



February 14—24, 2020

Israel Tour

With John and Doro Black

Come, explore the Land of the Bible with us from February 14—24, 2020. These ten days will enrich your relationship with God, increase your understanding of the earthly life of Jesus as never before, and improve how you read and understand the Bible...forever!

What you will learn

This tour will introduce you to the geography, history, and archaeology of Israel. After traveling through the land of the Bible, you will grow in your understanding of how ancient peoples lived and worshipped. We visit biblical sites in nearly every corner of Israel and engage the biblical text in the field using maps, reference material, and teaching.

What you will do

You will follow the ministry of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem by sailing on the Sea of Galilee, stepping into the synagogues where He taught and healed, and visiting key sites from His last week, such as, the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the likely place of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. You will explore archaeological ruins from the time of Abraham to the time of Jesus and gaze onto the battlefields of David and Goliath and the Battle of Armageddon.

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February 14, 2020

Arrival in the Holy Land

Arrive Ben Gurion International Airport where you will be greeted by John, Doro, Hesedyah and Yocheved Black and your bus driver. Bus departs from the airport at 4:00pm and drives to the Sea of Galilee.

Halfboard: Kibbutz – Hotel Ma’agan Holiday Village

February 15, 2020

Sea of Galilee

Wake up to a sunrise on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on water and calmed the storm. We begin our tour in Jesus’ backyard by visiting sites connected to His Galilean ministry, including sailing the same waters in a first century replica boat.



Sites include: Arbel Cliffs, Capernaum, Mt. Beatitudes, Chorazim, Magdala, Sea of Galilee

Halfboard: Kibbutz – Hotel Ma’agan Holiday Village

February 16, 2020

Northern Israel—Huleh Basin, Golan

Today we explore beautiful northern Israel where we seek to understand the significance of Jesus’ question, “Who do people say that I am?” At the Dan Nature Reserve, we will explore the incredible archaeological remains of the Old Testament city of Dan, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, as we reflect upon ancient Israel’s apostasy. After climbing the magnificent Golan Heights to view Israel’s highest mountain, Mt. Hermon, the likely site of the Transfiguration of Jesus, and the area of the road to Damascus where the Apostle Paul met the Lord, we will discuss the strategic significance of the Golan to Israel’s security, both ancient and modern.

Sites include: Caesarea Philippi, Hazor, Dan, Mt. Bental

Halfboard: Kibbutz – Hotel Ma’agan Holiday Village

February 17, 2020

Jezreel Valley, Sharon Plain

Today we travel west toward the Mediterranean Coast. Our first stop will be the well-preserved ruins of the Herodian city of Caesarea Maritima, the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel for Rome. Next, we ascend Mt. Carmel to a spot near where Prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We descend into the Jezreel Valley to the ancient site of Megiddo, the assembly point for the armies marching to the Battle of Armageddon.

Sites include: Megiddo, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea

Halfboard: Kibbutz – Hotel Ma’agan Holiday Village

February 18, 2020

Jordan Rift Valley

Today we leave the Galilee and journey south down the spectacular Syrian African Rift Valley to the Dead Sea in the arid Judean wilderness. Our first stop will be one possible location for Jesus’ baptism on the Jordan River before arriving at Qumran, the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel—the Dead Sea Scrolls. Our last site will be David’s oasis hide-out of Ein Gedi where he hid as a fugitive from King Saul and sliced off a piece of his robe.

Sites include: Baptism site, Qumran, Ein Gedi

Halfboard: Hotel Hod Hamidbar

February 19, 2020

Dead Sea

We will spend our morning at Masada, Herod the Great’s magnificent fortress palace in the desert. Perched above the Jordan Rift Valley, we will



contemplate the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and Jesus' wilderness temptation. After lunch, you will have time to enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea.

Sites include: Masada, Dead Sea

Halfboard: Hotel Hod Hamidbar

February 20, 2020

Negev, Shephelah

Today we climb west out of the Syrian African Rift Valley to visit ancient sites in the regions of the Negev and the Shephelah before ending our day in the City of the Great King, Jerusalem. We will learn how and why both of these regions served as practical borders of ancient Israel as we dive into the lives of Abraham and David.

