



# THE HOLY LAND

February 15-26, 2023

**2023 CELEBRATE THE HOLY LAND TOUR  
WITH STEVEN KAPP PERRY**

Come join Steven Kapp Perry and let Israel come alive for you as you travel your own personal journey through the Holy Land. Walking in the footsteps of the Savior will bring you peace, hope, and understanding. You can bring your scripture study to life as you visit sites such as the Garden of Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Qumran & Masada, Caesarea, the Mount of Beatitudes & many important sites on the Sea of Galilee to name a few.

Date	Daily Schedule
Feb 15	Depart USA to Tel Aviv
Feb 16	Tel Aviv
Feb 17	Caesarea - Mt. Carmel - Megiddo - Cana
Feb 18	Mt. Tabor - Nazareth - Beit Shean
Feb 19	Baniyas - Sea of Galilee - Jordan River
Feb 20	Mount of Beatitudes - Capernaum - Tabgha
Feb 21	Bethabara - Qumran - Dead Sea - Masada - Jerusalem
Feb 22	Western Wall - Dome of the Rock Old City - Old Jerusalem
Feb 23	Israel Museum - Yad Vashem - Davidson Center Archaeological Park
Feb 24	Bethlehem - Free Time in the Old City
Feb 25	Mount of Olives - Gethsemane - Sacrament Services at the BYU Jerusalem Center - The Old City
Feb 26	Arrive USA. Welcome Home!!

Price from **\$2,669**  
per person/double occupancy  
12 Days/11 Nights)

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:**

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour!
- Morris Murdock tour Director on for the whole trip along with local guides
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### **Day 1: Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

*Depart USA to Tel Aviv*

### **Day 2: Thursday, February 16, 2023**

*Tel Aviv*

Welcome to Israel! As you begin your journey in this ancient land, you will notice that the mountains have hidden secrets and the old ruins have legends. For 3,000 years on this small patch of land, men have toiled and battled; prayed and worshiped; and added their own small humanity to the history of this country. Listen and let the land of Israel tell you the stories of its past. Tonight, we will gather at the hotel for dinner and, if time permits, we'll enjoy an evening stroll on the beach. (D)



### **Day 3: Friday, February 17, 2023**

*Caesarea - Mt. Carmel - Megiddo - Cana*

"And on the morrow, they entered into Caesarea; Cornelius thy prayer is heard." Enter Caesarea, remains of a city founded by Herod, residence of Pontius Pilate and a prison for Paul. Sit in the well-preserved amphitheater overlooking the blue sea and hear the story of Paul's conversion of the Centurion. The scenery begins to change to the beautiful green pastures and high rolling hills of the Jezreel Valley as we approach Mt Carmel where the prophet Elijah and the priests of Baal contested their faith. Not far away is Megiddo, the tragic site of ancient bloody battles where nations were won and lost. Upon these same tragic fields, the great and terrible last battle of Armageddon will be fought. As we make our way towards the Sea of Galilee, we will stop by the church in Cana that celebrates the first miracle performed by Christ when he turned water to wine at the wedding. (B, D)

### **Day 4: Saturday, February 18, 2023**

*Mt. Tabor - Nazareth - Beit Shean*

Shabbot Shalom - This is the official Jewish greeting on the Sabbath, and we have a great day planned.

"And he lifted up his hands and blessed them while he blessed them; he was carried up into heaven." Mount Tabor is one of the mountains traditionally claimed to be the site of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. You will thrill to the almost hair-raising taxi ride up the mountain, but once at the summit, you will feel the peace and calm of the surrounding valley. We journey next to Nazareth, the quaint town where Jesus Christ spent his childhood, learned his earthly vocation as a carpenter, and grew and waxed strong in spirit. We will visit a recreated town from Christ's time and visit with the villagers to learn what life was like for the Jesus as a boy. This afternoon we will travel to the ancient tel of Bet She'an, where 6,000 years of civilization seem to unfold among the ruins. It is believed to be the very Bet She'an of the Old Testament where the former King of Israel, Saul, was fastened to the city wall without his head by the conquering Philistines. We will end our day with a visit to the beautiful state park Sahne. (B, D)



### **Day 5: Sunday, February 19, 2023**

*Banias - Sea of Galilee - Jordan River*

Besides being a place of great natural beauty, Banias is the site of ancient Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus demanded

to know of His disciples who people were saying He was. As we make our way back south towards the Sea of Galilee you begin to see some of the rich farmland that has made Israel one of the leading agriculture leaders in the world.

This afternoon you will sail upon the Sea of Galilee to view the area of Jesus Christ's early ministry. As the wind carries your boat, note the halo of mountains that surrounds its shores. Our last visit will be at the Yardenit Baptismal Site on the banks of the Jordan River. It is here that people from around the world, representing diverse denominations, still come to be baptized. (B, L, D)



### **Day 6: Monday, February 20, 2023**

*Mount of Beatitudes - Capernaum - Tabgha*

The Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount is always a highlight to visitors. Here you can see how it was possible to Jesus to teach the multitude all at the same time. From here we will visit Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. There is a beautiful Byzantine mosaic on the floor of this miracle that you will not want to miss. Next, we visit Capernaum, where Jesus lived and recruited his first followers among the fishermen. The well-preserved city will amaze you as you sit in the synagogue and imagine Jesus' teaching and performing miracles for the masses. Our last stop will be Magdala. Here one can find a first-century synagogue, a complete first-century city, and remains of a once prosperous fish processing industry. (B, D)



