

GateWay's Israel Trip 2018

November 7-16, 2018

Pastors David & Kathy Cannistraci invite you to experience the journey of a lifetime with them in the Holy Land. This trip comes at a special time, as we will be celebrating Israel's 70th birthday together!

We invite you to join us for our fifth group tour to one of our favorite places in the world—The Holy Land. It is only here that Jesus walked, healed the sick and raised the dead. It is only here that you can visit the sites of both His crucifixion and resurrection. This is the land of Abraham, King David and the apostle Paul.

This trip comes at a special time, as we will be celebrating Israel's 70th birthday together. Trips like this create lifelong relationships and spark a unique appreciation for God's Word that only comes by "being there." Experiencing all of this together is the journey of a lifetime. We hope you will come along!

Why Visit Israel?

Millions of Christians safely visit Israel every year, and for good reasons:

- Walk where Jesus walked
- Pray "on site with insight" in the Holy Land
- Experience deep and lasting fellowship
- Get spiritually refreshed
- Witness the miracle of modern Israel
- The Bible will come alive
- You will never be the same

Here are some of the amazing things we are going to do:

- Visit major Biblical and historical sites
- Have teaching from Pastor David Cannistraci
- Pray together at significant sites
- Meet Israelis and hear their stories
- Experience a genuine Bedouin meal at Genesis Land
- Leave your prayer notes at the Western Wall
- Sail on the Sea of Galilee



- Be baptized in the Jordan River if you wish
- See En Gedi, where David hid from King Saul
- Float in the Dead Sea
- Experience the history of Qumran and Masada
- View the amazing Golan Heights
- Learn the incredible story of the Holy Land
- Visit the Holocaust Museum
- Enter the City of David
- View Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives
- Take Communion in the Garden Tomb
- and much, much more.

Israel is not merely a vacation—it is a powerful spiritual experience. You will love Israel, and it will be special to see it together. Our tours exceed most everyone's expectations!

Israel 2018 Tour Cost:

Complete Land Package: \$4,348 per person/double occupancy complete, including a \$500 allowance for airline taxes and fees.

Our Complete Land Package includes:

1. Airfare from San Francisco to Israel and back with \$500 allowance for airline taxes and fees.
2. All transfers from / to the airport in Israel.
3. Lodging double occupancy in superior tourist class / 4 star hotels.
4. Full Israeli breakfast and dinner daily plus one Bedouin lunch at Genesis Land.
5. Daily private touring coach & English-speaking, government-licensed guide
6. Entrances to sites listed in itinerary.
7. Portage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel.
8. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates.
9. Admission to the Kotel Tunnel tour and Yad Vashem
10. Complete Bedouin meal at Genesis Land.
11. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
12. Visit to Nazareth Village attraction center.

If you are pricing other tours, please don't be fooled. This is a top quality, "no surprises" approach to international travel. Don't be fooled by ads "too good to be true."



Not included in the above quotation: Any Government taxes on airline tickets above \$500., voluntary tips and gratuities for drivers and guide, meals other than those specifically mentioned, spending money for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, laundry or transfers to or from SFO, Travel insurance, Cost of obtaining passports, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, optional tours and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the planned itinerary.

About Our Tour Company

This is our fifth Israel tour using International Christian Journeys, a local tour company that has deep roots both in Israel and in the Christian experience. Our travel coordinator is Rev. Ken Carter, an ordained minister. Along with his travel career, Ken serves as minister of music and has traveled worldwide with the Billy Graham Association. We have carefully selected ICJ because of its superior quality, value and record of integrity.

Hosted by Pastors David and Kathy Cannistraci and GateWay City Church.
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Book Your Reservation Today!

Invite a companion! Register and secure your place on GateWay's Israel Tour November 7-16, 2018

To Register, make a deposit or full payment please contact:

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Specify GateWay's Israel Trip November 7-16, 2018. A deposit of \$500 per passenger reserves your spot. \$400 is fully refundable up to 90 days prior to travel. Balance is due in full 90 days before departure.



Day-By-Day Plan For Our Israel 2018 Tour

Day 1: Wednesday, November 7

Depart San Francisco for Tel Aviv via Istanbul on TURKISH AIRLINES 80 at 6:15PM

Day 2: Thursday, November 8

Arrive Tel Aviv, TURKISH AIRLINES 790 at 11:30PM.

