

Touring ISRAEL



with Jennifer Sands

Galilee ~ Dead Sea ~ Jerusalem

April 2 – 12, 2019



Jaffa
Caesarea
Megiddo
Nazareth

Mt. of Beatitudes
Capernaum
Jordan River
Masada

Gethsemane
Western Wall
Sea of Galilee
Garden Tomb



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk where Jesus walked? Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee? Explore the ruins of the first-century Temple Mount?

Join Jennifer as she leads another tour of the Holy Land... and see the Bible come alive!

Escorted Travel

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All-inclusive Tour Price: \$3995 per person

Price based on 21 passengers, double occupancy. Single Supplement: \$962

Tour includes:

- Roundtrip airfare nonstop from Newark, NJ to Tel Aviv
- Accommodations in deluxe hotels (double-occupancy)
- Transportation in Israel: private, full-sized deluxe motor coach
- Meals as indicated in itinerary (breakfast and dinner daily)
- Beverages include water, tea, and coffee
- Admission to all activities listed in itinerary
- Services of a professional **Israeli Tour Guide** throughout tour
- Luggage handling at hotels
- All taxes and gratuities, including Tour Guide and bus driver

Touring I S R A E L with *Jennifer Sands*



Tour Leader: Jennifer Sands

Life has taken a radically new direction for Jennifer since the tragic death of her husband in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. As one of today's most dynamic Christian Authors and Speakers, Jennifer

has written three books and she regularly addresses audiences both nationally and internationally. Each of her trips to Israel has deepened her knowledge and love for the Scriptures and the Holy Land. Join Jennifer as she leads this unforgettable tour of Israel, and experience the life-changing Land of the Bible for yourself!

For more information on Jennifer's ministry, visit
www.jennifersands.com

Tuesday, April 2 – Departure

Our journey begins as we board our nonstop flight from Newark, New Jersey to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Wednesday, April 3 – The Mediterranean Coastline

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv, we are met by our Israeli tour guide and bus driver. Then we'll get our first taste of Israel as we stop for a lovely breakfast at a restaurant on the Mediterranean Sea. Next we'll drive a short distance to our first stop in **Jaffa (Biblical Joppa)**. It was from this ancient seaport where the prophet Jonah fled, and it was in this city where Peter stayed with Simon the Tanner and restored Tabitha (Dorcas) to life. After Jaffa we'll drive to **Caesarea Maritime** which is also on the Mediterranean coastline. It was here that Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10); and here Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). Finally, we'll drive north to the Galilee area where we check into our hotel, freshen up, and enjoy a welcome dinner.

Thursday, April 4 – Galilee

After breakfast, our day begins in the book of Judges as we stop at **Gideon's Spring (Ein Harod)** where God prepared Israel's army to fight against the Midianites. Next we visit **Megiddo** and the **Valley of Armageddon** (Rev 16). From here we have a **view of Mount Gilboa**, where King Saul and his son Jonathan lost their lives against the Philistines (1 Sam 28); and also a **view of Mount Tabor**, the site where Deborah and Barak defeated Sisera (Judges 4). We'll make a quick stop to see the ancient ruins at **Bet She'an**, one of the 10 cities of the Roman Decapolis. Our last stop today is **Nazareth**, where Jesus spent His childhood years (Luke 2). We will visit **Nazareth Village**, where first-century life has been recreated with great detail. We'll also a break-taking view the Jezreel Valley from **Mount Precipice**.

Friday, April 5 – Galilee

This morning we'll enter the 2000-year old remains of **Capernaum**, where Jesus performed many miracles but condemned the city for its lack of faith. Next we visit the newly-discovered remains of the town of **Magdala**, including a first-century synagogue where Jesus would very likely have preached. We will stop at **Tabgha**, which commemorates the feeding of the 5000; and also the **Chapel of St. Peter's Primacy** on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection (John 21). Later we'll stop at the **Jesus Boat Museum** to see a first-century fishing boat, and we'll take an unforgettable **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, which is always one of the biggest highlights of the tour!

Saturday, April 6 – Galilee

We'll start our day with a visit to the traditional site where Jesus preached His famous Sermon on the **Mount of Beatitudes** (Matt 5-7). Then we'll head north to **Caesarea Philippi** (Baniyas), one of the sources of the Jordan River. It was here that Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" and He explained that He must go to Jerusalem and be crucified (Matt 16:13-23). Next we visit **Tel Dan**, where the Israelite tribe of Dan lived. We'll take a beautiful nature walk and see ruins from the time of Abraham and remains from King Jeroboam's high place of worship to a golden calf (1 Kings 12:25-33). Our next stop is **Kursi** (Gergesa) where Jesus healed the demoniac and sent the evil spirits into a herd of pigs (Mark 5:1-2). We'll also take a scenic drive through upper Galilee to see breathtaking views of **Mount Hermon** and the Golan Heights.