Sites include: Beersheba, Lachish, Azekah

Halfboard: Kibbutz – Hotel Ramat Rachel

JERUSALEM NIGHT TOUR – Haas Promenade, Western Wall, Mamilla

February 21, 2020

Jerusalem

We begin our time in Jerusalem at the City of David, where finds from as early as 4,500 B.C. were discovered. We will have a chance to walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel before sitting by the Pool of Siloam. We then proceed to the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and sit on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked and taught. Afterward, we will visit the Western Wall Plaza, Judaism's most holy site.

Sites include: City of David, Southern Excavations, Western Wall Plaza

Halfboard: Kibbutz – Hotel Ramat Rachel

February 22, 2020*

Jerusalem

We begin our day with a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. We will walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane, cross the Kidron Valley, and enter the Old City through Stephen's Gate, stopping to examine the remains of the Pools of Bethesda. From here we walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the most likely site of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We end our day with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful Garden Tomb.

Sites include: Mt. Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Kidron Valley, Pools of Bethesda, Holy Sepulcher, Garden Tomb

***Special Guest:** Joel C. Rosenberg will join us for the evening

Halfboard: Kibbutz – Hotel Ramat Rachel



February 23, 2020

Jerusalem

An early start will take us up to the Temple Mount (conditions permitting), where we'll consider some of Jesus' activities there. We will make our way through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to see significant archaeological finds that tell some of her story from the time of Hezekiah to the Byzantine Christians 300 years after Christ. We will pass through Zion Gate on our way to the Upper Room where Jesus ate His last supper and the Holy Spirit descended upon the first disciples.

Sites include: Temple Mount, Jewish Quarter, Mt. Zion, Upper Room

Halfboard: Kibbutz – Hotel Ramat Rachel

February 24, 2020

Today, we say our goodbyes and depart for Ben Gurion International Airport for your departure to the USA.

***Guest Speaker**

New York Times bestselling author, **Joel C. Rosenberg**, will be our special guest this evening in Jerusalem. He is the founder and chairman of The Joshua Fund (www.joshuafund.com), a nonprofit educational and charitable organization he and his wife launched in 2006 to mobilize Christians to "bless Israel and her neighbors in the name of Jesus, according to Genesis 12:1-3."

Joel was born in Syracuse, New York. His father is a first-generation American from a Jewish background whose parents and grandparents emigrated from Russia and settled in Brooklyn, New York. His mother, a Gentile, was raised in Rome, New York. He grew up in the small town of Fairport and graduated from Fairport High School in 1985. He attended Syracuse University (1985–1989) and graduated from SU with a BFA in film drama in May 1989.

Joel married his college sweetheart, Lynn, in June of 1990. Together, they made their home in the Washington, D.C., area for 24 years. They and their four sons—Caleb, Jacob, Jonah, and Noah—now live in Israel.



DETAILS

Price includes:

- Accommodation—half-board (breakfast & dinner), taxes and portage
- Transportation—bus driver for touring and group transfers to and from the airport
- Guide—Israeli licensed Tour Guide
- Entrance Fees
- Services of Tour Operator—Schechinger Tours

\$ 1,999.00 LAND portion only.
Land price is based on a group of 26 participants or more.
Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

\$ 200.00 LAND only non-refundable deposit (10%), due upon registration.
Final payment due January 2, 2020.

\$ 669.00 Single room supplement

Not included: Airfare, visas (free for U.S. citizens), Travel Insurance; lunches, snacks, special drinks at meals (wine, beer, carbonated drinks); tips (Driver, Guide, Hotels); individual activities on free times; individual transfers to/from airport apart from the main group; personal discretionary spending.

Air Travel

Because many can secure more affordable rates through their frequent flyer programs, it is the participants' responsibility to secure air travel to/from Ben Gurion International Airport (see ****AIR TRAVEL NOTE****).

****AIR TRAVEL NOTE****

Arrival

The bus will depart from Ben Gurion International airport at 4:00pm on Friday, February 14, 2020. Please arrange your flight accordingly. Allow a minimum of 90 minutes after landing to move through passport control, baggage claim, and customs.

Departure

Group transfer by bus occurs four (4) hours prior to take-off by the *majority* of trip participants. If your departure time is in the minority, shared taxis are convenient and inexpensive (approximately \$20.00).

Travel Insurance

It is mandatory for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical costs or trip cancellations. Participants are responsible for securing travel insurance on their own.