Meeting and assistance at Ben Gurion Airport. Transfer to your hotel in Netanya.

Overnight: Netanya

Day 3: Friday, November 9

Caesarea / Mt. Carmel / Megiddo / Nazareth + Nazareth Village / Resort Kibbutz

After a full Israeli breakfast, we drive along the Mediterranean coastal road to the ruins of Caesarea, the ancient Roman capital, built by Herod the Great in 22 BC. The apostle Paul was imprisoned here before being sent to Rome. Pilate lived here during the time of Jesus' crucifixion. Cornelius and his household lived here too. Visit the Roman Theatre, the Aqueduct and the Herodian Port. Continue to Haifa, to see the magnificent panoramic view from Mount Carmel. Visit the Mukraka, the location of Elijah's altar where he slew the prophets of Baal. Drive in the land and visit the Valley of Armageddon and the excavation of Tel Megiddo which is 30 civilizations deep going all the way back to the Canaanites. Here are Ahab's water tunnel and Solomon's stables. We travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth where we visit Nazareth Village, a recreated village as it was during the childhood of Jesus and Mary's well.

Dinner and Overnight: Resort Kibbutz in the Galilee

Day 4: Saturday, November 10

Boat Ride / Capernaum / Mt. Beatitude / Tabgha / Tel Dan / Caesarea Philippi / Yardenit

We'll take an unforgettable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Then visit Capernaum, central to Jesus ministry and the city of Simon Peter's house where the paralytic was healed. The foundation of the synagogue in which Jesus preached is also still seen. We then visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount and Tabgha, where Jesus fed 5000 with the loaves and the fishes of a small boy. Drive north to visit Tel Dan, where Jeroboam

challenged the temple in Jerusalem with a golden calf. Nearby we visit Caesarea Phillipi, site of pagan altars, where Peter confessed Christ. Journeying back via the Golan Heights we learn of Israel's great victory over Syria in recent history and stop at Yardenit a Baptismal site on the Jordan River where you can be baptized (there is a small fee at this site for baptism).

Dinner and Overnight: Resort Kibbutz in the Galilee

Day 5: Sunday, November 11

Gideon Springs / Beth Sh'ean / Genesis Land / Bethlehem

Drive to Gideon Springs where Gideon chose 300 men to fight the Midianites. Continue to Beit She'an, where the bodies of Saul and his sons were displayed on the walls after their Mount Gilboa defeat. Continue via the Jordan Valley, we stop at Genesis Land to enjoy the hospitality of Abraham and Eliezer including a Bedouin lunch. Here you can also experience a camel ride. After lunch we drive to Jericho to see the ruins from the famous battle when the Israelite entered into Canaan, as described in the Book of Joshua.

In the afternoon, we drive to Bethlehem and visit the Shepherd's Fields, the Fields of Boaz and Ruth and the Church of the Nativity, site of Jesus' birth.

Dinner and Overnight: Hotel in Jerusalem

Day 6: Monday, November 12

Old City of Jerusalem / Kotel Tunnel / Garden Tomb

Drive to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the Old City and the surrounding area. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, and Church of All Nations. See the Kidron Valley, Tombs of Absalom, Zachariah and James. On our walking tour we proceed to the temple area on Mt. Moriah where we visit a recently excavated archeological site at the southern wall of Temple Mount in the Old City. Afterwards we see the Dome of the Rock, visit the Western Wall, and walk through the Kotel Tunnel. We also visit the Golden Gate, the Pinnacle, St. Stephen's Gate, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of the Flagellation and the Ecce Homo Arch. We continue through the Bazaar to the last stations of the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the Roman Cardo and continue to the Garden Tomb of Jesus, where we have an orientation beside Calvary and a Communion service with Pastor David.