Sunday, April 7 – Dead Sea

Our first stop today is Yardenit at the **Jordan River** where we can watch Baptisms take place. Then we'll journey south toward Jerusalem, traveling through the limestone landscape of the Judean Mountains. We'll visit the oasis of **Ein Gedi** where David hid when he was pursued by King Saul (1 Sam 24). We continue on to **Masada**, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod and the famous site of the Jewish Zealot's rebellion against the Romans. Our day ends as we arrive at the **Dead Sea** to float in the saltiest water on earth! Tonight we'll stay at a deluxe Spa Resort on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Monday, April 8 – Jerusalem

On our way to Jerusalem, we'll stop at **Qumran**, the remains of the ancient Essene community and the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. As we continue toward Jerusalem, we'll stop along the roadside for a **view of Bethlehem and the Shepherd's fields**, where we'll reflect on Jesus' miraculous birth and we'll sing a few Christmas carols. When we finally enter the Holy City of **Jerusalem**, the magnitude of its history and the grandeur of the view will take our breath away. Our driver will take us on a scenic drive through the city, then we'll check into our deluxe hotel and relax for the evening.

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Tuesday, April 9 – Jerusalem

Today we'll start in the **Upper Room** (Luke 22:7-38), then we'll make our way to **St. Peter Gallicantu**, the house of Caiaphas the High Priest (John 18) and the site where Peter denied Jesus three times. Next we'll proceed to the **Mount of Olives** and take the walk down **Palm Sunday Road** to the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus prayed in agony to His Father (Matt 26:36-46). We continue on to **St. Stephen's Gate (Lion's Gate)** where Stephen was stoned and martyred. We'll see what remains of the Roman Praetorium's **Lithostrata**, the first-century stone pavement where Jesus was sentenced, beaten, and given His cross to bear; then we'll walk along part of the **Via Dolorosa**, the "road of sorrow" where Jesus carried His cross on the way to Calvary. We'll make a quick stop at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. We'll worship in song at **St. Anne's Church** and we'll visit the **Pool of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the lame man (John 5). Throughout the day, we'll experience the unique way of life that these ancient customs and lifestyles have maintained. We'll return to our hotel for dinner and to reflect on all we've seen today.

Wednesday, April 10 – Jerusalem

This morning we'll visit the **City of David** and the **Rabbinical Tunnel**, to see more amazing archaeological excavations of ancient Jerusalem. We'll climb the ancient **Southern Steps** upon which Jesus would have entered the Temple. We'll have the opportunity to walk through **Warren's Shaft** and **Hezekiah's Tunnel**, a 2800-year old underground water aqueduct built by King Hezekiah and mentioned in 2 Kings 20. We'll visit the **Shrine of the Book's** exhibits of the Dead Sea Scrolls; and we'll see the **Jerusalem Model**, a large-scale outdoor display that helps us to visualize the city in Jesus' time. We'll also spend some time at **Yad Vashem**, the powerful Holocaust Memorial Museum. Tonight we'll enjoy a special "Farewell Dinner" in our hotel where we'll reflect on our Holy Land experience.

Thursday, April 11 – Jerusalem

We'll begin our last day of touring at the **Jaffa Gate** and stop at the **Western Wall** to pray. We may have the opportunity to walk up onto the original **Temple Mount** platform where King Herod's Temple once stood. We will visit the **Davidson Center**, the archaeological excavation of the first-century Temple; and we'll see computer models of Jerusalem to visualize the Holy City as it once was and now is. Our touring ends with a visit to **Gordon's Calvary** (Luke 23), a possible site of Golgotha, where we reflect on the agony of Christ's crucifixion. Finally, we'll rejoice and re-live the exhilaration of Jesus' resurrection at the **Garden Tomb**, where we'll conclude our life-changing tour of the Holy Land with a beautiful Communion service. After dinner, we'll pack our luggage and drive to the airport for a late night flight back home.

Friday, April 12 – Return Home

Our return flight arrives in Newark, NJ early this morning, taking us home with countless blessings and unforgettable memories of our trip to the Holy Land.



