

DAY 8 & 9

THU, MAR 16 & FRI, MAR 17 – JERUSALEM AREA

After breakfast, we will begin at the Dung Gate, where we will ascend to The Dome of the Rock, located on the traditional site of the Temple Mount. Here the first and second temples once stood. We'll make our way to the Western Wall Plaza to visit the Kotel tunnel, taking us down to the foundation of the Temple at the time of Christ. From here we visit the Jerusalem Archeological Park where we will see the Southern Steps to the Temple. It was here that Jesus would have taught His disciples. Then on to the City of David and the exploration of Hezekiah's Tunnel ending at the Pool of Siloam. We finish Day 8 by exploring the Old City on our own. Day 9 begins with a drive to the Mount of Olives and the beginning of the traditional Passion walk downhill, ending at the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. We will tour the grounds of a church called Peter in Gallicantu, suggested by Assumption Fathers as the home of the High Priest Caiaphas in which Jesus was interrogated on the night before the cross. We will end the day with a very special visit to the Garden Tomb and a private Lord's Supper Service there in the Garden.

DAY 10

SAT, MAR 18 – JERUSALEM

This morning we begin with a visit to the site of the Holy Sepulcher, the most likely location of the crucifixion. Visiting the Stations of the Cross, we will walk the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) including the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's church, perfectly preserved from the Crusader period. After lunch we will take part in a very unique opportunity called the Temple Mount Sifting Project, in which we will be able to personally sift for rare and priceless artifacts. Time permitting we will visit the Model City (the Israel Museum). Our last night in Jerusalem will conclude with an unforgettable dinner at the famed King David Hotel.

DAY 11

SUN, MAR 19 – RETURN HOME

We will travel to the airport in Tel Aviv to board our flights home to the U.S.



NEXTGEN *family* ISRAEL TRIP

Mar 9–19, 2023

Hosted by Pastor Gregg & Kelly Matte
and Doug & Wendy Bischoff

TOUR DATE

Fri, Mar 10, 2022	Leonardo Art, Tel Aviv
Sat, Mar 11, 2022	Gai Beach Resort, Tiberias
Sun, Mar 12, 2022	Gai Beach Resort, Tiberias
Mon, Mar 13, 2022	Gai Beach Resort, Tiberias
Tue, Mar 14, 2022	Leonardo Club Hotel, Dead Sea
Wed, Mar 15, 2022	Dan, Jerusalem
Thu, Mar 16, 2022	Dan, Jerusalem
Fri, Mar 17, 2022	Dan, Jerusalem
Sat, Mar 18, 2022	Dan, Jerusalem

HOTEL

Tour operated by Maranatha Tours, Inc.

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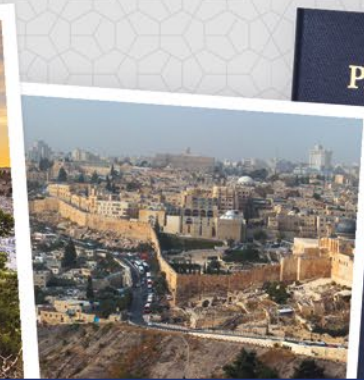
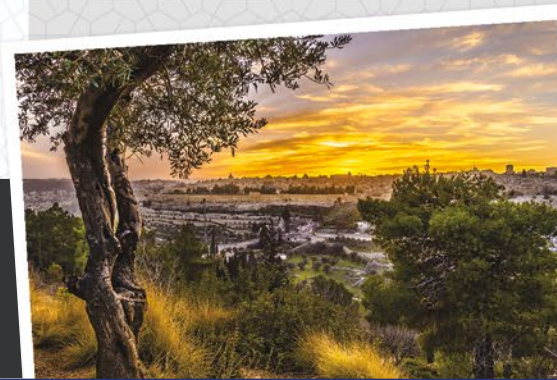


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Visiting the Holy Land is an amazing experience and one that can have a life-changing impact on a child. This family trip will allow moms and dads, grandparents, and kids to share this experience.

Itinerary and hotels subject to change.

When

We will depart on Thursday evening, March 9, 2023 for an overnight flight to Israel. Our return flight will be on Sunday, March 19. (This schedule is subject to area Spring Break schedules. Pray with us that school districts stay consistent with prior years.)

