



49th Study Tour - With Bob Ross and Yehuda Hecht

Tour Dates: Feb. 19th - Mar. 4th, 2026

Experience God's Land ... Israel

Travel Day – Wed. Feb 18 (Travel) ~ Arrival Day - Thurs. Feb 19

You must arrange for your flights to and from Israel. Please arrange to arrive the afternoon of the 19th. We will gather at the **Leonardo Hotel in Netanya** for our **evening meal the 19th**. Following the meal, we will have our first group meeting, and you will receive your personal audio receiver for the tour. **Note:** Please send us your flight information, including your arrival time in Israel. If you arrive after the bus goes to Netanya, we will try to help you arrange for a van to the hotel. If not, please plan to take a taxi to our hotel.

“Welcome Home” to God's Land, Israel!

~ En route to the hotel, you will skirt **Tel Aviv**, the *“beautiful new 100-year-old city”*. One could spend weeks visiting the museums of this incredible Jewish city, but our tour is a **Biblical one**. We overnight at the **Leonardo Hotel, Netanya**, by the **Mediterranean Sea**.

Tour Day 1 – Feb 20 – Friday

MEDITERRANEAN COAST / MT. CARMEL / LOWER GALILEE

In This brochure we will simply list the sites and area we will visit. No details. Refer to your copy of *Discover Israel* (check index) for the site details and Scriptures.

~Visit Ancient **Caesarea Maritima** (*Roman Capital of Israel* for 500 years).on the **Mediterranean**.

~ **Mt. Carmel - Muharak** – (*Elijah's* contest with *Jezebel's* Baal prophets) **Valley of Jezreel**.

~**Lunch at Megiddo cafeteria.**

~Visit ancient **Megiddo** and **Armageddon** (21 battles in the **Hebrew Scriptures** that were fought in this valley. Savor the unforgettable panorama of the **Armageddon** battlefield of **Revelation**.

~ Crossing the **Valley of Jezreel/Armageddon**, we view **Mt. Tabor, Mt. Moreh** and **Mt. Gilboa**.

~ Our bus climbs to **Lower Galilee - Nazareth** and **Nazareth Village** (a farming community of Jesus' day).

~We pass through traditional Crusader **Kefar Cana** on the **Pilgrim's Highway**.

Descending to the Sea of Galilee (686' below sea level) to our seaside Ron Beach Hotel, (“our home” on the Sea of Galilee). The Sabbath begins at sundown. Enjoy the incredible Galilee view and the best hotel food in all Israel.

No other place on earth offers a better opportunity to “Walk where Jesus Walked”.

Tour Day 2 – Feb 21 – Saturday (Shabbat)

JESUS BOAT/SHABBAT WORSHIP ON THE SEA/GALILEE OF THE GENTILES CAPERNAUM/COVE OF THE PARABLES/MT. OF BEATITUDES

WILDERNESS CAVE/TABGHA/MIGDAL

- ~We begin our day at **Nof Ginnosar Museum** to see the famous “**Jesus Boat**”
- ~Embark by Boat on the **Sea of Galilee** for our “**Shabbat Travel Sermon**” on the Sea. We recall the “**Jesus Sightings**” (quieting the storms, His parables, miracles, His teachings and healing).
- ~**Bethsaida** excavations at the **Jordan River** (home of Peter, Andrew, James and John)
- ~ We bus to the **Gentile Decapolis**, past **Kursi** to the “casting out of demons into the swine”.
- ~East of us is **Hippos/Susita**, the “**City set on a Hill**”. To be discussed.
- ~(**Lunch of St. Peter’s fish**).
- ~Returning to the **North Shore**, we visit **Capernaum** (Jesus was the “Teaching Rabbi” – His headquarters for 2½ years of His ministry. Here He called **Levi/ Matthew**, taught parables, performed miracles, raised **Jairus’** daughter to life, taught on “**The Bread of Life**”. In **Jesus’ Capernaum Synagogue** we will worship and recall His ministry. **Wow!**
- ~The **Cove of the Parables** and **Natural Amphitheater** (likely the *highlight of our tour*). Here **Jesus** called His **Disciples**, borrowed **Peter’s** boat for His teaching, taught many parables and healed the multitudes.
- At the **Cove of the Parables**, while seated on the lush green grass and basalt rocks, Bro. Bob will lead our study on “**Jesus Sightings**” as we plumb the depths of **Jesus’** ministry in Galilee. Here our **Resurrected Lord** appeared to His Disciples.
- ~ Then, walking the **Jesus’ Trail**, along the beautiful shoreline, we hike to **Tabgha**, to see **Lepere’s Pool**, the mosaic of the **Loaves and Fishes** and visit traditional **Peter’s Primacy**.
- ~ Climbing to **Wilderness Cave** where Jesus prayed all night before calling His **Apostles**.
- ~ On the lower slope of the **Mount of Beatitudes** we will share **Jesus’ Beatitudes** (where He shared.) A great place to consider **Jesus’ Word Pictures** from His “**Sermon on the Mount**”.

