

**Join Grace Point Church's
10 Day Journey to Israel, October 3rd - 12th, 2023
with an optional 5 Day Egypt Extension Tour
October 12th - 16th, 2023**

Hi GPC Family and Friends!

I would like to invite you to join Rhonda and I for an adventure of a lifetime!

For thousands of years, no place has been more historical or insightful to Christ followers than the land of Israel. God used the land of Israel to shape the lives of His people in the days of the Bible and He still does the same today.

When reading the Bible, have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually be there? In October 2023, you will have an opportunity to see the Sea of Galilee, the Valley of Megiddo, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and much more.

As you journey to Israel and possibly Egypt, I'm confident the stories in the Bible will jump off the pages as you walk where the men and women of Scripture walked and experienced God in powerful ways. More than visiting the places of the Bible, it is my desire to help you experience the God of the Bible as you visit these amazing places.

I had the privilege of leading a trip in October of 2018 with some of our GPC folks and after seeing and hearing how the trip impacted them in such a positive way, Rhonda and I are ready to invite another group to join us.

As you look at the map of where we will visit and read through our itinerary, I hope you get excited and take advantage of this amazing trip. The price for the 10 day trip to Israel including flights, hotels, meals, fees and tips is \$4,282. The extension trip to Egypt is an extra \$1,845. (prices may vary depending on group size). If interested in finding out more, please email me bob@gracepointsd.com.