Dinner and Overnight: Hotel in Jerusalem



Day 7: Tuesday, November 13

City of David / Hezekiah Tunnel / Herodian Tunnel / House of Caiaphas / Mt. Zion

Drive to the City of David and see the excavated fortresses and passageways from David's conquest of the Jebusites city as described in the 2nd book of Samuel. The City of David is where Jerusalem started. Hezekiah's Tunnel runs from the Gihon Spring to the Pool of Siloam and acted as an aqueduct to provide Jerusalem with water during a siege. Visit the new excavations and walk thru the Herodian tunnel from King Herod's period that runs from the Siloam Pool to the Davidson Center in the Old City. We exit the Tunnel at Davidson Center and proceed to visit the House of Caiaphas, where the high priest resided and where Jesus was tried by the Sanhedrin – the High Court in Jerusalem. Peter also denied Jesus in the courts of this House. Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the King David Tomb and the Room of the Last Supper.

Dinner and Overnight: Hotel in Jerusalem

Day 8: Wednesday, November 14

Dead Sea / Qumran / Ein Gedi / Masada

Depart Jerusalem for the Shore of the Dead Sea - the deepest point on earth (1368 feet below sea level). Drive via the Judean Wilderness to the Dead Sea and then via Ein Fescha to Qumran to see the ruins of an ancient Essene community where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue to the Nature Reserve Ein Gedi, where King David found shelter from the rage of King Saul. Ascend to Masada by cable car to visit its magnificent ruins. Masada is the fortress where from 70-73 AD the Jewish Zealots made the last stand against the Roman Empire. On our way back to Jerusalem, if time and weather allow, we may stop and enjoy a short swim in the Dead Sea, then make a scenic stop near Gilgal for prayer and teaching before we return to Jerusalem via the Judean Wilderness.

Dinner and Overnight: Hotel in Jerusalem

Day 9: Thursday, November 15

New City of Jerusalem / Jaffa / Valley of Ellah / Jerusalem

This morning, we drive past the Knesset to the Israel Museum. Visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited and where the model of ancient Jerusalem is displayed. Visit Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial.



In the afternoon we travel to Jaffa, home of Simon the Tanner and where Jonah set sail to encounter the great fish. Continue to Valley of Elah where David slew Goliath. Return to Jerusalem.

Dinner and Overnight: Hotel in Jerusalem

Day 10: Friday, November 16

Depart Tel Aviv on TURKISH AIRLINES 865 at 8:55AM

Arrive San Francisco on TURKISH AIRLINES 79 at 4:35PM

Book Your Reservation Today!

We hope you to make plans to join us for our tour. Friends and family outside our church are also most welcome to come along. We will share times of prayer worship and Bible teaching that can benefit their spiritual life!

A deposit of \$500 per passenger reserves your spot. \$400 is fully refundable up to 90 days prior to travel. Balance is due in full 90 days before departure.

We recommend that you consider the benefits of purchasing private travel insurance, which can offer increased baggage protection, medical, dental and evacuation coverage. Various plans are available, and one reputable company among others is TRAVEL INSURED INTERNATIONAL (www.travelinsured.com).

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Passport Information

Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the return date of your trip. If not, the airlines will not let you fly. If you do not have a valid passport whose expiration date ends more than six months after the date of your tour, you must apply for one immediately. Passports may be obtained at many post offices.



What About Children?

Children being children, it is not advisable to bring young ones on group tours. As precious as they are, they are sometimes worrisome to other travelers and it is doubtful whether the children will absorb the full meaning of the experience. The cost of bringing a child is the same as for an adult.

Cancellation Fees

1. From deposit to 90 days prior to the trip-\$100
2. From 90 days prior to the trip to time of trip-\$300, PLUS any amount unrecoverable from suppliers we have already paid.

Credit Cards

There is a different price for using a credit card.

Crime And Safety

Before traveling please consult the following website for tips regarding safety:
http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html

Crime In General.

Israeli's are security specialists, and crime is not an issue in most of our tours, though care should always be taken regarding pickpockets or purse snatchers at popular tourist areas in all countries. For safety in general, you should exercise extreme caution and avoid crowded areas and demonstrations to the extent possible.

The crime rate is moderate in Israel. There are sometimes reports of harassment of tourists by vendors in many tourist areas of Jerusalem, including, in particular, the Mount of Olives.

Insurance

1. See our web page, International Christian Journeys, under Company Information / Travel Insurance.
2. We highly recommend the purchase of adequate insurance.

Pricing

Influence of quality considerations.

We are more interested in quality tours than cheap tours although we can do both. Sometimes you will find tours from other companies that are lower priced than ours, but we encourage you to compare all of the inclusions and exclusions and levels of service of any lower price you may see.

