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# Holy Land 2025

with Pastors Phil & Jannette Derstine

April 29 - May 8, 2025



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# ITINERARY

## April 29 – Depart the USA

Today, we depart from the United States and fly to Tel Aviv, Israel. Meals will be served on the flight.

## April 30 – Arrive in Israel

Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv. After securing our luggage, we will check into our Tel Aviv hotel and enjoy dinner and a good night's sleep.

## May 1 – Joppa, Caesarea, Megiddo, Nazareth

Visit Joppa, the port to which Jonah came when fleeing from the Lord's call to warn Tarshish concerning their sin (Jonah 1:3). Travel to Caesarea by the Sea on the Mediterranean coastline. It was here that Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10), and it was also where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa before his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). Visit Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16). Visit Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2: 23). Arrive at Tiberias for check-in, dinner, and your overnight stay for the next 3 nights.

## May 2 – The Galilee

Cross the waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a Kinnereth sailboat. Along the way, participate in a special onboard worship service. Travel to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee. Visit the synagogue, standing on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23). Recall the Sermon on the Mount at the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5-7). Remember the baptism of Jesus and your own at the Jordan River. This afternoon, visit friends in a nearby village and be served lunch in an authentic Bedouin tent.

## May 3 – Golan Heights

Visit our beautiful House of Prayer overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus traveled with His disciples and where nearby Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16: 16). Continue on to Mount Hermon, probably the site of the Lord's Transfiguration (Matt. 17: 1-9). Travel on through the strategic tableland known as the Golan Heights. Visit with local Christians before returning to your hotel in Galilee.

## May 4 – Masada, Qumran, Jericho

Visit Masada and the Dead Sea. Masada was Herod's mountaintop fortress and the last stronghold of the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans. It was named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2001. End your day with a quick dip in the salt and mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea. Travel to Qumran, the site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery, and discuss the mysterious community of Essenes. Travel to Jericho (time permitting) and visit the ruins of the 'World's Oldest City,' once conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6: 1, 2, 20). From Jericho, you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4: 1-11). Jesus traveled the nearby Roman road, the setting of His parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-36).

## May 5 – Bethlehem, Jerusalem

In Bethlehem, you'll visit the cave revered as the place of Jesus' birth (Matt. 1: 18-25; Luke 2: 1-7). The church, which was constructed on the site, is the world's oldest functioning church. Nearby, you'll view Shepherds' Field, where the Good News was first heard. Stand atop the Mount of Olives, where Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after his resurrection (Acts 1: 9-12). Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane



and envision the scenes of the night before Jesus' crucifixion (Matt. 26: 36-44). Visit the Haas Promenade and enjoy a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Continue to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was questioned and accused of blasphemy (Matt. 26: 57-65). Stand in the Upper Room, where you can see the Last Supper come to life (Mark 14: 12-26).

### May 6 – Jerusalem & the Old City

Visit the only remnant of the Second Temple of Jerusalem, the Western Wall, and sit on the Teaching Steps, which is believed to be where Jesus would teach. Follow the Herodian Support Wall and walk on first-century pavement in the Rabbi's Tunnel. View the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle (John 5: 1-31). Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne, known for its amazing acoustics. Walk the Cardo, the main street of the Old City. Visit Herod's Antonia Fortress, where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23: 1-11). Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening at the hotel.

### May 7 – Jerusalem

Visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial. Your final destination allows time for reflection at the Garden Tomb. Celebrate the exhilaration of the resurrection and partake in communion. Enjoy shopping and afternoon at your leisure in the Old City before preparing for your return flight.