With much anticipation :), Pastor Bob

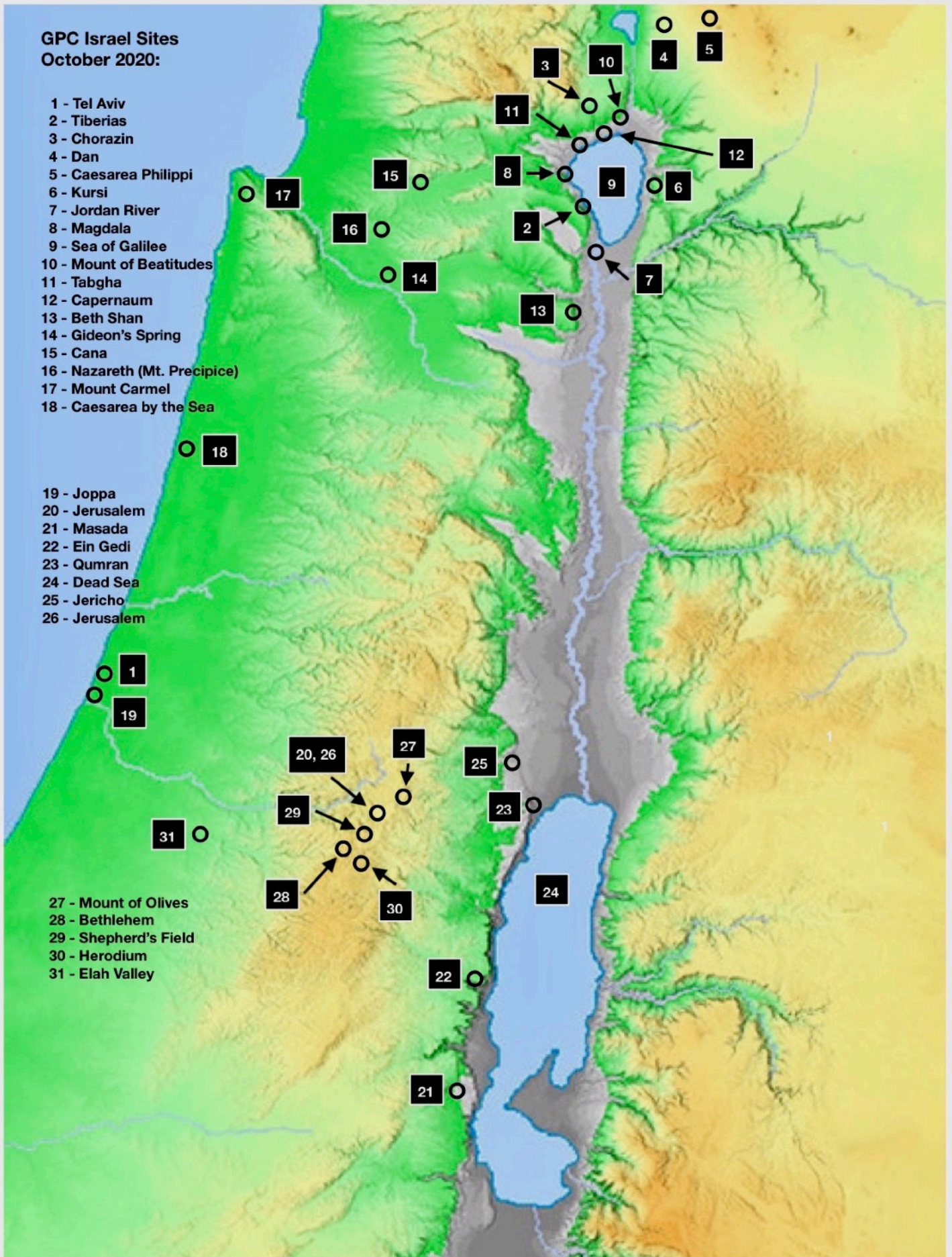


**GPC Israel Sites
October 2020:**

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- 29 - Shepherd's Field
- 30 - Herodium
- 31 - Elah Valley



Upcoming Israel Trip Summary:

Day 1: Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 San Diego / Tel Aviv

For our first day, we will fly from **San Diego** to **Tel Aviv** arriving the next day. Meals (and movies :) served on board.

Day 2: Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 Tel Aviv / Tiberias

Upon landing at Ben Gurion International Airport in **Tel Aviv**, we will be met by our representative who will assist us through customs in getting to our bus. We will then enjoy driving through Tel Aviv, the largest city in Israel, on our way to the famous Sea of Galilee where we will check into the Leonardo Club Hotel in **Tiberias** for dinner and a well-deserved rest.

Day 3: Thursday, October 5th, 2023 Chorazin / Dan / Caesarea Philippi / Kursi / Jordan River / Magdala

This morning we drive to **Chorazin** where Jesus performed many “*mighty works*” (Matthew 11:20-21, Luke 10:13). We will then drive through the Hula Valley and Upper Galilee to the northern limits of Jesus’ travel as we cross the River Hatzbani to **Dan**. Here we combine a nature walk beside the Upper Jordan with views of the ancient ruins of Dan topped by the Israelite high place that supported a golden calf (1 Kings 12). In ancient Israel, the phrase “*from Dan to Beersheeba*” (Judges 20:1, 1 Sam 3:20, 2 Sam 3:10; 17:11; 24:2, 15; 1 Kings 4:25) described in practical terms all Israel from north to south. When you see Dan with its lush springs, rivers and shade trees, you will understand why the Hebrews traveled “*even as far as Dan*” (1 Kings 12:30).

Then we will take a short drive to **Banias (Caesarea Philippi)**, dedicated to Pan the Greek god of pastures, flocks and shepherds. At Caesarea Philippi, Peter made his great profession of faith which prompted Jesus to say to Peter and his disciples, “*On this rock I will build my church.*” (Matthew 16:13-20, Mark 8:27-30). We will then take a short hike to enjoy the Banias water fall which is the probable site of several Old Testament Psalms.

Next, we will drive south on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee and stop at **Kursi** where Jesus healed two demon-possessed men (Matthew 8:28-32). We will then continue our drive south and stop at the **Jordan river** where members of our group will have the opportunity to be baptized. Our last stop of the day will be at **Magdala**, three miles north of Tiberias, where one of the oldest synagogues dating back to the first century is located. Magdala was the home of Mary Magdalene and was known as a town for salting or processing fish. Most likely, it was the fishing center where Peter, Andrew, James and John would have brought their fish to be sold.

After a full day of touring, we will then drive back to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and rest up for our next day.

Day 4 - Friday, October 6th, 2023

**Sea of Galilee / Geonsar / Mount of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum
Beit Shean / Gideon's Spring**

After breakfast we will sail on the **Sea of Galilee** as the disciples did 2,000 years ago. After enjoying the ride and reflecting on some events that happened on and near this historical body of water, we will dock at the **Kibbutz of Geonsar** and visit a museum that displays the remains of a 2,000 year old boat that was discovered in 1986. This boat is old enough to have been used at the time of Jesus.

