

 **Biblical Archaeology Society**

ISRAEL

October 29 - November 9, 2023



Tour Host:

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David McCabe is Professor of New Testament and Greek at Bethel University, IN. He received a M.A. in Biblical Studies and a M.A. in Theological Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary, and went on to earn his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from New College, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr. McCabe has taught graduate and undergraduate studies for sixteen years focusing on biblical interpretation, literature, and biblical languages. He has led student and adult study trips to Israel, Greece, and Turkey. His research interests span across a wide range of topics such as biblical literature, material cultures, historical theology, and philosophy of language. Dr. McCabe delights in sharing the experience of reading the Bible in "high-definition" while situated in the lands that gave rise to these sacred texts.



Megiddo

Tour Itinerary:

OCT 29 SUN Depart USA - Fly Tel Aviv

OCT 30 MON Arrive Tel Aviv Airport - You will be met by TUTKU representative with a "BAS - TUTKU" sign. After collecting our luggage we will head to meet our Tour Guide Mr Ofer Drori thereafter drive to hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight. (D)

OCT 31 TUE Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Mt. Tabor - Tiberias
After breakfast drive to the ruins of Caesarea, a large city port built by Herod the Great to honor Roman Caesar Augustus. His city included a theater, a hippodrome, and an aqueduct system stretching from the springs of Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. The book of Acts refers to Caesarea as the city Peter visited (Acts 10). Continue to Mt. Carmel where we visit the Carmelite Monastery of Muhraka to survey the site where God caused Elijah to defeat the priests of Ba'al and a wonderful view of the Jezreel Valley. On to Megiddo where archaeologists uncovered 20 civilizations built one upon another. At this site, King Solomon built his vast stables and, in 609 BC, good King Josiah died in battle. Drive to Mt. Tabor. Take a taxi to the top of the mountain and visit the Church of the Transfiguration. Enjoy an outstanding view of the Jezreel Valley where the battle of Deborah and the Canaanites took place (Judges 5). Continue on to the Sea of Galilee area for dinner & overnight. (B,D)



Beit She'an

NOV 1 WED Hazor, Dan, Banias/Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights
Today travel north to visit Hazor, the largest Old Testament site in Israel. We will then proceed to Dan, on the northern border of the biblical kingdom of Israel. There we will walk to one of the headwaters of the Jordan River and visit the extensive excavations. A short drive will take us to Banias/Caesarea Philippi, the place where Peter confessed that Jesus was the Christ (Matt 16:16). From there drive up on to the Golan Heights and view into Syria (if local conditions permit). Time permitting visit Katzrin where there is a well-preserved Synagogue and reconstructed houses. After Dinner we will have a **Special Lecture by Prof. Motti Aviam.** (B,D)

NOV 2 THU Archaeological dig
Today we will join an archaeological dig and meet a local archaeologist, after breakfast head North. Join Prof. Motti Aviam to tour an ongoing archaeological excavation. We shall have in depth explanations regarding the excavation site and will have the opportunity to learn from firsthand the progress in the archaeological field and findings in Biblical times ranging from Bronze and Iron ages to Persian Hellenistic and Roman times. Return to the hotel for a free afternoon. After dinner, a **Special Lecture by a local scholar** to summarize this exciting day. (B,D)

NOV 3 FRI Sea of Galilee, Jesus' Ministries
Begin our day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, visit the first century fishing boat that is now in a museum and continue on to the well-preserved, first century A.D. synagogue at Magdala and the excavations. We will continue on to visit the Mt. Of Beatitudes then Capernaum, Jesus' "home" for a good portion of his earthy ministry. We will visit Corazim with its reconstructed synagogue. If time permits we will visit Bethsaida. Return to Tiberias for dinner & overnight. (B,D)



Caesarea Philippi



Temple Mount, Jerusalem

NOV 4 SAT Sepphoris, Nazareth Overlook, Jericho, Jordan River - Jerusalem

Visit Sepphoris, 3 miles north of Nazareth with its beautiful mosaic floors. Continue to visit the Mount of Precipice where we will have a wonderful view of the Jezreel Valley. We continue on to visit the site of Jezreel, where Naboth had his vineyard that was coveted by the Israelite King Ahab. We will then drive south down the Jordan Valley and visit Old Testament Jericho where the "walls came tumbling down." End our day at the Jordan River near where the Israelites entered the land of Canaan and where John was Baptizing. Continue through the Judean hills to the City of Jerusalem for Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