The trip is physically demanding

Although you will be transported by bus from site to site, you will hike up hills and walk for extended periods of time over uneven steps and terrain. This trip cannot generally accommodate those who have significant difficulty with climbing stairs or walking a half a mile at a time. Please be in contact with John and Doro Black if you have concerns about this.

The trip is limited

The trip is limited to a maximum of 50 participants.



Important Note

Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.

Registration

1. Complete and sign the registration form (see attachment)
2. Email the completed and signed form to:

info@schechingertours.de AND johnblackjohnblack@mac.com

Email Subject Line: "Feb 2020 Israel with Blacks"

Email confirmation of registration will be sent to you upon reception.

3. Send completed registration form and a 10% non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$200.00 (LAND portion) **per person** to:

John Black
760 E. Catherine St.
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Make checks payable to "John M. Black" with "Israel Tour—February 2020" in the Memo line.

Deposit due upon registration
Final payment due January 2, 2020

4. Final Invoices will be sent in December 2019.

Organizer:

Schechinger-Tours, Walter Schechinger

Im Kloster 33, 72218 Wildberg-Sulz am Eck, Tel. 07054-5287, Fax 07054-7804

e-mail: info@schechingertours.de

www.schechingertours.de

Registration Form

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Please email to: info@schechingertours.de AND johnblackjohnblack@mac.com

****Please submit one registration form per person****

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
E-Mail-Address _____ Phone No. _____
Birth Date: ___/___/___ State of Birth: _____ Gender: M / F (circle/underline)
Passport No.: _____ Issue Date: ___/___/___ Exp. Date: ___/___/___ Place of Issue: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to share a double room together with: _____
I would like to book a single room (availability limited): _____
Date: _____ Signature _____
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With this signature I agree to the Travel Conditions of Schechinger-Tours (see attachment).
After you register Schechinger-Tours will send you a confirmation of your registration.
After deposit is received, John Black will send you a confirmation of deposit.

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Travel conditions of Schechinger Tours

Dear customers and travelers,

the following terms and conditions shall, as far as agreed effectively, be the content of the package travel contract concluded between the customer and Schechinger Tours, owner Walter Schechinger, hereinafter referred to as "ST", as of 01.07.2018. Please read these terms and conditions carefully!

1. Conclusion of the package travel contract, obligations of the customer

1.1. For the booking, which is made verbally, by phone, in writing, by e-mail, by SMS or by fax, the following applies:

a) With the booking, the customer ST offers the conclusion of the package travel contract binding. The customer is bound to the booking for 3 working days.

b) The contract is concluded with the receipt of the travel confirmation (declaration of acceptance) by ST. Upon or immediately after the conclusion of the contract, ST shall provide the customer with a travel confirmation on a durable medium (which enables the customer to keep the declaration unchanged or store it in a timely manner, eg on paper or by e-mail), unless the traveler is entitled to a written confirmation of travel in accordance with Art. 250 § 6 (1) Sentence 2 EGBGB because the conclusion of the contract occurred in the simultaneous physical presence of both parties or outside of business premises.

1.2. ST points out that according to the legal regulations (§§ 312 Abs. 7, 312g Abs. 2 Satz 1 Nr. 9 BGB) for package travel contracts according to § 651a and § 651c BGB, the distance selling (letters, catalogs, telephone calls, faxes, E-mails, messages sent via mobile phone service (SMS) as well as radio, teledata and online services), there is no right of revocation, but only the legal rights of withdrawal and termination, in particular the right of withdrawal according to § 651h BGB (see also clause 5), However, a right of revocation exists if the contract for travel services pursuant to § 651a BGB has been concluded outside of business premises, unless the oral proceedings on which the conclusion of the contract is based have been conducted on prior order of the consumer; in the latter case, a right of withdrawal is also not.

2. Pay

2.1. ST and travel agents may only claim or accept payments on the travel price prior to the termination of the package if there is an effective protection of customer deposits contract and the company has provided the customer with the name and contact details of the customer money saver contract (security certificate) in a clear, understandable and highlighted manner. After conclusion of the contract, a down payment of 20% of the travel price is due for payment upon receiving of the security certificate. The final payment is due 4 weeks prior to departure, provided that the security certificate has been handed over and the trip can no longer be canceled for the reason stated in item 8.