We will then drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and visit the **Mount of Beatitudes** where Jesus taught the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-8). We will visit the famous chapel constructed in 1939 by architect Antonio Barluzzi and enjoy the panoramic view. We will then continue to the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee to **Tabgha**. This site is traditionally believed to be the site of the feeding of the 5,000 but most likely that is not accurate. The miracle of feeding the 5,000 was near Bethsaida, northeast of the Sea of Galilee, in a more desolate place (Luke 9:10, Mark 6:30, John 6:1). Tabgha is, however, the site where Jesus appeared to seven disciples after his resurrection and re-commissioned Peter (John 21). We will spend some time on the shore of the Sea of Galilee where this occurred.

Next on our tour, we will visit the 2,000 year old remains of **Capernaum** where Jesus moved his base of operations from Nazareth to this bustling city by the sea. It was from Capernaum that Jesus did most of his Galilean ministry (Matthew 4:13, 13:54, 17:24, Luke 7:1-10, John 4:46-54). Here we will visit the synagogue where Jesus often ministered and visit the house traditionally known as Simon's House where he healed his mother-in-law (Luke 4:38-39).

We will then drive a few miles south and stop at **Beit Shean**, one of the best-preserved cities of the Decapolis, located at the foot of Mount Gilboa (Mark 5:20, 7:31). It was here, after defeating King Saul and his three sons, the Philistines hung their bodies from the city walls (1 Samuel 31). At Beit Shean we will see the remains of Egyptian, Roman, and Byzantine occupations including an ancient Roman Theater.

Next, we will stop at **Gideon's Spring**, located at the base of Mount Gilboa, which is described in Judges 7. This spring is also called the Spring of Harod because it overlooks the Harod Valley. This spring represents the place where Gideon selected his three hundred men to fight the armies of Midian (Judges 7:4-8).

We will then return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and the rest of our evening.

Day 5 - Saturday, October 7th, 2023

**Cana / Nazareth (Mount Precipice) / Mount Carmel / Caesarea by the Sea / Joppa /
Benjamin Plateau / Jerusalem**

After breakfast we will drive through **Cana** of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first public miracle - turning of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11), and visit the town of **Nazareth** (Luke 1:26, 4:16-29, Matthew 2:23). We will take in an unforgettable view of the city of Nazareth and the **Jezreel Valley**, also called the Valley of Armageddon, from the top of **Mount Precipice** which is believed to be where an angry mob tried to throw Jesus off (Luke 4:29-30).

From Nazareth, we will drive west along the Jezreel Valley and stop at **Mount Carmel** where Elijah issued his challenge to the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:19- 46).

From there we will drive down the Mediterranean coast traveling south along the coastal highway to **Caesarea by the Sea** (Acts 9:30, Acts 10:24-48). Here Cornelius, the Centurion, and his household became Christ followers and were baptized (Acts 10). It was also here where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25-26). Next, we will head south to visit the town of **Joppa** also called Jaffa. Joppa is where Peter raised Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead (Acts 9:36-43) and where Jonah got in a boat headed in the wrong direction (Jonah 1:1-3).

We will see a panoramic view of the Tel Aviv shoreline from a hilltop at Joppa and visit **St. Peter's Church** which marks the traditional site believed to be the place where Peter had his vision on the housetop of Simon the Tanner (Acts 10:5-23).

We will then head up the historic Beth Horon Road (Joshua 10:10) to the **Benjamin Plateau**, passing the ancient Canaanite city of Gibeon (Joshua 10:12, 11:19) and continuing on to **Jerusalem**.

After arriving in Jerusalem, we will check in to the Ramada Renaissance Hotel for dinner and enjoy some rest after another full day :).

Day 6 - Sunday, October 8th, 2023

Masada / Ein Gedi / Qumran / Dead Sea / Jericho

Today we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit the 1,500 feet mountaintop fortress of **Masada**. Built by King Herod, Masada is famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish resistance against the Romans. In 73AD, almost 1,000 Jews chose to die rather than become slaves to Rome. A millennium before this historical event, Masada was a place of protection for David. On the run from a jealous King Saul, David found refuge in Masada, which means "stronghold" (1 Sam. 22:3-5). We will ascend to Masada by cable car and visit a first century Synagogue and Herod's Winter Palace and dwellings.

We will then continue along the shores of the Dead Sea (1,300 ft. below sea level -- the lowest spot on earth) to **Ein Gedi**, where David hid in a cave when running from Saul (1 Samuel 24). At Ein Gedi, we will have the opportunity to take a short walk to see a beautiful waterfall in the desert. It was here that David most likely composed several of his Psalms.