Weather Information:

Early April in Israel usually brings delightful, sunny days with average temperatures in the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Safety Information:

No person on a Christian tour group from the US has ever been harmed by violence in Israel... *not one, not ever*. Travelers returning from Israel are always impressed with the safety and security they have experienced. You can rest assured that we will *never* take our tour group to any area that may be politically unstable. In spite of what you may see or hear in the media, Israel is an exceptionally safe place to visit!

Physical Requirements:

A tour of the Holy Land involves a considerable amount of walking and climbing up and down hills and steps – many of which are ancient roads with uneven pavements. It's certainly not necessary to be an athlete for this trip, but it is recommended to be in average or good physical condition.

All-Inclusive Tour Price:

\$3995 per person

Price based on 21 passengers, double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$962

- A deposit of \$400 per person is required for Registration. **Make check payable to "Escorted Travel"**, and write "*Jennifer Sands Israel Tour*" on the memo line.
- Fill out the Registration Form, include it with your check, and mail both to Escorted Travel (address below).
- See back of brochure for further payment schedule, cancellation policy, exclusions, and more information.
- A maximum of 20 passengers (in addition to Jennifer) will be accepted for this tour – a great benefit which allows for more sightseeing and closer fellowship. Registration is "first come, first serve", so early registration is strongly recommended!

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Terms and Conditions

A United States passport valid through October 2019 is required. Please contact Tour Operator if you have a non-U.S passport.

Tour price of \$3995 is based on 21 passengers, current Israeli VAT policy, and shekel/dollar rate as of May 12, 2018.

Your Tour Price Includes:

- **Roundtrip airfare** nonstop from Newark, NJ to Tel Aviv on a regularly-scheduled airline. Cancellations after the air tickets have been issued are subject to a cancellation penalty as imposed by the airline. Current taxes and fees are included, with no change expected. Please note: frequent flyer miles or credit card points cannot be used to purchase or upgrade air tickets.
- **Accommodations** in superior and deluxe hotels. Single supplement is \$962.
- **Transportation in Israel** via private, full-sized deluxe motor coach
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary (daily buffet breakfasts and daily buffet dinners in hotels)
- **Beverages** at breakfasts include water, tea, and coffee. Juice is included with breakfasts.
- **Admission fees** to all sightseeing activities listed in itinerary, and services of a professional, English-speaking **Israeli Tour Guide**
- **One regular-sized suitcase** (maximum 50 pounds) is currently allowed at no charge, plus **one personal item** and **one carry-on** piece that will fit under the seat ahead or in the overhead bin.
- **Baggage handling** at hotels
- **All taxes and gratuities** for Tour Guide, Bus Driver, hotel staff, restaurant staff, and porters

Your Tour Price does NOT include:

- Meals and beverages *other than* those specifically stated above (lunches, soft drinks, bottled water, or alcoholic beverages are not included)
- Services not specifically stated above
- Luggage fees that may be imposed by airlines (none at time of printing)
- Travel/cancellation insurance (this insurance is available to purchase and is recommended)

Payment Schedule

A deposit of \$400 per person is required to guarantee a place on the tour. Second payment of \$1600 is due October 1, 2018. Final payment is due February 1, 2019. Credit cards may be used for second and final payments with a non-refundable 5% processing fee.

Cancellation Policy

There is no penalty for written cancellations received before August 1, 2018. Written cancellations received Aug 1– Oct 31 are subject to a \$400 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellations received Nov 1–Dec 14 are subject to a 25% cancellation fee of the total tour price. Written cancellations received Dec 15–Feb 15 are subject to a 50% cancellation fee of the total tour price. Written cancellations received after Feb 15 are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. There will be no refund made for missed services while on the tour. In addition to the above cancellation fees, airline tickets are not refundable once issued. **We recommend the purchase of travel insurance**, which covers medical expenses as well as cancellation penalties and other conditions. Please note: Healthcare and medical costs outside the USA are not covered by basic Medicare. **For information on travel insurance, email your request to ron.cansler@yahoo.com.**

Responsibility

Jennifer Sands and Ronald L. Cansler, dba Escorted Travel Concepts, LLC, and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters; and as such, they are not responsible for any damage, expense, or inconvenience caused by late plane arrival or departure or by any change of schedule or other condition, nor the loss of or damage to any person or property from any cause whatsoever. Tour organizers accept no liability for loss or damage to any luggage. The sponsoring organization reserves the right to withdraw the tour at any time, or make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Services of any regularly-scheduled jet carrier may be used on this tour.

Payment of deposit by tour participants indicates acceptance of all above terms and conditions, payment schedule, and cancellation policy.



Sunrise at the Sea of Galilee

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