What a Day in Jesus’ Footsteps!

After our evening meal, you may close the Shabbat by strolling the quaint streets of **Tiberias** and enjoy dessert and coffee. Or...Sit with friends by the water’s edge and enjoy the beauty of the evening and the stars over the **Sea of Galilee**.

2nd Night at Ron Beach on the Sea of Galilee.

Tour Day 3– Feb 22– Sunday

HULEH BASIN / DAN / CEASAREA PHILIPPI / MT. HERMON / GOLAN HEIGHTS

- ~Traveling north, we bus to **Upper Galilee** with a scenic drive overlooking the **Huleh Basin**. We pass ancient **Hazor** and proceed to the beautiful **Dan Nature Preserve** and the **Headwaters of the Jordan**.
- ~Strolling the Jordan we visit ancient **Dan** (the altar of the golden calf, worshiped by Israel).
- ~ We view the **Israel/Lebanon border** and the **Canaanite Gate** from **Abraham’s** time enroute to **Dan’s** amazing walls and city gate.
- ~Then, to **Caesarea Philippi**, where **Jesus** brought his **Disciples**. A Roman pagan cultic with *the “gates of hell”*. Here **Jesus asked**, “*Who do You say I Am?*” Peter responded, “*You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God*”.
- ~A week later, **Jesus** was Transfigured on **Mt. Hermon**.
- ~ We view the **Jordan Valley** from the **Golan Heights**. (Our guide will explain the Arab/Israel War of 1967 and the conflict for this area.
- ~Traveling the **Mt. Hermon** foothills, on the **Damascus Road**, we will recall **Saul’s** conversion.
- ~ We drive past **Druze Villages**, as the snow-capped “granddaddy” of the mountains, **Mount Hermon**, towers above with majesty!
- ~ **Incredible “Arab lunch” - Druze restaurant**.
- ~ After lunch, in the “**Valley of Death**”, Yehuda will discuss the **Yom Kippur War ‘73**.

~Descending through the **Golan Heights** tableland, we cross the **Jordan River**, headed “home”.
Great evening meal and 3rd overnight at Ron Beach on the Sea of Galilee.

Tour Day 4 – Feb 23 – Monday

GAMALA / KATZRIN / KORAZIN / MOUNT of BEATITUDES / MAGDALA

~**Gamala** is visited by few tourists. Our tour group does not have the time or energy to climb the mountain. So, we hope to make special arrangements, if the lower road is open, to bus to the base of Gamala.

~ This unique first century Jewish ruin is called “**The Masada of Galilee**”. An estimated 10,000 Jews died rather than become slaves to Rome. Most leaped to their deaths.

~**Katzrim** (1st Century Jewish village and synagogue...as in Jesus’ day)

~**Lunch at the Blueberry Restaurant in Katzrim**

~View presentation of “**Fall of Gamala**” at **Katrim Museum**

~Return to **Galilee** to visit **Korazin** (atop **Mt. of Beatitudes** - **Jesus** was the “**Teaching Rabbi**”).

~Close our day at **Magdala** (Home of Mary Magdalene) visit synagogue, yeshiva and “**Reflection Church**”.

4th Night at Ron Beach...Savor the Evening!

Tour Day 5 – Feb 24 – Tuesday

To this Tour we have added one extra day in the Galilee. Possibly Adding...

SEPPHORIS/CANA/MT. MOREH-NAIN/MT. GERAZIM/ JEZREEL/ GIDEON’S SPRINGS/YARDENIT BAPTISMS

~Visit **Sepphoris** (where Jesus attended Yeshiva/Seminary)

~Overlook **Netofa Valley** and **Cana** (Jesus first miracle...water to wine)

~**Valley of Jezreel** to **Nain** on **Mt Moreh** (Jesus raised widow’s son)

~**Mt. Gerazim** (death of Saul and Jonathan)

~**Jezreel** (home of Ahab and Jezebel)

~**Lunch at Harod Springs**

~Yehudah’s lecture at **Gideon’s Springs**...You can Swim, the water is beautiful but chilly.