Next, we will visit **Qumran** and walk through the ruins of this ancient Essene community. In this spot, an amazing collection of ancient Biblical texts were discovered in 1947 - commonly called the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will have a stop for lunch and time for those that want to swim/float in the **Dead Sea**. Next, we will travel to **Jericho**, the world's oldest city. From the excavated area atop the ruins of ancient Jericho, we will view the lush green Jordan Valley, **Elisha's Spring** (2 Kings 2:19-22) and the **Mount of Temptation** (Matthew 4:8-11).

We will then head back to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and rest up for the next day.

Day 7 - Monday, October 9th, 2023

**Mount of Olives / Garden of Gethsemane / Upper Room / Southern Steps
Davidson Center Museum / Herodium / Shepherd's Field / Bethlehem
Church of the Nativity**

Our drive this morning takes us to the **Mount of Olives** east of Jerusalem. After long days ministering in Jerusalem, Jesus and His disciples would often seek rest along the slopes of the Mount of Olives and among its ancient olive groves. The Mount of Olives is also the place where Jesus gathered with his early disciples to say good-bye as he ascended into heaven, near Bethany (Luke 24:50-51).

We will pass by the **Dome of Ascension** and the **Church of Dominus Flevit** (Latin for "The Lord wept") which are the traditional sites of where Jesus ascended and where Jesus paused to pray over Jerusalem as he saw so many like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 23:37). After passing through the Golden Gate or Eastern Gate of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, we will walk downhill to the **Garden of Gethsemane** where we will see old olive trees that are approximately 900 years old and are similar to the ones during the time of Christ.

Next we will pass by the **Church of All Nations** located next to the Garden of Gethsemane, near the foot of the Mount of Olives. This church is built over the rock on which Jesus is believed to have prayed in agony the night before he was crucified (Luke 22:39-44). We will then visit the **Upper Room** - the traditional site where Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:7-23) and where Jesus prayed his "High Priestly Prayer" (John 17).

We will then enter the Old City of Jerusalem through the Zion Gate (one of the seven gates that lead into the Old City) and proceed to the "**Southern Steps**" which are steps that entered the Temple through the Southern Wall. It was here where Jesus often taught the disciples (Luke 19:47-48). It was also here where Jesus entered the Temple and drove out the vendors and money changers who were exploiting the people (John 2:13-16, Matthew 21:12-13).

Near the Southern Steps, we will visit the **Davidson Center Museum** and watch a video that shows the temple as it was during Jesus' ministry.

Next, we will drive south toward the city of **Bethlehem** passing **Rachel's Tomb** (Genesis 35:19-20) on the outskirts of Bethlehem. Three miles from Bethlehem, we will stop at **Herodium** which is the highest peak in the Judaen Desert. From this hilltop, we will be able to see Bethlehem noting its relation to the rest of the central mountain range, including Jerusalem, as well as to the desert and the area of ancient Moab. Herodium was a palace fortress Herod had built between 23BC and 15BC and he is believed to be buried there.

We will then drive to the **Shepherd's Field** outside of Bethlehem that is a possible site where an angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:8-20). We will then continue into Bethlehem and walk to the **Church of the Nativity** which is a possible site of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-7).

After our time in Bethlehem we will drive back to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and another restful evening.

Day 8 - Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

**Western Wall Tunnel / Western Wall / City of David / Hezekiah's Tunnel (Pool of Siloam)
Shrine of the Book Museum and Holy Land Model / Elah Valley**

This morning we will board our bus for a tour through the famous **Western Wall Tunnel**, also called "The Rabbinical Tunnels" that are located along the base of the Western Wall. The tunnel and exhibit give us a more clear understanding of the amazing construction of the original Temple Mount including its giant stones and water supply and the Roman street where Jesus was led to judgment. We will see a temple model that will demonstrate where we are in location to the Temple in the time of Christ. We will then continue along the tunnel as we proceed to the "Gateway of the Priests" entry to the Holy of Holies. We will then continue to the **City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel** and hike 1,749 feet from one end to the other. This tunnel was dug by King Hezekiah's men in the 8th century (2 Chronicles 32:2-4, 2 Kings 20:20) and leads from the Gihon Spring to the Pool of Siloam where Jesus healed a blind man (John 9:1-11). Bring a small flashlight and water shoes to walk through the tunnel or you can stay dry and walk through the adjacent Canaanite Tunnel.

