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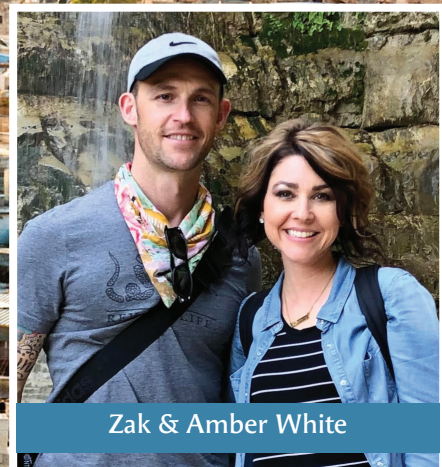
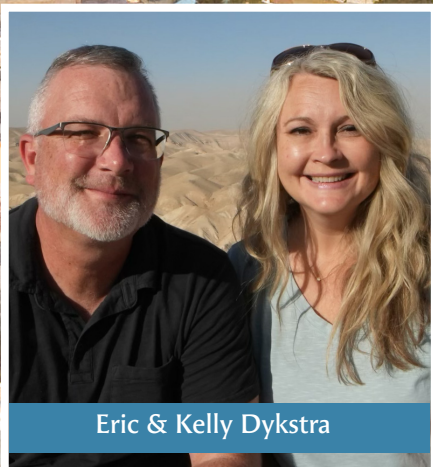
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# ITINERARY

## January 20 – Depart the USA to Tel Aviv

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Meals served in flight.

## January 21 – Arrive in Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport and be transferred to your hotel for check-in, dinner, and a good night's sleep.

## January 22 – From Sea to Sea

After a delicious buffet breakfast, travel to **Caesarea by the Sea** on the Mediterranean coastline. It was here that Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized, and this is also where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome. Look across the Valley of Jezreel to the heights of **Mount Carmel**, where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal. Travel the ancient caravan route to **Tel Megiddo**, where the ruins of twenty different cities are built on top of each other. View **Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus from the **Mount Precipice**, the place where an angry mob tried to throw Jesus to His death. Recall Jesus' first miracle as you pass through **Cana**. Check into your Galilee hotel for dinner and overnight.

## January 23 – Jesus in the Galilee

Drive along the shores of the **Sea of Galilee** to the recently excavated site of **Magdala**, home of Mary Magdalene. Explore the 2,000-year-old remains of **Capernaum** and stand in the ancient synagogue built where our Lord ministered. Visit the peaceful **Mount of Beatitudes** that overlooks the Sea of Galilee. On these hills, Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Stop at **Tabgha**, where the feeding of the 5,000 is remembered at the **Church of the Loaves and Fish**. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and appreciate the special place this lake had in Jesus' ministry. End the day with a stop at the **Jordan River** for a time of spiritual blessing where you can remember or renew your baptism.

## January 24 – Northern Israel

We travel north and stop at the ruins of **Chorazin**, one of the three cities cursed by the Lord. Discover the Northern Territory, including the **Golan Heights**. Stop

is **Tel Dan**, one of ancient Israel's boundary markers – "From Dan to Beersheba." Visit **Caesarea Philippi**, where Jesus traveled with His disciples and where nearby Peter made his great confession of faith to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God". Finally, visit the overlook of the **Valley of Tears**, where a severely outnumbered Israel defense force stopped the Syrian invasion of the Golan Heights in the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

## January 25 – South Along the Jordan

Start the day in **Beit Shean**, a city continuously inhabited for over 5,000 years. Here, Saul and his sons' bodies were hung from the walls of the city after their defeat on Mount Gilboa. The uncovered ruins date back to the Greek / Roman city that was part of the Decapolis of Jesus' day. See colonnaded streets with marble sidewalks, Roman public baths, and a theater. Visit **Gideon's Spring (Ein Harod)**, where God showed Gideon how to choose his army of 300 by observing how they drank the water. Travel through the **Jordan River Valley**, the route often taken by Jesus and other Galileans as they traveled to and from Jerusalem. Stop at **Qumran**, the site of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery, to learn about the mysterious community of the Essenes who once lived on the shores of the Dead Sea. Parallel the ancient Roman road as you pass through the Judean Wilderness to view the **Valley of the Shadow**. From here, you can see **St. George's Monastery** across the gorge. Arrive in the capital city of **Jerusalem** and check into your hotel before enjoying dinner and overnight.

## January 26 – Jerusalem & Bethlehem

Stand on the **Mount of Olives** as Jesus did and enjoy a remarkable view of Jerusalem's "Golden City." View the **Chapel of the Ascension** commemorating how Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives forty days after His resurrection. Enter the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus went to pray after the Last Supper and was arrested. Cross the border into **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus. Visit the **Church of the Nativity**, the oldest continuously functioning church in the world. See the cave where tradition holds Jesus was born, and look out on **Shepherds' Field**, where angels spread the Good News. Also, visit the **Herodion**, the fortified palace and final resting place of Herod the Great.





### January 27 – Southern Wilderness

Enjoy a visit to the intriguing Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod that later became the final tragic stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore the fortress and look down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. Journey to the oasis of Ein Gedi, and hike to the waterfall where David and his men sought refuge from Saul. On our return to Jerusalem, stop at the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, for an opportunity to take a quick dip in the mineral-laden waters.