~To **Jordan River- Yardenit** to Baptize those who desire to be Baptized in the Jordan.

Most Christians leave “a part of their heart” at the Sea of Galilee.

Enjoy this last evening in Galilee...5th Night at Ron Beach.

Tour Day 6 – Feb 25 – Wednesday

BEIT SHEAN / JORDAN VALLEY/ WILDERNESS OF JUDEA / QUMRAN/ DEAD SEA

~Departing the **Sea of Galilee**, we drive south through the **Jordan River Valley** to...

~**Beit Shean**. This **Decapolis** city was the only Greek city of the ten west of the **Jordan River**. The **OT** Tel of **Beit Shean** rises above the **Jordan Valley**. **Saul** and **Jonathan’s** bodies were hung on the city gate. It was destroyed by an earthquake in the Roman period and never rebuilt.

~We bus south through the **Jordan River Valley**. The **Jordan River** and the country of **Jordan** lie to the East, and the **Mountains of Samaria** to the West. The hour-and-a-half drive takes us in and out of the “**West Bank**” territory. (See the **Discover Israel** map on page 169.)

~Due to the political situation, we will bypass ancient **Jericho**. Above **Jericho** rises the **Mt. of Temptation**, the traditional site of **Jesus’** temptations in the **Wilderness of Judea**.

~We bus the descent to the **Dead Sea**. **John the Baptist** often ministered in this area, slightly North of where the **Jordan** enters the **Dead Sea**. In this area **Our Lord was baptized**. We will visit the traditional site.

~ The **Dead Sea** is 1,300 feet below sea level and is the lowest place on earth. The surrounding area is “a dry and thirsty land”. The mountains of the **Wilderness of Judea** tower above the Sea on the West.

~ We view the area of ancient **Gilgal**, located just north of the **Dead Sea**.

~ **Gilgal** was the largest of all Jewish cities (until today). Here, the **Twelve Tribes of Israel** first dwelt when they entered the **Land of Canaan**. **Gilgal** lies just south of Jericho, the first city **Israel** conquered. Between **Gilgal** and **Jericho**, **Joshua** met “the angel of the Lord”, who took over leadership and led **Israel** to conquer the “**Land of Canaan**”.

~Lunch at Qumran Cafeteria

~Driving along the west side of the **Dead Sea**, we drive past **Wadi ha Kippah** and the cave where archaeologist **Vendyl Jones** searched for the “**Ashes of the Red Heifer**” and the Temple Treasures. The fictitious movie, **Indiana Jones**, was based on Vendel’s experiences,

~We walk thru the extensive ruins of **Qumran**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found. Today many see the sect as a “pre-Christian” community. **John the Baptist** and our Lord held many of the same beliefs as this “**Sect of the Wilderness of Judea**” (a pierced Messiah with pre-mortal existence, a new covenant, sabbath observance, the last days, judgment, resurrection, angels, and afterlife). We believe that **John the Baptist** was raised and educated through yeshiva (seminary) by the **Qumran** community.

~ We proceed to our hotel on the **Dead Sea**...

Relax and enjoy the spa, a massage, and/or float in the Dead Sea.

Overnight David Spa Hotel at Ein Bokek (2 nights).

Tour Day 7 – Feb 26 – Thursday

WILDERNESS OF JUDEA / MASADA / EIN GIDI / DEAD SEA / PALESTINA LIMITUS

~ **Masada** is one of the most important mountains in world history. Hear from Yehuda the incredible story of the **Jewish Freedom Fighters**, who held out against the **Romans** in 73 AD. The story of the struggle, the excavations, and the view from the top over the **Judean Wilderness** and **Dead Sea** will long burn in your memory as a “**Highlight of the tour**” From the top of **Masada**, one can view **Jordan**, **Edom**, the **Arabah Valley**, and the **Negev**.

~Departing Masada, we travel to **Ein Gedi/ Spring of the Wild Goats**. Then, we hike to the waterfalls and recall **David** hiding from **King Saul**. Here **David** spared **King Saul’s** life

~Following lunch- *Guides choice) we travel south along the **Dead Sea** to view the modern Israeli chemical operations. We will discuss the destruction of **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**.

~Just south of the **Dead Sea** is the overlook the **Arabah Valley** and the farthest outpost of the **Roman Empire**, **Palestina Limitus**. The great Roman Empire extended from here to **Cold Water, Scotland** (a five-hour flight today).

Returning to our hotel, David’s Spa in Ein Bokek.