We will then head to the new city of Jerusalem passing by the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and continue to the Israel Museum to visit the **Shrine of the Book** and the "**Holy Land Model**" which helps us see what Jerusalem looked like at the time of the Second Temple expanded by King Herod. We will end our day by driving westward to visit the **Elah Valley** where David and Goliath met up and only one was left standing (1 Samuel 17).

After another insightful day of travel, we'll return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and a restful evening.

Day 9 - Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

**Temple Mount / Pool of Bethesda / Via Dolorosa / Church Of St. Anne
Antonia Fortress / Chapel of Flagellation / Lithostrotos / Arch of Ecce Homo
Church of the Holy Sepulchre / Cardo Maximo / Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu
Broad Wall / Garden Tomb**

Following breakfast we will drive to the **Dome of the Rock** and the al-Aqsa Mosque, located on the traditional site of the ancient **Temple Mount**. We will spend some time walking around the Temple Mount where the first and second Temples once stood.

Just to the north, we will enter the Lion's Gate where we will visit the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5) and the **Church of St. Anne**. This church is preserved from the Crusader period (1140 AD) with remarkable acoustics. We will then proceed along the traditional **Via Dolorosa** (Way of Sorrows). We will see the **Antonia Fortress** and the **Chapel of Flagellation** which was the site where the Roman soldiers flogged Jesus after he was convicted and sentenced to death.

We will see the **Lithostrotos** (Stone Pavement) which is considered to be where Jesus suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers. We will also see the **Arch of Ecce Homo** which is Latin for "Behold the man". These were the words spoken by Pontius Pilate when he presented Jesus to the people before being sentenced (John 19:5). We will continue on the Via Dolorosa through the bazaars as far as the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** that commemorates the hill of crucifixion and the tomb of Christ's burial (Matthew 27:33-57, 28:10).

After completing the Via Dolorosa, we will walk from the Christian Quarter along the Old City Market through the **Cardo Maximo** (the main north-south street running from one end of the city to the other) and past the Armenian Quarter.

We will then continue to **Mount Zion** and to the grounds of a church called **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu**. It is here where the High Priest Caiaphas most likely interrogated Jesus (John 18:19-24) and also provides the best view of early Jerusalem from the west.

We will also visit what is known as "**The Broad Wall**" located in the Jewish Quarter. This wall was part of the larger wall that King Hezekiah built in 701 BC intended to help protect the city against the Assyrians (2 Chronicles 32:4-8). The name of the wall was used in a later time in the history of the city, when Nehemiah returns from the Babylonia exile and rebuilds the wall in 444 BC (Nehemiah 3:8). We will then visit the **Garden Tomb** where we will revisit the Biblical accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection (Luke 23) and have a special time of communion and reflection.

After our time in the Garden Tomb we will have some free time to explore the Old City of Jerusalem and do some shopping before returning to our hotel for dinner.

Day 10 - Thursday, October 12th, 2023 **Jerusalem / San Diego**

Following breakfast, those of us not visiting Egypt will pack up and drive to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories. May the adventure in the land where God changed so many lives increase our passion to allow Him to continue to transform ours.

Rhonda and I had a wonderful trip in 2018 with a great group of 'travel buddies', we hope you join us in October of 2023 :) !



5-Day Egypt Extension Summary:

Day 1 - Thursday, October 12th, 2023

Fly to Cairo and then to Luxor to see the Valley of the Kings

From Tel Aviv, we will take a one hour flight to Cairo and then transfer to another one hour flight to Luxor where we will be assisted through customs and introduced to our local guide. We will then drive to the Nile Palace Hotel located on the shore of the Nile River and have some free time shopping, walking or resting before dinner.

Day 2: Friday, October 13th, 2023

Luxor - Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple

After breakfast we will drive to the Valley of the Kings which is the burial place of many pharaohs, including those before and after the Exodus.



(Valley of the Kings in Luxor, Egypt)

When we picture Egypt, we picture pyramids —those iconic burial places of the pharaohs. But pyramids posed a problem. Pyramids left no doubt where the treasures of the pharaohs were buried. It was x-marks-the-spot for grave robbers! So the pharaohs, beginning in the mid-16th-century BC, moved their burial places from the area of Giza to Luxor, or ancient Thebes. At the bottom of a mountain that had the natural shape of a pyramid the pharaohs, the queens, and other officials carved their tombs from the walls of the valley—easily hidden.