### **Day 7: Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

*Bethabara - Qumran - Dead Sea - Masada - Jerusalem*

As we leave the fertile valleys of the Galilee, we enter the strange and barren desert of the Dead Sea. Once the Biblical Lands of Moab and Edom, the Dead Sea basin has been a refuge to prophets, zealots and outcasts throughout time. Our first stop is Bethabara, the site where the Savior was baptized by John the Baptist. Buried in the beige limestone bluffs, the ruins of Qumran still tell the story of the essences, a reclusive Jewish sect that buried the now famous Dead Sea Scrolls. From the desert floor, ascend by cable car to the spectacular cliff-top fortress of Masada, where a community of 960 Jews preferred death at their own hands to the indignity of surrender to the overwhelming Roman forces. While at the Dead Sea, you cannot miss the opportunity to enjoy a dip in the buoyant waters and bathe in the wonderful medicinal mud! Even Cleopatra sent her slaves to retrieve this magical mud in order to preserve her legendary beauty. This evening we will journey to the beloved city of Jerusalem. (B, D)

### **Day 8: Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

*Western Wall - Dome of the Rock Old City - Old Jerusalem*

The Western Wall is the most important site in all of Jewish civilization because these rough massive stones are all that is left of the great Second Temple. Revered and honored, the Jews wait and hope for the day they will rebuild their third and final temple upon these sacred remnants. Above the wall is Mount Moriah where the Islamic shrine, the Dome of the Rock, is located. Entering the oldest quarter of Jerusalem, we will follow the winding alleys and crowded streets to the Pools of Bethesda and learn about their importance. We will discover the ancient city beneath the modern streets where the old paving stones are carved with Roman games at Antonia Fortress. Located in the old quarter of Jerusalem is the site believed to be the Room of the Last Supper. Devoid of gilded statues or ornate

chapels, the quiet simplicity and elegance of this room helps one to focus on the words of Christ and the poignant last moments with his beloved disciples. Our last stop will be at the House of Caiaphas, which owns the dark and sad dungeon that once imprisoned the Savior. To experience the cold dismal cells and feel the sorrow and grieving of such a place brings understanding and gratitude to our hearts. (B, D)

**Day 9: Thursday, February 23, 2023**

*Israel Museum - Yad Vashem - Davidson Center Archaeological Park*

Discover the treasures of the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, the site chosen to house the Dead Sea Scrolls. This unique building is shaped like the ancient pottery in which the precious scrolls lay hidden for thousands of years. While we are there we will get to see the Holy Land Model, a unique scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. The model visually explains the layout of the ancient city, as well as the design and magnitude of the Second Temple. One of the most memorable pages of Jewish history unfolds as we visit Yad Veshem, the official memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the Nazi-wrought Holocaust in Europe. We end our day at the Davidson Center Archaeological Park at the base of the Temple Mount to visit the Southern Steps of the 2nd temple. (B, D)

**Day 10: Friday, February 24, 2023**

*Bethlehem - Free Time in the Old City*

Music, bells, and churches appropriately adorn the little town of Bethlehem, for it was here that the Light of the World was given life. Pilgrimages, sacred holidays and festivities occur all year long to celebrate the birth of Christ. Tradition holds that the small humble inn with just a stable for lodging was located where the Church of the Nativity now stands. Shepherds still tend their flocks on the fields overlooking Bethlehem just as they did over 2,000 years ago when the angel appeared bringing them glad tidings of great joy. Gathered on these fields, we sing the beloved hymns and listen to the wondrous story - a moment not to be forgotten. This afternoon we will have some free time to go back into the Old City to revisit sites or to finish up shopping for treasures to take home. (B, D)

**Day 11: Saturday, February 22, 2023**

*Mount of Olives - Gethsemane - Sacrament Services at the BYU Jerusalem Center - The Old City*

This morning begins with sacrament services at the BYU Jerusalem Center. Next, we visit the Mount of Olives on whose slopes the Garden of Gethsemane lies nestled. Feel the powerful spirit in the Garden as you envision the momentous events which took place at this sacred site. After lunch, we will stop at the beautiful Garden Tomb where there is a limestone hill, which many revere as Golgotha, site of the crucifixion. Just around that hill is an old cemetery with an ancient tomb that once held the Savior's mortal body and saw its glorious resurrection. There is a sign on the door of the tomb that says, "Do not look for Him here for He is risen". You will never forget this moment in your life as you look for Him, not in the tomb, but within your own life.

Tonight we will have a farewell dinner together as we prepare to leave the land we have grown to love to travel back home. After clearing immigration and customs at the Tel Aviv Airport, you will transfer to the connecting gate for your flight back home with memories to last a life time. (B, D)

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*Day 12: Sunday, February 26, 2023*

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**Your Tour Host:**

**Steven Kapp Perry** is an award-winning songwriter, playwright, and broadcaster who has written for National Geographic, Deseret Book, and many other companies. Steve has been guiding LDS Church History tours and Holy Land tours for Morris Murdock for years, and those who tour with Steve and his wife Johanne (a noted singer and actress) always remark on their personal care and attention to each group member, their use of inspiring music, and the moments they take to open the scriptures and share the historical details and insights that make each stop more meaningful.

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**Included:**

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- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Entrance fees and all activities as specified in itinerary
- Hotel portorage - 1 bag per person
- Whisper technology headsets to be used throughout tour
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- Travel bag and Documents

**Not included:**

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- Meals not specified in itinerary
- PCR tests

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- Cash Discount \$75
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- Final payment due November 16, 2022

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