Cost

The cost of the trip is \$4,800 per person (student or adult) and includes round trip airfare, accommodations at first class hotels, motor coach transportation within Israel, meals (unlimited buffet breakfasts and dinners plus four lunches as noted are included), and a farewell dinner at the famous King David Hotel.

Not included in the price: Passport, baggage fees, optional trip insurance, some lunches, and sightseeing or services other than those specifically listed in the itinerary.

Single supplement: The cost of this trip is based on double occupancy. Therefore any rooms with only one person will be charged a single supplement of \$908 (\$100 per night). For families with an odd number of family members, it will be possible for you to add a roll-away bed at no charge.

Trip leaders

The trip will be hosted by Pastor Gregg and Kelly Matte as well as Next Generations Minister, Doug Bischoff and his wife, Wendy. Additional NextGen staff will be added to the trip as hosts before departure.

Who can attend

The trip is for families of our church (attenders and members). Each family must include a child in 3rd-12th grade. Extended family is welcome as well as older kids (out of high school). However, this is a family trip so no kids without parents and no adults without kids (family members).

Registration

To begin registration, go to HoustonFirst.org (search: NextGen Family Israel Trip) and complete the form. A deposit of \$500 per person is required for registration.

Trip itinerary

DAY 1 & 2

THU, MAR 9-FRI, MAR 10 – DEPART USA

Our trip will begin with an overnight flight on Turkish Airways from Houston to Istanbul, Turkey (one of the most beautiful airports in the world). After a brief layover, we will continue on to Tel Aviv, Israel. Upon arrival in Israel, our group will board our tour bus and go to our hotel for a good night's sleep before we begin touring on Saturday.

DAY 3

SAT, MAR 11 – MEDITERRANEAN SEA TO TIBERIAS

This morning we proceed to Caesarea to visit the Roman port, Crusader's Moat, Roman theater and aqueduct. We will continue on to Mt. Carmel where Elijah challenged the priests of Baal. This afternoon, after a Middle Eastern lunch at a Druse Restaurant (included), we proceed to Megiddo, then on to Nazareth to ascend The Mount of the Precipice overlooking The Valley of Jezreel (synonymous with Armageddon) then on to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 4 & 5

SUN, MAR 12 & MON, MAR 13 – THE GALILEE REGION

This morning we begin with a stop at Korazim then continue our drive to the northern limits of Jesus' travel as we arrive at Dan. Here we combine a nature walk beside the Upper Jordan with views of ancient ruins. Then a short drive to Caesarea Philippi, dedicated to Pan the Greek god; here Peter made his great profession of faith in Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16). Monday will begin with an exciting boat ride on the Sea of Galilee landing at Nof Ginosar where we will view the Jesus Boat found under the sea. Our journey will also include Capernaum, Tabgha, and the Mount of Beatitudes. Our last stop on Monday will be an unforgettable opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River.

DAY 6

TUE, MAR 14 – TIBERIAS TO DEAD SEA

Bet Shean, where King Saul and his sons were pinned to the wall, and later the Decapolis Capital will be our first stop including the ancient theater, Circus Maximus and the Cardo Maximo. We then travel south to Genesis Land where a camel trek into the Judean wilderness brings us to Abraham's Tent where we learn to make pita bread and have a light lunch. Time permitting we will travel to Jericho, the oldest walled city in the world, before heading to our hotel on the banks of the Dead Sea for a "float" in the water and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 7

WED, MAR 15 – MASADA, EIN GEDI, BETHLEHEM, AND JERUSALEM

We will visit Masada and ascend by cable car to the amazing fortress where, from 70 to 73 A.D. Jewish defenders made their last stand in the Judean revolt against Rome. Continuing on to Ein Gedi, we will walk to the water falls that David would have used while fleeing from Saul. Our drive south will then take us to one of the possible locations of the Shepherd's Fields, followed by lunch at Shepherd's Tent (included). We continue to Bethlehem itself, walking through the restored old town to the Church of the Nativity and visiting the manger and the cave of St. Jerome. After a unique shopping experience, we will continue to Jerusalem for our first glimpse of the city and to our hotel for overnight.