### May 8 – Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension

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## OPTIONAL EXTENSION

### GREEK ISLE CRUISE

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#### May 8 – TEL AVIV to ATHENS

Fly from Tel Aviv to Athens. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

#### May 9 – EMBARK IN PIRAEUS & MYKONOS

Board the ship and sail the blue waters of the Aegean Sea. In the evening, you will arrive at the world-famous Greek Island of Mykonos, where gleaming white-washed buildings seem to climb atop each other to reach the azure sky. *Shore excursions today will be booked directly through Celestyal Cruise Line and are not included.*

#### May 10 – EPHEBUS & PATMOS

This morning, you arrive in Kusadasi, Turkiye and journey to Ephesus, where the Apostle Paul spent three years of his ministry. He planted a church here and later wrote to them in his Epistle to the Ephesians. Many of the ruins of Ephesus (known as "the marble city") have been restored to show the city as it was in the Apostle Paul's time. Visit the agora and imagine where Demetrius, the silversmith, sold his silver shrines of the Greek goddess Artemis. Stroll through the great theater, where Paul witnessed faithfully for Christ. Not far away is the stadium where chariot races took place and gladiatorial combats were held. Tradition has it that the Apostle Paul himself fought here against wild beasts. Visit the ruins of St. John's Basilica, where early Christian tradition tells us the "disciple whom Jesus loved" was buried. View one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the ruins of the Temple of Diana (Artemis), before setting sail for the Island of Patmos to visit the Monastery of St. John high on the mountain overlooking the entire island. Walk down to the Grotto of the Apocalypse and the caves where it is believed that the exiled Apostle John lived and was inspired by God to write the Book of Revelation as well as other letters to the early church.

#### May 11 – CRETE & SANTORINI

Dock this morning in Crete's port of Heraklion, just three miles away from the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. Disembark at Santorini, one of the most beautiful Greek islands, where picturesque whitewashed villages topped with brilliant blue domes stand in stark contrast to the sheer drop cliffs overlooking the Aegean Sea. The island itself perches on the edges of a volcano whose eruption 3,500 years ago is thought to have led to the collapse of the Minoan civilization. *Shore excursions today will be booked directly through Celestyal Cruise Line and are not included.*

#### May 12 – ATHENS

Enjoy the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens as your guide introduces you to the world-renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. Stand on Mars Hill as the Apostle Paul did when he proclaimed, "I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom, therefore, ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you" (Acts 17:23). As you stroll the agora (ancient marketplace and center of Athenian public life), recall that this was where the Apostle Paul preached "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Also, see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This afternoon, you are free to explore Athens on your own. Dinner and overnight are spent in Athens.

#### May 13 – RETURN TO THE USA

Return home with a new appreciation of the Apostle Paul's life and ministry.

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

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**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily plus 1 fish lunch • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • \$75 Masada/Dead Sea • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • One-year membership to Museum of the Bible (see website for details)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1098 during the basic tour; \$698 for Greek Isle Cruise.

**SAVINGS:**

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

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**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$300	Due upon registration
Second Deposit	\$1,500	01/04/25
Full Deposit	\$1,800	Payment received between 01/05/25 - 02/12/25 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Final Payment	02/13/25. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
Travel Protection Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 01/04/25 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after January 4, 2025:**

We welcome registrations after 01/04/25. Registrations received between 01/05/25 - 01/29/25 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 01/30/25 - 02/13/25 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 02/14/25 - 02/28/25 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 03/01/25 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

**CANCELLATION FEES:**

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

**FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:**

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see [eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement](http://eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement) or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION:**

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 01/04/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

**PRICE INCREASES:**

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

**AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:**

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

**FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:**

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:**

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit [eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees](http://eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees).

**ON OWN DEVIATIONS:**

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

**VALIDITY DATE:**

This brochure is valid until 09/09/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at [www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel). Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

**RELEASE INFORMATION:**

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

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Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*
\$0 - \$1000	\$99	\$3501-\$4000	\$399	\$6501-\$7000	\$699
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\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
\$2501-\$3000	\$299	\$5501-\$6000	\$599		
\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		

**Schedule of Benefits**

**Maximum Benefit**

Trip Cancellation	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
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Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
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**Additional Cancellation Protection**

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