3. Price increase; price cut

3.1. ST reserves the right, in accordance with § 651f, 651g BGB (German Civil Code) and the following regulations, to increase the travel price agreed in the package travel contract insofar

- (a) an increase in the price of transporting persons due to higher fuel or other energy costs,
- (b) an increase in taxes and other charges for agreed travel services, such as tourist taxes, port or airport charges, or
- (c) a change in the exchange rates applicable to the package concerned directly affects the travel price.

3.2. An increase in the travel price is only permitted if ST informs the traveler in text form clearly and comprehensibly about the price increase and its reasons and informs in this case the calculation of the price increase.

3.3. The price increase is calculated as follows:

a) If the price for the transport of persons according to 3.1a is increased, ST may increase the travel price in accordance with the following calculation:

For a seat-based increase, ST may ask the customer to increase the amount.

Otherwise, the additional transport costs required by the transport company per means of transport will be divided by the number of seats of the agreed means of transport. ST can demand the resulting increase for the single seat from the customer.

b) In the event of an increase in taxes and other duties acc. 3.1b), the travel price can be increased by the corresponding pro rata amount.

c) When increasing the exchange rates acc. 3.1c), the travel price can be increased to the extent that the journey has become more expensive for ST

3.4. ST is obligated to grant the customer / passenger at his request a reduction of the travel price, if and to the extent that the prices, duties or exchange rates mentioned in 3.1 a) -c) have changed after conclusion of the contract and prior to departure and this leads to lower costs for ST. If the customer / traveler has paid more than the amount owed hereafter, the excess amount shall be reimbursed by ST. However, ST may deduct from the amount to be reimbursed the actually incurred administrative expenses for ST. ST shall prove to the customer / traveler, at his request, how much administrative expenses have been incurred.

3.5. Price increases are only allowed until the 20th day before departure.

3.6. In the case of price increases of more than 8%, the customer is entitled to either accept the change within a reasonable period set by ST at the same time as the price increase is announced or to withdraw from the package travel contract free of charge. If the customer does not expressly declare his withdrawal from the package travel contract within the deadline set by ST, the change shall be deemed accepted.

4. Cancellation by the customer before departure / cancellation costs

4.1. The customer can withdraw from the package travel contract at any time prior to departure. The resignation is to be explained to ST at the address given above / below, if the trip was booked through a travel agent, the resignation can also be explained to him. The customer is advised to explain the withdrawal in writing.

4.2. If the customer steps back before the start of the journey or if he does not start the journey, ST loses the claim to the travel price. Instead, ST may claim reasonable compensation if the withdrawal is not its responsibility or if unavoidable, exceptional circumstances occur at or near the place of destination which materially affect the operation of the package or the transport of persons to the destination; Circumstances are unavoidable and extraordinary if they are not under the control of ST and could not have avoided their consequences even if all reasonable precautions had been taken.

4.3. ST has determined the following compensation allowances, taking into account the period between the declaration of resignation and the start of the journey, taking into account the expected savings in expenses and the expected purchase through other uses of the travel services. The compensation will be calculated after the time of receipt of the notice of withdrawal with the respective cancellation scale as follows:

a) Flat-rate fares with a scheduled or charter flight as well as journeys which do not fall under the following paragraphs b) and c)

until the 31st day before departure 20%

from the 30th day before departure 25%

from the 22nd day before departure 35%

from the 15th day before departure 50%

from the 8th day before departure 70%

from the 2nd day before departure to the day of departure or non-commencement of journey, 80% of the travel price;

b) own arrivals, holiday apartments and houses / apartments; Bus and train arrival

until the 46th day before departure 20%

from the 45th day before departure 50%

from the 35th day before departure 80%

from the 2nd day before departure to the day of departure or non-commencement of journey, 90% of the travel price;

c) Cruises / river cruises

until the 31st day before departure 20%

from the 30th day before departure 35%

from the 22nd day before departure 50%

from the 15th day before departure 75%

from the 2nd day before departure to the day of departure or non-commencement of journey, 90% of the travel price;

4.4. In any case, the customer is at liberty to prove to ST that ST did not incur any damage at all or significantly less than the indemnification fee demanded by ST.

4.5. ST reserves the right to demand a higher, concrete compensation instead of the aforementioned flat rates, as far as ST proves that ST incurred substantially higher expenses than the respectively applicable lump sum. In this case, ST is obliged to quantify and substantiate the required compensation, taking into account the saved expenses and any other use of travel services.

