learn about the Temple's past and future. We will then walk to the Western Wall, a section of the Western retaining wall of the Temple Mount, and Judaism's holiest site. We visit the Southern Wall Excavations and Davidson Center (entrance included) where ruins of the retaining walls of the Temple Mount are still visible. We will gather at the teaching steps, the main entrance to the Temple where Rabbis met and taught their disciples. We will come to the City of David (included), the original location of the city of Jerusalem. We explore the origins of the city. You will have the option to walk in water through Hezekiah's Tunnel on to the Pool of Siloam (flashlights and water shoes needed). From there, we follow the recently-opened Pilgrimage Road toward the Temple Mount excavations. Overnight Jerusalem. Grand Court or similar. B, L, D.



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Day 8: Monday, March 15, 2027: Mount of Olives, St. Anne's, Pools of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, Israel Museum
We begin our day with an orientation over the holy city from the Mount of Olives, pointing out important locations within the Old City, connecting them with biblical stories and prophecies about the return of Jesus. We walk down the Palm Sunday Procession Road to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus agonized on the night before his crucifixion. On to visit St. Anne's Church (entrance included) and the nearby Pools of Bethesda where the healing at the pool took place. We walk the Via Dolorosa, the traditional path that Jesus walked from the Antonia Fortress (entrance included) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This afternoon we travel to the Israel Museum (entrance included), where we will visit the Second Temple Period Model of Jerusalem, a 1:50 scaled model of the city from the 1st century AD, followed by a visit to the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are on exhibit, in addition to the archaeological section where many artifacts are displayed. We will pay special attention to those items that relate to Bible history. Overnight Jerusalem. Grand Court or similar. B, L, D.

Day 9: Tuesday, March 16, 2027: Garden Tomb, Tower of David Museum, Upper Room, Caiaphas' House, Jewish Quarter
We begin our day with a visit to the Garden Tomb (entrance included), where we will worship together and celebrate communion. We will then visit the Tower of David Museum, once the fortress defending the city; we will ascend to the observation point on top of Phasael Tower, which provides a 360-degree view over Jerusalem, and experience the courtyard of the Citadel. We visit the Upper Room, the traditional place of the Last Supper, followed by a visit to nearby location of the home of the High Priest, Caiaphas (entrance included). The balance of the day will be spent at leisure in Jerusalem. You may choose to visit Israel's Holocaust Museum and Memorial Yad Vashem, its famous Machane Yehuda Market, or to do some shopping at Mamilla Mall. Alternatively, you could walk the Old City Walls or take in views of Jerusalem from Mount Scopus. For those not taking the extension to Jordan, your flight may depart either tonight or the following day. If the following day and an overnight is required, overnight Jerusalem. Grand Court or similar. B, L, D.

Day 10: Wednesday, March 17, 2027: Return home
Your flight home may depart either the previous night or today. If today and time allows, breakfast is included today. Either way, today we will arrive back at ATL.

Optional extension to Jordan

Day 1: Wednesday, March 17, 2027: Wadi Rum
This morning we drive toward Allenby border crossing to Jordan. We drive to Wadi Rum, where we enjoy a sunset 4x4 tour. Overnight Wadi Rum. Mars Land Camp or similar. B, L, D.

Day 2: Thursday, March 18, 2027: Wadi Rum, Petra
This morning in Wadi Rum there will be an opportunity to enjoy an optional camel ride (not included). We will then move on to the red rose city of Petra, one of the wonders of the ancient world built by the Nabateans around the 2nd century BC. Venture into the city by way of the gorge called the Siq reaching the amazing Treasury building, then see the Roman lower city to include the Roman Theater, Nabatean burial caves and the Byzantine Basilica. Overnight Petra. Petra Moon or similar. B, L, D.

Day 3: Friday, March 19, 2027: Medaba, Nebo, Amman
Today we drive to Medaba (entrance included), famous for its 6th century AD Byzantine Mosaic showing a map of the Holy Land. We visit Mount Nebo (entrance included) where Moses stood and viewed the Promised Land. We spend the remainder of the day at leisure in Amman. Your flight home may depart either tonight or the following day. If the following day and an overnight is required, overnight Amman. Amman International or similar. B, L, D.

Day 4: Saturday, March 20, 2027: Return Home
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- ✓ Round trip flights between ATL and TLV
- ✓ One checked bag and one carry-on
- ✓ Ground transportation in an air-conditioned motorcoach in Israel
- ✓ 4-star hotel accommodations
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily
- ✓ Christian Expedition tour director/ licensed guide
- ✓ Entrance fees as per the itinerary
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Tour: Israel Expedition with River Rocks Church (March 8 - March 17, 2027)



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Travelers

Full Name	DOB	Gender
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Contact Information

Street	City	State	ZIP
Email	Phone		

Airfare & Accommodations *(flight and hotel details provided 30 days before departure)*

Airport (select one)	☐ Atlanta (ATL) ☐ No flights	Requests
Room (select one)	☐ Double <i>(1 bed)</i> ☐ Double <i>(2 beds)</i> ☐ Single <i>(shared room)</i> ¹ ☐ Single <i>(private room)</i>	
Optional add ons:	☐ Optional Jordan Extension (March 17 - 20, 2027)	

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Travel Insurance Allianz

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Deposit & Signature

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Enrollment & payment constitutes your acceptance of the terms of service of this agreement. I have read and understand the terms of service and look forward to traveling with Christian Expedition!

Traveler 1 Signature	Date
Traveler 2 Signature	Date

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