Here we will relax and prepare our minds and hearts for our visit to Jerusalem.

Tour Day 8 – Feb 27 – Friday

WILDERNESS OF JUDEA / NEGEV/ BEERSHEVA GAZA

“ENVELOPE”/ VALLEY OF ELAH / HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM

~Departing the Dead Sea hotel, we bus the northern **Negev of Israel**. The difference in the topography of this desert in **God’s Land** will amaze you with a majesty of its own.

~We pass (5,000 years old) **Tel Arad**.

~We come to the **Capital of the Negev, Beersheba** (meaning “**Well of the seven**”). **Abraham** lived here, the angel spoke to **Hagar**, **Jacob** fled from **Esau**, **Jacob** offered sacrifices to God, and the angels fed **Elijah**. We will visit ancient underground **Beersheva** (6,000 years old) and see “**Abraham’s Well**”.

~Lunch enroute...Guide's choice.

~We safely travel to a kibbutz in the **Gaza Envelope** that was attack by **Hamas, Oct. 7th, 2023**. The events of that day, that led to the **Gaza War 2023-2025**, will be shared.

~We travel north through **OT Philistia** to visit the **Valley of Elah**, where **David** slew **Goliath**. Don't miss Yehuda's story of the event.

~Next. we view the **Valley of Sorek** from **Tel Beit-Shemesh** ("Temple of the Sun"). Here the **Ark of the Covenant** was returned from its captivity in **Philistia**. The **Sorek Valley** was the site of **Sampson's** early exploits and where he dated **Delilah**.

~Our bus climbs from the **Shephelah** (low foothills) into the **Judean Mountains** toward the **Holy City of Jerusalem**. The pilgrims of the **OT** sang the "Songs of Ascent" (Psalm 120-134) as they ascended the highways leading to **God's Holy City**, for the annual Feasts.

We make our way to our Jerusalem "Home"
The Newly renovated Mar Cassia Hotel for 5 nights.

Jerusalem

Tour Days 9-12 - Feb 28th- Mar. 3rd

Concerning our Tour in Jerusalem...

Our guide, Yehuda Hecht, and his ancestors have lived in Jerusalem since the Twelfth Century AD. He has carefully planned our itinerary choosing the best days and times to experience his "hometown". Every site listed below will be seen (or replaced by a better site). Yehuda will set that part of our itinerary. We leave Jerusalem in his capable hands. Yehuda will coordinate our site visits with Shabbat, Jewish holidays, working around any parades. Demonstrations or traffic jams. He will choose the best entrance times to sites and select the best and quickest routes. Thanks Yehuda!

Welcome to The Holy City of Jerusalem!

~Our first day begins on the **Mount of Olives overlooking the Temple Mount**, the **Dome of the Rock**, the **Golden Gate** and the **Kidron Valley**. Yehuda will share a marvelous presentation of the Biblical and historical events related to **Jerusalem**. His **Historical Overview** covers pre-Biblical **Jerusalem**, thru the **Hebrew Scriptures** and **New Testament** up to present day **Israel**.

Divisions of Jerusalem...

~**East Jerusalem: Discover Israel, pgs. 85-87a - Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Kidron Valley, Temple Wall, Golden Gate, Caiaphas' House**

~**South Jerusalem: Discover Israel, pgs.89-92 – Mt. Ophel, David's City, Gihon Spring, Hezekiah's Tunnel, David's Tomb, Siloam Spring, Valley of Hinnon, Field of Blood**

~**West Jerusalem: Discover Israel, pgs. 94-95a – Mt. Zion, House Caiaphas**

~**Jewish Quarter: Discover Israel, pgs. 102-103a – Zion Gate, Nehemiah's Wall, Cardo Maxima, Burnt House, Temple Institute**

~**Temple Area : Discover Israel, pgs. 95-99 - (Mt. Moriah/Mt. of Sacrifice)**
– **Dome of the Rock, Mosque of El Aksa, Wailing Wall, Rabbi's Tunnel, Dome of the Spirits**

~**Old City : Discover Israel, pgs.100-103 – St. Stephen's Gate, Pool of Bethesda, Tower of Antonia, Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Pavement, Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross), Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Herod's Palace, Jaffa Gate, "David's Tower"**

~**North Jerusalem:** *Discover Israel* pgs. 105-111 - **Damascus Gate, Solomon's Quarry, Calvary (Hill of the Skull), Jeremiah's Grotto, The Garden Tomb**

~**New City of Jerusalem:** *Discover Israel* pgs. 112-113 – **Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum), Israel Museum, Model of Jerusalem, Shrine of the Book, Hadassah Hospital (Chagall Windows), Ein Karem.**

Return Day 14 – March 4 – Wednesday

“Shalom Israel!”