The Valley of the Kings contains at least 63 ancient tombs. The most famous discovery occurred in November 1922, when British archaeologist Howard Carter and his team discovered the amazingly intact tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun, or King Tut, who reigned about the time of the book of Judges. Unlike the well known name of “King Tut”, a pharaoh most people have never heard of is the one the Bible references the most. Amenhotep II, whose tomb is also in the Valley of the Kings, was the pharaoh of the Exodus in 1446 BC. His stubborn words are recorded in Exodus 5:2. *“But Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and besides, I will not let Israel go.’”*



(Valley of the Kings tomb entrance)

After lunch, we will stay on the west side of the Nile River for the afternoon and visit the amazing **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, the daughter of pharaoh who found Moses in the Nile. As a woman in a traditionally male position of power, Hatshepsut (1479-1458 BC) understood she needed to establish her authority and the legitimacy of her reign in more obvious ways than her predecessors and the scale and elegance of her temple is evidence of this. Her temple surpassed all previous monumental works in her time.



(Entrance to the Temple of Hatshepsut)

After a full afternoon of touring, we will head back to our hotel in Luxor for dinner.

Day 3: Saturday, October 14th, 2023
Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, flight back to Cairo

Today we will drive to the east side of the Nile River to visit two more historic temples.

After our buffet breakfast, the first temple we will visit is the **Karnak Temple**. At this temple we will discover why Egypt always wanted to control the land of Israel.



(Karnak Temple)

After lunch, we will spend the afternoon visiting the Luxor Temple also located on the east bank of the Nile River constructed approximately 1400 BC.



(Luxor Temple)

After a full day of touring, we will board a short one hour flight back to Cairo, where we will have dinner and enjoy the beautiful Semiramis InterContinental Hotel by the Nile River.



(Semiramis InterContinental Hotel, Cairo, Egypt)

Day 4: Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Pyramids of Giza, Sphinx, Egyptian Museum, Cairo Bazaar, Church of St. Sergius

Our morning begins by exploring the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing, the **Pyramids of Giza**. We'll also visit the **Sphinx** and the **Egyptian Museum**, including the Royal Mummies Hall where we will look into the faces of mummies who saw Moses!



(Pyramids of Giza)

After some time to shop in **Cairo's Bazaar** we will also visit the **Church of St. Sergius**. This is the oldest church in Cairo, built in the 11th century with 4th-century pillars. It honors the Roman soldiers Sergius and Bacchus, who were martyred in Syria for their Christian faith in AD 296. It is built over a cave where (tradition says) Joseph, Mary and Jesus are said to have taken shelter after fleeing to Egypt to escape persecution from King Herod of Judea.



After a full day, we will return to our hotel for dinner and our last evening in Cairo.

Day 5: Monday, October 16th, 2023 **Cairo, San Diego**

Following breakfast, we will pack up and drive to the airport heading back to San Diego.

With heart-changing memories of our adventure in the lands of the Bible, after a few naps and movies, we arrive back home. :)

Our Trip to Israel & Egypt ... Hotel Accommodations

Our first 3 nights will be at the Leonardo Club Hotel in Tiberias. (October 4th - 6th, 2023)

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Phone: 011-972-4-671-4444
www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-club-hotel-tiberias.com

The Leonardo Club Hotel is situated in the heart of the city of Tiberias and includes A/C and private balconies overlooking the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights.



The next 5 nights in Israel, we will be staying at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem. (October 7th - 11th, 2023)

6 Wolfson Street Jerusalem, 91033- Israel
Phone: 972-2-6599999 www.ramada.com

The Ramada Renaissance Hotel features include A/C, dry and wet saunas and indoor and outdoor pools. Close by is the Malha Mall with 250 stores, Tower of David Museum, and Bible Lands Museum.



For the Egypt Extension: Our first two nights will be at the Nile Palace Hotel In Luxor, Egypt (October 12th - 13th, 2023)

Steigenberger Nile Palace Hotel
Khaled Ben El-Walid St, Gazirat Al Awameyah, Luxor,
Luxor Governorate 85111, Egypt
phone: +20 95 2366999 www.Steigenberger.com

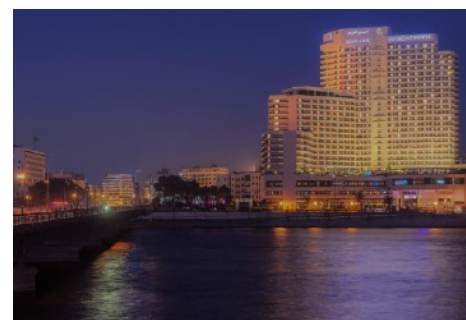
The Nile Palace is located on the eastern shore of the Nile River with A/C and private balconies.