4.6. If ST is obliged to refund the travel price as a result of a resignation, it must immediately, but in any event within 14 days after receipt of the resignation statement.

4.7. The legal right of the customer, according to § 651 e BGB is by notification on a durable medium to require that instead of the customer a third party enters into the rights and obligations under the package travel contract and the contract remains unaffected by the above conditions. Such a statement is in any case timely, if you approach ST 7 days before departure.

4.8. To take a travel cancellation insurance and an insurance to cover the repatriation costs in case of accident or illness is strongly recommended.

5. Resignation due to non-achievement of the minimum number of participants

5.1. ST may withdraw if a minimum number of participants is not reached in accordance with the following provisions:

a) The minimum number of participants and the latest date of receipt of ST's declaration of withdrawal from the customer must be stated in the respective pre-contractual information

b) ST must indicate the minimum number of participants and the latest withdrawal period in the travel confirmation

c) ST is obliged to immediately notify the customer of the cancellation of the trip if it is established that the trip will not be carried out due to the minimum number of participants not being reached.

d) A resignation of ST later than 4 weeks before departure is not permitted.

5.2. If the trip is not carried out for this reason, the customer will receive back payments made on the travel price without delay, Section 4.6. Shall apply accordingly.

6. Obligations of the customer / traveler

6.1. Notification of defect / request for remedy

a) If the trip is not provided free of travel deficiencies, the traveler may request redress.

b) Insofar as ST could not remedy the situation as a result of a culpable omission of the notice of defects, the traveler can not assert any reduction claims according to § 651m BGB or claims for damages according to § 651n BGB

c) The traveler is obliged to notify his defect notification to the ST representative immediately. If a representative of ST does not exist on site and is not contractually owed, any travel deficiencies shall be reported to ST at the notified ST contact point; The accessibility of the representative of ST or his contact point on the spot will be informed in the travel confirmation. However, the traveler can also bring the notice of defect to his travel agent, through whom he has booked the package holiday.

d) The representative of ST is instructed to remedy, if possible. However, he is not authorized to recognize claims.

7. Limitation of liability

7.1. The contractual liability of ST for damages that are not the result of injury to life, limb or health and were not culpably caused, is limited to three times the travel price. Any further claims under the Montreal Convention or the Aviation law remain unaffected by this limitation of liability.

8. Assertion of claims, addressee

Claims according to § 651i Abs. (3) Nr. 2, 4-7 BGB have to be made by the customer / traveler to ST. The assertion may also be made through the travel agent if the package holiday was booked through this travel agent. A claim in text form is recommended.

9. (Information requirements for the identity of the operating air carrier

9.1. ST will, upon booking in accordance with the EU Regulation, inform the passenger about the identity of the operating air carrier prior to, or at the latest at the time of booking, the identity of the operating airline (s) for all air travel services to be provided on the booked journey.

9.2. If the contracting airline (s) are not yet known at the time of booking, ST is obliged to name the airline or airlines that are likely to conduct the flight. As soon as ST knows which airline will make the flight, ST will inform the customer.

9.3. If the airline named to the customer as the operating airline changes, ST will inform the customer immediately and as soon as possible by appropriate means about the change.

9.4. The Black List drawn up in accordance with the EC Regulation (airlines prohibited from using the airspace above the Member States) is available on ST's website or directly via http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/index_en.htm and available at ST's premises.

10. Alternative dispute resolution; Choice of law and jurisdiction

10.1. With regard to the Law on Consumer Dispute Settlement, ST points out that ST does not participate in a voluntary consumer dispute settlement. If a consumer dispute settlement becomes mandatory for ST after the printing of these Terms of Use, ST will inform consumers thereof in an appropriate manner. For all travel contracts concluded in electronic commerce, ST refers to the European online dispute resolution platform <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>.

10.2. For customers / travelers who are not members of a Member State of the European Union or Swiss citizens, the exclusive validity of German law is agreed for the entire legal and contractual relationship between the customer / traveler and ST. Such customers / travelers may sue ST only at the registered office of ST.

10.3. Claims brought by ST against customers or contractual partners of the package travel contract, who are merchants, legal persons under public or private law or persons who are domiciled or ordinarily resident abroad or whose domicile or habitual residence is unknown at the time of filing of the claim, the place of jurisdiction is ST.

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