NOV 5 SUN Mt. Of Olives, Gethsemane, Old City, Holy Sepulcher

We begin our day with a spectacular view of Jerusalem from the top of the Mount of Olives. As we walk down the mount, we will stop at Dominus Flevit, the church that commemorates Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, and the Garden of Gethsemane—the site of Jesus' Passion. We will view of the Kidron Valley. Afterwards enter the Old City at the Lion's Gate. We will visit St. Anne's Church and Pools of Bethesda continuing on the Via Dolorosa to Umariyah Boys' School for a view of Temple Mount and then to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher—the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. End our day at the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary. Dinner & overnight. (B,D)

NOV 6 MON Bethlehem, Mt Zion, Western Wall, Garden Tomb, Albright Institute

Start our day and drive to Bethlehem where we will visit the Church of the Nativity and have some time for shopping. Return to Jerusalem to Mt. Zion to visit the room of the last supper and King David tomb. Walk through the Jewish Quarter to view the holiest site for Judaism the Western (wailing) Wall. In the Afternoon visit the Albright Institute, **The W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research**, is an archaeological research institution located in East Jerusalem. It is the oldest American research centre for ancient Near Eastern studies in the Middle East. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

NOV 7 TUE City of David, Wohl Museum, Yad Vashem, Israel Museum

We start our day at the City of David where we will visit Warren's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel, and the Pool of Siloam. Be sure to bring a flashlight and water shoes to walk through the tunnel. Anyone wanting to stay dry can walk through the dry Canaanite Tunnel. Continue to the Wohl museum. Then drive to visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum. Afterwards, continue on to visit the Israel Museum where we will see the model of Second Temple Jerusalem, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and archaeological highlights of the Israel Museum. After dinner, lecture by Prof. Aren Maier. (B,D)

NOV 8 WED Dead Sea, Masada, Qumran

Drive east from Jerusalem to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Thereafter drive to Masada, a natural fortress with majestic ruins overlooking the Dead Sea. Take a cable car to the top of the plateau for a tour. Jewish zealots held the rock for several months in 73AD under siege by the 10th Roman legion. The Romans finally took the fortress by way of a massive attack ramp. The camps and other fortifications that encircle the mesa constitute the most complete Roman siege works to have survived to the present day. Then, drive back North – **stop at Kalia Beach on the Dead Sea for a possible float in the water.** Continue to Jerusalem Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

NOV 9 THU Departure - You will be transferred to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport for your flight back home. End.



TOUR MAP

LAND & AIR

\$6,290 Per Person in Double Room
\$990 Single Room Supplement

LAND ONLY

\$4,990 Per Person in Double Room
\$990 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- International Roundtrip Air Fare from major cities in the US (*New York, Boston, Chicago, Washington DC, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco*) to Tel Aviv
- 1 Night at the Metropolitan Hotel
- 4 Nights at the Ginnosar - Sea Of Galilee
- 5 Nights at the Grand Court Jerusalem
- Daily open buffet breakfasts at the hotels
- 10 Dinners
- 1 lunch (*St. Peters fish Lunch*)
- Arrival & departure Transfers
- Transportation by deluxe AC motor coach
- Boat Tour at Sea of Galilee
- Two Special Lectures by local scholar in the Galilee
- Archaeological day and lecture in the Galilee
- All entry fees to the sites and museums as per the Itinerary
- English Speaking licensed tour guide during all tours & transfers
- Personal headsets (*whispers*)
- Service charges and local taxes

EXCLUDING

- Extras of personal nature & insurance of any kind
- Beverages
- COVID related expenses (*PCR check and other*)
- Tips to hotel staff
- Tips to guide & driver (*Suggested: total \$100 per person*)



Biblical Archaeology Society group at the Temple Mount, Jerusalem

PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

- 1- \$200 per person Deposit** : **May 1, 2023**
- 2- Full (balance) Payment** : **August 15, 2023**

Cancellation Penalty:

- 120-90 days prior to departure : No Penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure : 10%
- 59-45 days prior to departure : 25%
- 44-30 days prior to departure : 50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure : 75%
- 14 days & After : No refund

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance may be purchased separately at an extra cost. Travel Insurance is a contract between the traveller and the Insurance Company (American Express, or other). To obtain your travel insurance, please call 1-800-TURKIYE and ask for Ms. Ayata.

Itinerary and site visits are subject to change and/or substitution depending on availability of site access.

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