Our last two nights will be at the Semiramis Hotel in Cairo, Egypt (October 14th - 15th, 2023)

Corniche El Nil, Qasr Ad Dobarah, Qasr El Nil,
Cairo Governorate 11511, Egypt
Phone: +2-02-27988000
www.ihg.com/destinations/us/en/egypt-hotels

The Semiramis Hotel is located on the eastern shore of the Nile River with A/C, private balconies and walking distance to downtown Cairo.



Some quotes from some folks who traveled with Bob and Rhonda to Israel previously:

"Traveling to Israel was transformational for me. Something about walking on the ground where Jesus walked ... my faith mushroomed and something healed deep inside."

Annie

"I have fond memories from last year's trip and feel so blessed to actually see and feel the environment where Biblical events took place. One of the moments that moved me was when we were on a boat on the Sea of Galilee, looking out at the water where Jesus had walked on, and where lessons of faith took place with the disciples. I'm so thankful for Pastor Bob's resourceful information to help us better experience the trip. I felt like so much of the Bible was unpacked for us! It was memorable and has had a lasting impact on me."

Susanna

"Amazing, truly amazing to see and touch the ground where Jesus once walked. Having the word's of Jesus read to us while standing where he once stood, brings the visions in my head from black and white to technicolor."

Warren

"George and I thoroughly enjoyed the trip. It was a trip of a lifetime for us! It is amazing that we actually set foot on the places where Jesus was 2000 years ago. The trip was fun, interactive, and action packed. Bob and our tour guide were detailed oriented and we were very well taken care of. Definitely a life altering experience. It was truly a blessing that we got to take this trip."

Jessica

"Though the whole trip itself was indeed speculator, being baptized in the Jordan River by Pastor Bob, and where John baptized Jesus, was the highlight of the trip for me and I would highly recommend it. Pastor Bob, Tour Guide Solomon, and Bus Driver Adele, were the perfect trio to making our trip to God's Land of Promise an adventure that I will never forget. Solomon's and Pastor Bob's knowledge of the holy land made it come alive. As I skim back over the booklet we were given by Pastor Bob, I could go on and on with exclamation because each day made the Bible come alive. I was educated, exercised, my tastebuds came alive (the food in Israel is absolutely delicious) and vivid memories seared into my brain that I will never forget!"

Maxine

"The experience was truly mind changing. As a visual person, in the places where my Savior ministered, I continue to this day in a supernatural connection. It made me want to learn more about the Power of the Holy Spirit."

Mary

"Walking where Jesus walked and actually seeing the physical locations where Bible stories took place helped me visualize what really happened. Sitting on the Southern Steps where Jesus taught, listening to a devotional was a highlight. The 70-page booklet Pastor Bob handed out was exceptionally helpful. It was also fun getting to know the other travelers from our church."

Steve

"The Bible came to life for me in so many new and exciting ways. When I read the teachings of Jesus now, with the context of the place and culture where he originally taught, I am able to better understand what those teachings meant to the original hearers and what they mean for us today. I know for the rest of my life, any voice that wants to whisper to me that any of God's promises are false will be quickly silenced because after actually going to Israel I can say I know God's Words are truth since I have seen so much evidence supporting that with my own eyes."

Rachelle

"The only thing better than visiting the Holy Land, is visiting the Holy Land with the members of your own church. The anticipation and excitement of seeing the places that you've read and studied in the Bible come to life, and to share these experiences with friends from Grace Point Church will be life changing. My wife and I made lasting memories and forever friendships."

Eric

"My husband and I are so glad we went on the trip to Israel with GPC. Without a doubt, it was the most impactful trip of our our lives. We will never forget the places we visited. We had high expectations for the trip, however, the trip far exceeded our expectations. Every detail was carefully planned. The pace was fast, however, we are grateful that we saw so many places from the Bible. We would not have changed anything. Finally, we are so grateful for Pastor Bob and Rhonda's Bible teaching and devotions. I wish I would have taken better notes! Thank you for an unforgettable experience!"

Sheryl