

# Bookman Ministries/Shepherds Theological Seminary

## Study Trip to Israel

September 29 – October 12, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 25	September 26	September 27	September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1
			<u>Optional Early Departure Date</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Depart for Israel</u> by the flight of your choice and arrangement. <sup>2</sup>	<u>Arrive Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel</u> Make your way to our hotel in Netanya, on the shore of the Mediterranean <sup>3</sup> Introductions & Preview <sup>4</sup> (after evening meal) ON: Blue Bay Hotel Netanya	<u>Coastal Plains &amp; The Jezreel Valley</u> Caesarea Maritima Mt Carmel (Muhra)ka 2 <sup>nd</sup> Temple Tomb Megiddo Ein Harod/Mt Gilboa Nazareth Village Nazareth Illit ON: Golden Crown - Nazareth
October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8
<u>Sea of Galilee</u> Sephphoris (overlook) Mt Arbel Cove of the Sower Ginosar (lunch), Tabgha/ Mt of Beatitudes Capernaum Gergasa Boat Ride (to En-Gev) ON: En Gev - Sea of Galilee	<u>Northern Galilee</u> Huleh Valley Chorazin, Hazor Dan Caesarea Philippi Mt. Hermon foothills Golan Heights Gamla ON: En Gev	<u>Jordan Rift</u> Beth Shan Jericho Qumran Lunch / Dead Sea Swim En Gedi Masada [Walk down Roman Ramp] ON: Arad Youth Hostel	<u>Northern Negev</u> Arad Beer-Sheva Lachish / Beit Guvrin Ashkelon Gezer Mt of Olives Overlook PM: Preview of Jerusalem ON: Gloria Hotel - Jerusalem	<u>Shephalah / Western Approaches</u> Elah Valley / Azekah Sorek Valley / Beth-Shemesh Ajalon Valley / Ajalon Biblical Gardens (Yad HaShmonah/Lunch) Nebi Samwil (Mizpah) ON: Gloria Hotel	<u>Introduction to Jerusalem</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Temple Model Shrine of the Book Haas Promenade Mt of Olives (walk to Kidron Valley) PM: Visit to Western Wall <sup>5</sup> ON: Gloria Hotel	<u>Worship / Bethlehem</u> Morning Service: Jerusalem Assembly <sup>6</sup>  Bethlehem Herodion/Tekoa Citadel of David ON: Gloria Hotel
October 9	October 10	October 11	October 12	October 13	October 14	October 15
<u>Jerusalem / OT</u> Hezekiah's Northern Wall Model: 1 <sup>st</sup> Temple Jerusalem (Ariel Ctr) City of David Hezekiah's Tunnel/ Pool of Siloam Afternoon: Free ON: Gloria Hotel	<u>Jerusalem / NT</u> Western Wall Temple Mt St. Anne's / Bethesda Via Dolorosa Holy Sepulcher Church Southern Excavations Jewish Quarter / Cardo PM: Western Wall Tunnel ON: Gloria Hotel	<u>Jesus' Final Hours</u> Upper room Walk to Gethsemane Christ Church Gordon's Calvary  Afternoon free Farewell Dinner Depart for airport - time per your arrangement	Dep. Tel Aviv by the flight of your choice and arrangement ON: In your own bed!		<b>Telephone #s:</b>  Blue Bay Hotel . . . . . 9-860-0100 Golden Crown – Nazareth . . . 4-601666 Kibbutz En Gev . . . . . 4-665-9800 Arad Youth Hostel . . . . . 8-995-7150 Gloria Hotel . . . . . 2-628-2431 Bookman's Mobile . . . . . Joel's Mobile (Guide) . . . . . 5-025-55069	From the USA, precede with 011-972-

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<sup>1</sup>The group will gather at the Blue Bay Hotel in Netanya on Friday, September 30. However, if you would like to have a day to recoup, you are welcome to arrive a day (or more, for that matter) early. The hotel will be alerted that some travelers may choose to arrive early, but you must make those arrangements yourself. The contact information for the Hotel will be provided.

Address: 37 Hamelachim street, Netanya 42228

Website: [http://www.blue-bay.co.il/index\\_en.html](http://www.blue-bay.co.il/index_en.html)

E-Mail: via the "Contact Us" link on their web-site

Phone: 972-9-8600100

Note: Mention that you are with the STS Study group.

The Blue Bay Hotel is on the shore of the Mediterranean and offers a full slate of amenities. The price of a regular room for Friday night (the 1<sup>st</sup> night of our tour) is built into the cost of the trip; if you choose to arrive early, you will need to cover the charge for the additional night(s).

<sup>2</sup>Arrival in Israel on Friday will mean departing the US on Thursday. Select any carrier you like, but be careful to *schedule your arrival sometime on Friday, Sept 30*. The earlier you arrive, the more time you will have to gather yourself before we start out on Saturday morning.

<sup>3</sup> There are two ways to reach the first night's hotel: taxi and pre-arranged shuttle service. Either is direct and will be no difficulty at all.

To secure an *individual taxi*, after passing customs and picking up your luggage, proceed through the Greeters Hall and exit at Gate #3; find the dispatcher's station and ask for a taxi to the first night's hotel. (Have the address available, though it will probably not be necessary.)

NOTE: Taxi drivers are required by law to use the meter on all trips. Unless you know the accepted rates, do not be tempted to set a price beforehand. For long trips, the driver must charge passengers according to the Ministry of Transport price list posted in all taxis. Further, a 25% surcharge for night trips is in effect from 9:01pm – 5:29am (from 4pm on Fridays & holiday eves). Trips out of Ben Gurion Airport are charged an additional NIS 5.00, and passengers pay approximately NIS 3.00 for each suitcase.

To secure a pre-arranged shuttle, contact the Airport Shuttle Service at [www.israel.airport-shuttle.com](http://www.israel.airport-shuttle.com). This is a pre-paid service; you will be asked to pay by credit card and a payment voucher will be sent you via the internet. The driver will be waiting for you at the reception hall at Ben-Gurion Airport (with an appropriate sign); he will drive you directly to the hotel. The price/person is dependent on the total number in the group; you will find those prices listed on the web-page. Notice that the prices are in US dollars. They range from \$20 – 30/person.

Please do not be intimidated by this, as it is very simple and entirely dependable. Further, note that the cost of getting to the hotel is not covered in the cost of the trip, so you will have to pay for this yourself. The trip has been arranged in this way in order to keep your cost at a minimum.

Even at that, it will be wise to travel with a cell phone which is useable in Israel. On the other hand, if you do not have a mobile phone, it will not be hard to find a phone to use. The tour guide will be carrying a cell phone and will be accessible at any time. If a plane is delayed or missed, he should be notified as soon as possible. It will not be difficult to make arrangements to get the traveler to the group, regardless of what delay might occur.

<sup>4</sup>We will regularly gather in the evenings to preview the region we will be exploring the next day.

<sup>5</sup>Men from various synagogues march and sing their way to the Western (nee: Wailing) Wall on Friday to welcome in the Sabbath; it is a very interesting and compelling event to witness.

<sup>6</sup>The Jerusalem Assembly is a strong congregation in Jerusalem, pastored by Meno Kalisher. We will worship with that church on this Shabat morning.