### January 28 – Jewish Jerusalem

This morning, stand atop the Temple Mount, once home to the Jewish Temple (conditions permitting). Pray alongside the Jewish faithful at the Western Wall, then take a step back in time into the Rabbi's Tunnel, where foundation stones and other stonework survive from the Second Temple! Walk the Jewish Quarter and take time to visit the Cardo, a 2,000-year-old market with shops old and new. See the Wohl Archaeological Museum and the rediscovered Herodion Quarter lying several meters beneath street level. Among the excavation is the Palatial Mansion, which also has signs of fire damage as well as mosaic floors and ritual baths. Explore the Southern Wall Excavations, including the Hulda Steps and the many mikvahs at the foot of the steps. Walk the museum and grounds of Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, with its poignant exhibits honoring the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust. Gain a better understanding of Jerusalem at the time of Christ with a look at the first-century model of the City of Jerusalem, now housed at the Israel Museum. Also, visit the Shrine of the Book exhibit displaying the Dead Sea Scroll book of Isaiah.

### January 29 – Christian Jerusalem

Stand in the Upper Room, revered as the place of the Last Supper. From here, you can walk across the street and visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, and visit some of the ancient rooms of the house, which belonged to Caiaphas, the High Priest. Many believe that Jesus was held overnight here before His crucifixion. Enter the Old City via the Lion's Gate and view the Pool of Bethesda,

where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle. Explore the Old City before continuing to the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary, where you can celebrate the empty grave and our risen Savior! Time permitting, visit the Valley of Elah, where David defeated Goliath against all odds. Enjoy a final dinner together and continue to the airport for the return journey.

### January 30 – Return Home

Return home with a transformed faith and memories to last a lifetime!

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**First Deposit Due Upon Registration**  
**Second Deposit Due - September 27, 2024**  
**Full Payment Due - November 6, 2024**

***This itinerary is subject to change in  
sequence of days, local conditions and  
preferences of the tour leader.***



**museum of the Bible**

#### New inclusion for 2025:

*One-year individual membership to  
Museum of the Bible!*

*See webpage for details*

PROGRAM CONDITIONS		
<b>INCLUDED IN PRICE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Hotel gratuities</li><li>• Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast &amp; dinner daily, plus one fish lunch in Galilee</li><li>• Program fees • Administrative Fee • One-year membership to Museum of the Bible • Fuel surcharges \$600</li><li>• Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • Tips for guides and drivers • Masada/Dead Sea</li></ul>		
<b>NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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 &amp; baggage fees • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents</li><li>• Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel</li></ul>		
<b>ACCOMMODATIONS:</b> <p>Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While NTS will try to match roommates, NTS 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: \$1150 during the basic tour.</p>		
<b>PAYMENT INFORMATION:</b> <p>A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.</p>		
<b>PAYMENT SCHEDULE:</b>		
Payment	Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
Initial Deposit	\$300	Due upon registration.
Second Deposit	\$1,500	09/27/24
Full Deposit	\$1,800	Payment received between 09/27/24 - 11/05/24 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Full Payment	11/06/24.	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 09/27/24 to departure 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 September 27, 2024:**  
We welcome registrations after 09/27/24. Registrations received between 09/28/24 - 10/22/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 10/23/24 - 11/06/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 11/07/24 - 11/21/24 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 11/22/24 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. In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**  
**NTS 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. NTS reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by NTS, and NTS reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of NTS, NTS 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. NTS reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of NTS, 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 [noseworthytravel.com/fit-to-travel-statement](http://noseworthytravel.com/fit-to-travel-statement) or contact Noseworthy Travel Services for more details.**

**PASSPORT INFORMATION:**  
Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 10/07/24. 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, NTS 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. NTS 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 [noseworthytravel.com/travel-info/airline-fees](http://noseworthytravel.com/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 NTS 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 \$150 per night; single rooms \$250 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

**VALIDITY DATE:**  
This brochure is valid until **01/15/24**. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at [www.noseworthytravel.com](http://www.noseworthytravel.com). Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

**RELEASE INFORMATION:**  
Payment of deposit indicates permission for NTS 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 NTS or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies NTS in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, NTS acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall NTS be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that NTS assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

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Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$0 - \$1000	\$99	\$3501-\$4000	\$399	\$6501-\$7000	\$699
\$1001-\$1500	\$149	\$4001-\$4500	\$449	\$7001-\$8000	\$799
\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
\$2501-\$3000	\$299	\$5501-\$6000	\$599		
\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		
<b>Schedule of Coverages</b>				<b>Maximum Benefit</b>	
<b>Part A *</b>					
Trip Cancellation . . . . .				Trip Cost	
<b>Part B</b>					
Trip Interruption . . . . .				Trip Cost	
Missed Connection . . . . .				\$500	
Trip Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day) . . . . .				\$1,500	
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Accident and Sickness Medical Expense . . . . .				\$25,000	
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation . . . . .				\$50,000	
Accidental Death & Dismemberment . . . . .				\$25,000	
Baggage and Personal Effects . . . . .				\$1,000	
Baggage Delay . . . . .				\$200	

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**Additional Cancellation Protection**

When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Noseworthy Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Noseworthy Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Noseworthy Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Nosesworthy Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Noseworthy Travel Services website ([www.noseworthytravel.com](http://www.noseworthytravel.com)). **Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.**

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