

The STORY  CHURCH

# HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE

WINTER 2023/2024



# DETAILS AT A GLANCE

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**WHEN:** December 27, 2023 to January 6, 2024

**COST ESTIMATE:** \$5,200 - 5,500

\*Final cost will be locked in by March 2023 once flight costs are available

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:** Spring 2023 - Registration will remain open while spots are available

- Deposit of \$750 per person is due upon registration to guarantee your spot
- A valid passport is required before the final payment due date
- 40 slots available for this trip; assigned on a first come, first serve basis
- Ages 21 and up are invited to participate in this trip

**TO REGISTER:** Visit [thestory.church/holyland](https://thestory.church/holyland), select your campus link, and complete the registration and deposit.

**CONTACT:** For questions regarding the Legacy tour, please contact Maureen Halbach at 281-363-3659

## ITINERARY

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### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart the United States on our international flight.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

We will be welcomed by our representative and taken to our hotel in the Tel Aviv area. There we will have dinner and overnight.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

We'll begin our day with a drive along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea by the Sea. There we'll see the Roman ruins of the great Theater and Aqueduct, as well as the Crusader city later built on this site. This is the place where Paul left for his final missionary journey. We'll continue to Mt. Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. Next we'll travel to Megiddo, also known as Armageddon. This is the place where Christians believe the final great battle of the world will be fought. We'll travel to Nazareth where the angel appeared to Mary to announce that she would be the mother of God's Son. This is also the place where Jesus spent his childhood years. From there we'll drive through Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle as we proceed to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**

Today we'll begin with a Boat Ride across the Sea of Galilee where we'll stop for a devotional service. We'll drive along the Road to Damascus where Paul had his conversion experience on our way to Caesarea Philippi. This beautiful retreat at the foot of Mount Herman is the ancient Roman city where Peter first confessed Jesus as the Son of the living God. From there we'll continue our tour with a visit to the hills above the Sea where we'll find the Mount of Beatitudes. It was here that Jesus gave us the beautiful words from Matthew's gospel. We'll travel on to Capernaum, the area where Jesus spent most of his ministry. We'll continue to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. After our visit there we'll return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

Today we'll begin with a drive to Zippori, not far from Nazareth and a center of learning during the time of Jesus. We'll see the beautiful mosaics and get a feel for the area where Jesus grew up. From there we'll continue to see the Roman ruins at Beit She'an, which was continuously inhabited for 5000 years. We'll end our day with a Baptism Service at the Jordan River before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

This morning we'll travel along the Jordan Valley on our way to Masada, the amazing mountain-top fortress built by Herod and site of the final battle in the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans. After our visit there, we'll drive along the Dead Sea, passing the springs of Ein Gedi on our way to visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We'll finish our day with a drive through the Judean Wilderness on our way up to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**

Today's tour begins at the Mount of Olives where we'll see a breathtaking Panoramic View of the Old City of Jerusalem. We'll view the Temple Mount with the Dome of the Rock Mosque at the center of the picture, as well as other sites of interest in and near the Old City. We'll walk a part of the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus went with the disciples on the final night before his crucifixion. There we'll visit the Church of All Nations and the garden with its ancient olive trees. Next we'll go to Mount Zion where we'll see the Upper Room and King David's Tomb. From there we'll go to the House of Caiaphas where Jesus was imprisoned for a night. Finally we'll return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3**

Our day will begin today with a visit to the Western Wall, the place most precious for Jews around the world. We'll walk through the tunnel that goes under the streets of today with pavement from the time of Jesus. We'll continue from there to the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the crippled man. We'll sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne before we begin our walk down the Via Dolorosa, following the path Jesus took to the cross. We'll visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and walk through the fascinating Arab market. We'll tour the

Jewish Quarter where we'll see the Roman Cardo and other sites of interest. At the end of our visit there, we'll return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

We'll begin our day with a drive to Bethlehem where we'll visit the Nativity Church and see Manger Square. On our way to the church we'll view the Shepherd's Field where the angels appeared to the shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus. Today we'll go to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust victims. Nearby, we'll visit the Israel Museum which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. We'll view the Israeli Knesset, seat of the Israeli Parliament and government offices, and finish the day with a tour of the Model of First Century Jerusalem before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Today we'll finish our visit in Israel with a very special service of Communion at the Garden Tomb. We'll return to the hotel to pack and relax before dinner and overnight.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

This morning we will go to the airport for our flight back to the USA. We'll arrive home with new insights and understandings of the life and teachings of Jesus.

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**DETACH BELOW AND MAIL WITH CHECK OR REGISTER ONLINE: [thestory.church/holyland](http://thestory.church/holyland)**

DEPOSIT OF \$750 PER PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER payable to **Gomega Travel** for  
**THE STORY CHURCH TOUR**

Mail to:  
Gomega Travel  
2441 High Timbers Drive, Suite 310  
The Woodlands, TX 77380

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Name (as it appears on passport)

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Nickname for Nametag

Title (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.)