~ Since flights vary, times of departures and transportation to the airport will also vary.

We will try to assist you with airport transportation.

Thank you for being with us. It has been an incredible Joy to have you. You will want to share your Experience with friends, family and church.

Your Israel Study Tour has been intense. Try to rest on your return flight. It is a part of your tour. Expect Jet Lag when you return.

NOTE: If you just Can't Go on This Tour, Please Share this Itinerary.

Encourage a friend or family member to go with us. It's the “Best Gift” you can Give. Just by sharing this Itinerary *you* can help fulfill someone's *Life Dream*.

***Experience Forty Centuries in Twelve Days-
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**Twelve Full - Thrilling Study Days in Israel
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(*This Cost does NOT Include your Air Travel, Noon Meals-
Some may want to leave a “Love Gift” for Guide and Driver)

What to Expect on our Tour:

- Excellent Hotels, Deluxe Coach and Incredible Food & Services.
- Your black and white Bible will change to **Living Color**.
- A new understanding of Middle East Conflicts and Biblical “*End Days*”.
- A Deepen Love for Your Lord, His Word, His Land and His People.
- Israel's Best Guide, Yehuda Hecht. We know! This is our **49th Study Tour**.
- Yehuda shares the Historical, Geographical and Archaeological information.
- Our Host, Bob Ross shares *Jesus Jewishness*, Devotions and **Bible Color**.

**Come With Us to Understand–
God's Miraculous Land and His People, Israel**

TRIP DETAILS

Your Deposit Secures Your Place

~Send \$500 Deposit as soon as possible, to assure your place on our tours.

This tour is filling quickly. Please don't wait to register. This tour is Limited to 45 people!

The Price Includes...

~Hotels, guide, driver, a beautiful, air-conditioned motor coach, breakfast and dinner, your individual audio receiver, fees to sites and museums, as well as a copy of our host's study manual, [Discover Israel - An Illustrated Guide...](#) [Cool bottled water daily on our tours.](#)

Prices Do Not Include...

- [Travel Insurance](#) encouraged, responsibility of each traveler. Suggestions follow your registration.
- [Noon Meals](#): Israeli breakfast and evening meals are enormous. (Guide's choice for mid-day snacks or lite lunches)... **An average about \$15+ per day, with two special meals at \$25 each – Totaling about \$200 total per person.**
- [Personal Expenses](#): Souvenirs, laundry, phone calls, special drinks, and any personal room orders. The "Love Offering" for Guide and Driver near the end of the tour is NOT Compulsory!

For further Tour Information or Questions, Please Call...

[Bob Ross: 214-801-3681 Mobile Phone](#)

REGISTER TODAY!*

Don't Delay! **Tour Limit is 45 Persons. Nearing Capacity...**

***Deposit and a Copy of Passport Picture is Requested at Registration.**

(Your Passport MUST be Valid for 6 Months After our Travel Dates...

If applying for a New Passport, it is fine to Send us the Information Later).

REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK...

REGISTER HERE...

MAIL DEPOSIT CHECK: Discover Israel Ministries, 2700 Juniper Court
Heath TX 75126.

Please Make RESERVATION/S for - **Tour Date: Feb. 19 – Mar. 3, 2026**
My DEPARTURE CITY _____

(Remember you Arrange your Flights and Send us the Details)

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() **Deposit is \$500 Per Person** to hold your place.

The Deposit is Non-Refundable, if You Cancel.

() **Single Room Supplement is an Additional \$1,780. Wow!**

We will **TRY** to help you Find a Roommate for this Tour.

Tour Deposit Deadline - Oct. 15 - Final Payment is Due - Dec 10, 2025.

(We will bill this final payment).

Gil Travel and I will send all necessary Information about Packing and other Arrangements.

PLEASE REMEMBER: YOU are Responsible for Your own Airline Transportation.

After you register, you will be sent a Complimentary Copy of our Study Guide *Discover Israel – An Illustrated Guide*. Study Hard and Prepare Well!

For Any Cancellation or Tour Deviations, Please Contact us Immediately.

- \$500 deposit is non-refundable, if You Choose to Cancel.
- 60-45 days before departure: Another 50% of land cost is non-refundable.
- 45-0 days before departure: 100% of total cost Cannot be refunded. (Your insurance covers, if health related).