Price matching.

We will match, or perhaps beat, the price of any other tour company item for item and in the process give you our superior service as well. To help you get an equivalent or better price quoted to you by another company, we will need the following information from their quote:

- Dates
- Departure city
- Airline name
- Hotel names
- What's included and what's not

Note: If you are traveling with a group, the pastor or leader may have made upgraded choices for your enjoyment or comfort.

Money

ATMs:

Withdraw cash at ATMs to save money. Take advantage of favorable exchange rates offered by ATMs. Cash is dispensed in local currency, and debited from your account in US Dollars - this eliminates additional conversion fees and commissions assessed by currency exchange bureaus. Your PIN should be 4 digits. If your PIN is longer, contact your issuing financial institution and ask for a new PIN number. If you have an alphabetic PIN, translate the letters to numbers before leaving the US. Test your PIN before you travel.

Financial institutions may have restrictions on daily withdrawals even when you are in another country. Check with your financial institution.

Cash:

It is advisable to take some US one dollar bills with you for incidental tipping money or special needs where credit cards may not be accepted.

Passports And Visas

Passports must be valid for six months beyond the return date of your trip. If not, the airlines will not let you fly. If you do not have a valid passport whose expiration date ends more than six (6) months after the date of your tour, you must apply for one immediately. Passports may be obtained at many post offices. Visas are required in Egypt, Jordan, and Turkey. To facilitate speedy entry, we often get visas for groups in advance, but they can also be obtained on arrival in the airports or at the port or border of those countries.

Group Travel Advice

Tranquility, harmonious relations and a successful journey can be ensured if each tour member, personally, adjusts their mode of behavior to following some simple ground rules.

Make a commitment to the concept, "If you're on time -- you're late!"

1. Report to the bus 30 minutes before any scheduled departure, when moving from one city to another and luggage transfer is required.
2. Report to the bus 15 minutes before any scheduled departure if the destination does not require luggage transfer.
3. Exercise discretion if engaging in unscheduled, independent activities. It is suggested that you join with four or more others in such excursions. Stand by and assist if a fellow member of your group encounters a problem.
4. Be aware that holding a bus beyond its scheduled departure time may be ordered only when the tour leader, in his/her discretion, determines that there is an emergency.
5. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Because of the serious threat to members who suffer allergic reactions to cosmetic scents, we ask that you please do not use perfumes or strongly scented cosmetics on the bus.

Packing Tips

- Plan for variations in weather from warm to cold to rain. Bring layers. Think washable, wrinkle-free, cool and compact.
- Comfortable shoes are a **MUST!** (lots of uneven walkways)
- Take toiletries in small containers—just the amount needed. Take disposable items that can be tossed when you are finished.
- Plan for medication, health and hygiene needs. You may not be able to run out and buy what you need.
- Ship purchases home whenever possible. Carry as few things as possible.

- Make a list of luggage contents and approximate value in case you have to fill out a baggage claim form.
- Practice Pack! Lay out everything and start packing by priority. (Write it down; then pare it down!)
- Take 50 \$1 bills. These can get you through many situations.
- Carry a bag to see you through all emergencies (Kleenex, towelettes, passport, cash, ID, credit card/traveler's checks, your hotel list, local maps, something edible. Buy water after security).
- Clothing: casual clothing, walking shoes, underwear, nighties, sweater/light jacket, rain poncho, minimum jewelry.
- Make-up items and toiletries: Keep a meticulous list over a week's period of the "stuff" you cannot live without.
- Health items: vitamins, aspirin, medications, extra pair of glasses and a copy of your Rx, contact lens stuff, laxative, diarrhea needs, decongestant.
- Passport / credit card/ATM card/traveler's checks!!* (Most items forgotten from above can be replaced with these!)
- Misc: Bible. Consider also the following: small sewing kit, plastic folding cup, wash cloth, mirror, shower cap, small scissors, travel alarm, curling iron, hair dryer (alt. Current), travel iron, camera, film, umbrella, voltage adaptor, outlet adaptor, watch, other books and small binoculars.

Additional Advice

- Be aware and be careful.
- Always carry small coins in local currency.
- Fruit and cheese from a local vendor might be fine for lunch.
- HAVE FUN!!!