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Email Address

Spouse's name (if traveling)

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Street Address

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City, State, Zip

Telephone

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Roommate's Name

Need Roommate

Single

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Departure Date

Departure City

Date of Birth

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Passport Number

Issue Date

Expiration Date

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Emergency Contact

Relationship

Telephone

I do want travel insurance

I do not want travel insurance

I will submit my decision by final payment date

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I have read & accepted the program conditions    Signature:

## **PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE OF STANDARD PROGRAM:** Round trip economy airfare; transfers with group to/from airport; shared double room in 4/5 star hotels; two meals daily; English speaking guide; transfers to and entrance fees for sites to be visited per itinerary.

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:** Tips of \$275 to be collected and distributed by tour operator; single room charges (see below); additions or changes to the standard program (see below); individual transfers; travel insurance; any Covid testing required to travel both in the US and internationally, laundry; coffee and drinks; excess baggage and items of a personal nature; any increase in taxes and fees that may occur between printing of this brochure and issuing of airline tickets. Price is based on the exchange rate at the time of printing and may be subject to change. Additional charge to pay by credit card.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Deposit of \$750 due with registration. Final payment date is September 15, 2023.

**TOUR DOCUMENTS:** The name on your airline ticket must exactly match your name as it appears on your passport. You must forward a copy of the photo/info page of your passport within two weeks of enrollment on the tour. If applying for a new or renewed passport, send the copy as soon as you receive your new passport. Your passport must be valid for 6 months after your return. It is the sole responsibility of each guest to obtain and have available the appropriate valid travel and health documents for their chosen itinerary.

**SINGLE ROOMS:** When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. Single room supplement for this tour is TBD

**ROOMMATES:** You will be charged for a single room if you do not have a roommate and/or Gomega Travel is unable to match you with one.

**MEALS:** Buffet breakfast and set dinner daily. All other meals are "on your own".

**LUGGAGE:** Limit of one suitcase and one carry-on per person, not to exceed 50 pounds or 62 linear inches total.

**TRANSFERS:** Group transport between airport, hotel and piers is included in the standard program. However, those who request changes from the standard program are responsible for their own transfers even when coinciding with group transfers.

**CHANGES FROM STANDARD PROGRAM:** Changes must be requested and approved in writing by Gomega Travel. A minimum of \$150 will be charged and individual transfers to/from the airport are not included.

**AIRLINE TICKETS:** Printed approximately 45 days prior to departure. Tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non amenable tickets for groups of 10 or more passengers flying together for the entire itinerary.

**FLIGHT TIMES:** Subject to change by airlines without advance notice. Gomega Travel is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

**ITINERARY LENGTH:** Because airlines often change the flight schedules after brochures are printed, Gomega Travel reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and whenever possible, you will be notified in writing. If changes necessitate extra overnights, there will be additional charges.

**CANCELLATION FEES:** From the day of registration to 120 days prior to departure the \$250 non-refundable registration fee is the only charge. Thereafter, the following charges apply: 119-90 days \$750; 89-60 days 50% of total cost; 59-45 days 75% of total cost; 44 days to day of departure 100% of total cost. All cancellation and refund claims must be made in writing.

**INSURANCE:** For more information and rates please refer to the product flyer found at <http://gomegatravel.com/travel-tips/insurance/>

## **STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Gomega Travel agrees to provide the itinerary described in this brochure, and this represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the Tour Host, and the Tour Operator.

No changes or deviations are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify, or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

All prices, itineraries and schedules are subject to regulations and changes thereof by acts of Government, International Agreement and Airline tariff adjustments, rules and regulations.

Gomega Travel reserves the right to change or withdraw the tour, in whole or in part at any time. In the event of a change, the sole exclusive obligation of Gomega Travel will be to refund pro rata any payment received. In the event of rescheduling of the tour due to unforeseen circumstances, the cancellation and refund clause will apply. Gomega Travel may decline to accept or retain any individual as a participant on the tour at any time. If any tour participant leaves or is removed from the tour, Gomega Travel is not responsible for any related expenses. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier or the default, negligence or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the Tour Host.

The Commercial carriers are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board commercial carriers. The passenger contracts, in use by all commercial carriers involved, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the commercial carriers and the passenger or purchaser of this tour and/or passage and tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility in connection therewith.

Enrollment in and payment for the tour, constitutes your acceptance of the Program Conditions and Statement of Responsibility.

The program conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by Gomega Travel in The Woodlands, Texas. Venue for any disputes is Montgomery County, Texas. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas.