

Israel 2025 Travel Notes

March 27, 2025 — April 9, 2025 (15 Days)

Dear Candlelight Members/Israel Travelers,

The cost for the 2025 Israel tour will be \$4,500.00 per person – double occupancy, plus flights. (Single travelers in a private room add an \$1,800.00 fee.) (3rd person in a room deduct \$130.00)

Included in the price:

Ground transportation from the Tel Aviv Airport on the scheduled day of arrival. *

All daily ground transportation to and from all sights in Israel.

Note: You must be able to walk 3-6 miles a day in uneven sloping conditions.

Ground transportation to the Tel Aviv Airport on the last scheduled tour day. **

(Air Conditioned Luxury Wi-Fi Capable Tour Bus)

13 Nights in Fabulous Hotels

All Tips (lunches excluded) ***

Breakfasts and Dinners at Each Hotel

One St. Peters Fish Lunch****

One Bulghourji (Armenian Quarter) Farewell Dinner*****

Entry into All Sights

Professional Tour Guide

Professions Driver

The time of your life!

* Travelers arriving early or late will be required to book their own transportation to the first night hotel.

**Travelers departing early or late will be required to book their own transportation to the airport or location of choice.

***Tips included: Bus Driver @ \$105.00 per person, Tour Guide @ \$150.00 per person, \$1.00 per person per meal for all buffet breakfasts and \$1.00 per person per meal for all buffet dinners, and \$1.00 per piece of luggage for the bell desk at each hotel, \$5.00 for housekeeping at checkout.

****St. Peters Fish Lunch and Bulghourji (Armenian Quarter) Farewell Dinner Excluded.

We want to give each traveler the opportunity to book their own flights to Israel for this trip. This will allow for mileage travel, the airline of your choice, and scheduling as best fits your needs. However, all travelers must arrive Tel Aviv Airport on or around 4:00 PM Israel Time on March 27th * (Please consider El Al Airlines—as their flights are best in and out of Israel.)

Hotels, morning and evening meals, sites, guides, drivers, and tips, will be covered in the overall cost. Additional expenses should be expected including daily lunches (average of \$25.00 per day), souvenirs, treats, snacks, and your meals on the days of travel.

The itinerary (subject to change) will be as follows:

Hotels:

March 27th (1 Night) Ramada Netanya: <https://ramada-netanya.co.il/en/>

March 28th (1 Night) David Dead Sea Hotel: <https://www.grandhotels-israel.com/david-dead-sea-hotel-spa>

March 29th—30th (2 Nights) Leonardo Plaza Eilat: <https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/eilat/leonardo-plaza-hotel-eilat>

March 31st—April 3 (4 Nights) David's Harp Hotel Sea of Galilee: <https://davidsharphotels.com/galilee/>

April 4—April 8 (5 Nights): Dan Panorama Jerusalem:

<https://www.danhotels.com/JerusalemHotels/DanPanoramaJerusalemHotel>

Tentative itinerary at a glance:

13 Total Nights – 15 Total Days

Depart GEG on March 26 — Arrive in Tel Aviv March 27

Depart Tel Aviv April 10, 2025 (Very Late/Early AM 11th) —Arrive GEG April 11, 2025

March 27 2025 (Thursday)

Arrival and overnight at the Ramada Netanya

March 28 2025 (Friday)

Caesarea, Joppa

Arrive at the Dead Sea and time for swimming.

Overnight at the Dead Sea—David Dead Sea Hotel

March 29 2025 (Saturday)

Masada at 8.30 am

Drive south, Timna—Tabernacle Model

Arrive in Eilat

Overnight at the Leonardo Plaza Hotel

March 30 2025 (Sunday)

Either free day (OR Jordan/Petra Tour)

(Self-guided activities in Eilat including Underwater Observatory, Swimming, Boating, etc. are available)

Overnight at the Leonardo Plaza Hotel

March 31 2025 (Monday)

Drive north, pausing at Ein Gedi and Qumran

Overnight at the David's Harp Hotel

April 1 2025 (Tuesday)

Mount of Beatitudes (Walk down)

Capernaum, Galilee Boat Ride, Fish Lunch, Ancient Boat Exhibit and Yardenit Baptisms

Overnight at the David's Harp Hotel

April 2, 2025 (Wednesday)

Beit Shean, Kursi, Southern Golan and Katzrin Winery

Overnight at the David's Harp Hotel

April 3, 2025 (Thursday)

Nazareth Village and Tzippori

Overnight at the David's Harp Hotel

April 4, 2025 (Friday)

Megido, Mt Carmel, drive to Jerusalem, overlook at Mt. Scopus

Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

April 5, 2025 (Saturday)

Israel Museum, Shepherds Fields, Bethlehem

Sound and Light at David's Tower

Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

April 6, 2025 (Sunday)

Western Wall Tunnels, Davidson Archaeology Site, City of David and Western Wall
Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

April 7, 2025 (Monday)

Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethesda and Sisters of Zion
Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

April 8, 2025 (Tuesday)

St Peter in Gallicantu, Burnt House and Herodian Mansions, Mt. Zion
Overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel

April 9, 2025 (Wednesday)

Late check-out from hotel
12-noon Garden Tomb
Afternoon Visit to the Machney Yehuda Market
Farwell dinner at Bulghourji
Transfer to airport

All travelers should plan to depart to the airport after dinner on April 9th. Those who wish to stay longer in Israel will be required to book and pay for their own hotel room and transportation to the airport.

Midnight flights on the 9th or very early am flights on the 10th are advised. (We board and go to sleep!)

Optional Trip Insurance (if available) to be purchased by individual travelers.

To secure a spot on this trip, you will need to provide a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 per person. Checks can be made to Candlelight. No credit card payments will be accepted unless a service fee of 3% is added deposit. Online payment can be made here: <https://candlelight.org/donate/> Please note "Israel Trip" in the memo section and the full names of those going.

Deposits will be refunded if the trip is cancelled.

Please make your deposit as soon as possible. Other payments can be made monthly. The full balance will be due no later than Thursday, December 19, 2024.

This is going to be a trip to remember. You will never read your Bible the same way again.

Many blessings

Pastor Paul