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HOLY LANDS STUDIES

## Bible Lands Experience | Israel and Turkey

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### PROGRAM ITINERARY | May 11-30, 2026

#### **Day 1 -- Monday, May 11**

Depart from the U.S.

#### **Day 2 -- Tuesday, May 12**

Arrive in Israel. Overnight at Mashabim.

#### **Day 3 -- Wednesday, May 13**

Ein Avdat, Beersheva, Arad. Overnight at Kfar Hanokdim.

#### **Day 4 -- Thursday, May 14**

Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, and Dead Sea Float. Overnight in Galilee.

#### **Day 5 -- Friday, May 15**

Tel Dan, Banias (Caesarea Philippi), and Har Bental (Syrian overlook) and Katzrin. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

#### **Day 6 -- Saturday, May 16**

Almagor, Chorazin, Magdala, Capernaum, Nof Ginnosar, and a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

#### **Day 7 -- Sunday, May 17**

Nazareth (Church and Mt. Precipice), Kfar Kedem (bread-making and lunch), and Jordan River Baptisms. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

#### **Day 8 -- Monday, May 18**

Mount Carmel, Caesarea, and Elah Valley (Azekah and creek). Overnight in Jerusalem.

#### **Day 9 -- Tuesday, May 19**

Morning lecture:

- "Archeology at Shiloh" – Dr. Scott Stripling

Morning at Shiloh | Lecture, site visit, dig, and lunch

Afternoon Free Time. Overnight in Jerusalem

#### **Day 10 -- Wednesday, May 20**

Israel Museum, Herodium and Bethlehem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

#### **Day 11 -- Thursday, May 21**

City of David with Hezekiah's Tunnel, Davidson Center (Southern Wall Excavations), and Yad Vashem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

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*\* Please note the itinerary is subject to local conditions at the time of the tour and may change at the discretion of the tour director(s) or land operators.*

**Day 12 -- Friday, May 22**

Wadi Qilt, Mt. of Olives, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Tower of David Museum Overlook (Herod's Palace), Gennath Gate, Cardo, Whol Museum, Broad Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and Communion at First Century Tomb. Overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 13 -- Saturday, May 23**

Fly to Istanbul. Drive to Cannakale. Overnight in Cannakale.

**Day 14 -- Sunday, May 24**

Pergamum (Acropolis and Asklapion), Thyatira. Overnight in Izmir.

**Day 15 -- Monday, May 25**

Smyrna, Sardis, and Philadelphia. Overnight in Pamukkale.

**Day 16 -- Tuesday, May 26**

Laodicia, Hierapolis, and Pamukkale. Overnight in Pamukkale.

**Day 17 -- Wednesday, May 27**

Colossae, Drive to Kusadasi for free afternoon. Overnight in Kusadasi.

**Day 18 -- Thursday, May 28**

Miletus and Didyma. Overnight in Kusadasi.

**Day 19 -- Friday, May 29**

Ephesus with Terrace Houses. Fly to Istanbul. Overnight at the Istanbul Airport.

**Day 20 -- Saturday, May 30**

Depart Turkey and arrive back in the U.S.