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# ISRAEL & JORDAN

**Israel–Jordan Journey with Conrad Griggs**

*From the wilderness of Zin to the streets of Jerusalem*

PREPARED FOR

## Conrad Griggs

October 24 – November 5, 2027

with BE Instructor **Marc Turnage**

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TRIP OVERVIEW

# Your Journey

Join Conrad Griggs and BE Instructor Marc Turnage for a deluxe journey through Israel and Jordan. Begin in the Negev and the Wilderness of Zin, cross into Jordan for a Jeep ride and a night in Wadi Rum, walk the rose-red city of Petra, and stand on Mount Nebo where Moses looked into the Promised Land. Then return to Israel for the Golan Heights, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Caesarea, and four days in Jerusalem, with a dedicated BE concierge, deluxe hotels, and chef-restaurant dinners in Jerusalem along the way.

## At a Glance

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| **Travel dates** | October 24 – November 5, 2027 |
| **Duration** | 13 days · 10 nights |
| **BE Instructor** | Marc Turnage |
| **Group leader** | Conrad Griggs |
| **Document date** | October 30, 2026 |

## Accommodations

| City | Nights | Hotel | Rating |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Negev** | 1 | Beresheet Hotel | 5-Star |
| **Wadi Rum (Jordan)** | 1 | Mazayen Rum Luxury Camp | 5-Star |
| **Petra (Jordan)** | 1 | Mövenpick Resort Petra | 5-Star |
| **Dead Sea (Jordan)** | 1 | Kempinski Hotel Ishtar | 5-Star |
| **Sea of Galilee** | 3 | Ramot Resort (Chalet Deluxe Room) | 5-Star |
| **Jerusalem** | 3 | Orient Jerusalem (Old City Room) | 5-Star |

*Hotels are as listed or similar. Breakfast is included daily; dinner is included at the hotels October 25–31 and at Jerusalem restaurants November 1–4. On November 4, the group has a late checkout until midnight before departing for Ben Gurion Airport.*

# Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 1

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2027

## Depart the U.S.A.

Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Israel.

DAY 2

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2027

## Welcome to Israel

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you will be welcomed with Silver VIP Service, where our representative will meet you upon entry to the terminal and escort you through the arrivals process, assisting with luggage every step of the way. You will meet your guide and bus and travel south to the Beresheet Hotel in the Negev, perched on the rim of the Ramon Crater.

HOTEL Beresheet Hotel, Negev DINNER Beresheet Hotel

DAY 3

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2027

## Children of the Desert

Our morning begins at En Avdat located in the biblical Wilderness of Zin (Numbers 20). While the children of Israel wandered in the Wilderness of Zin, Moses disobeyed God's command by striking the rock instead of speaking to it. From En Avdat, we drive to the Aravah Border and cross into Jordan. After crossing the border into Jordan, we will meet our Jordanian guide and driver and travel to Wadi Rum for an afternoon Jeep ride through the desert, followed by our night at a luxury desert camp.

HOTEL Mazayen Rum Luxury Camp, Wadi Rum DINNER Mazayen Rum camp

DAY 4

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2027

## The Wonders of Petra

We depart Wadi Rum this morning driving to the magnificent Nabatean city of Petra, one of the modern wonders of the ancient world. We spend today touring Petra and seeing its magnificent monuments cut into the sandstone cliffs.

HOTEL Mövenpick Resort Petra DINNER Mövenpick Resort Petra

DAY 5

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2027

## The Bible Beyond the Jordan

This morning we drive along the Desert Highway to Dana and then on to Umm ar- Rasas with its Byzantine Church and mosaics. We next visit the recent archaeological site of Al-Lagun, a palace of Mesha, King of Moab (2 Kings 3), which is situated overlooking the Arnon Gorge (Joshua 13). We continue on to the ancient site of Dibon (Joshua 13; Isaiah 15), one of the Moabite capitals. From Dibon, we travel to Mount Nebo, where Moses looked into the Promised Land before he died (Deuteronomy 34). We then proceed to Heshbon, the capital of the Amorite king Sihon (Numbers 21; Deuteronomy 2). From Heshbon, we travel to the town of Madaba (Joshua 13; Isaiah 15) where we will visit the Byzantine Church with its fifth century AD mosaic floor (map) of the Holy Land.

HOTEL Kempinski Hotel Ishtar, Dead Sea (Jordan) DINNER Kempinski Ishtar

DAY 6

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2027

## Desert Refuge

Our morning begins with an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea after breakfast. After a relaxing morning, we check out of our hotel and drive to the Allenby Border Crossing and cross back into Israel. After crossing the border, we drive through the Jordan Valley to the Sea of Galilee, the lowest freshwater lake in the world.

**HOTEL** Ramot Resort, Sea of Galilee **DINNER** Ramot Resort

DAY 7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2027

## "Who Do Men Say That I Am?"

Today we travel into the Golan Heights and the upper Jordan Valley. Our day begins at the nature reserve of Dan. The ancient city of Dan, which formed the northern boundary of biblical Israel, sits on the Dan Spring, one of the three tributaries of the Jordan River. In addition to walking through the beautiful nature reserve, we will visit the ancient site of Dan seeing its high place (1 Kings 12:29), Israelite gate, and the Middle Bronze Age gate from the time of Abraham (Gen. 14:14). Next, we travel to Banias, ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16:13; Mark 8:27). In the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" From Banias, we drive up into the foothills of Mount Hermon (Ps. 133) and into the Golan Heights. At a high overlook on the Israel-Syrian border, we look into Syria towards Damascus. Our day concludes at Katzrin, a Talmudic village located in the Golan Heights that has been reconstructed to help guests visualize ancient villages in Galilee and Golan, like those where Jesus traveled and ministered.

**HOTEL** Ramot Resort, Sea of Galilee **DINNER** Ramot Resort

DAY 8

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2027

## The Faith of Jesus

Our journey today focuses upon the ministry of Jesus around the Sea of Galilee. Our morning begins at Almagor, a beautiful overlook of the Sea of Galilee and the Bethsaida Valley, where Jesus fed the 5,000 (Luke 9:10). Next, we journey to Chorazin one of the three cities cursed by Jesus (Matt. 11:21; Luke 10:13). At this site, we see the ancient homes and Jewish ritual immersion pools, as well as the magnificent basalt synagogue from the fifth century AD. Inside the synagogue is a replica of a Seat of Moses (Matt. 23:2). Our journey continues with an opportunity for people to be baptized in the Jordan River. From the baptismal site, we visit the ancient town of Capernaum where Jesus made his home around the lake (Matt. 4:13). Here he healed the centurion's servant (Matt. 8:5). In our visit, we will see the modern church built over an ancient church, which was built over a first century home, identified as the home of Peter. The magnificent limestone synagogue of the fourth century AD has been partly reconstructed and looms over the site. From Capernaum, we travel to the small museum at Kibbutz Ginnosar that houses an ancient boat discovered in the 1980s in the Sea of Galilee. This boat dates to the first century and was a boat used by fishermen on the lake. Our touring day concludes with a visit to one of the most exciting and important ongoing archaeological excavations in Israel, Magdala. Here we will visit one of the few, excavated, first century synagogues in the land of Israel. Its date coincides with the time of Jesus' ministry in the area. We will also see wealthy homes from the village, as well as the first century harbor. Our day concludes with an evening boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee. The ancient fishermen fished the lake at night. Riding on the waters of the lake in the evening offers a unique opportunity to connect with Jesus and his disciples on the lake.

**HOTEL** Ramot Resort, Sea of Galilee **DINNER** Ramot Resort

DAY 9

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2027

## Kingdoms and Cultures in Conflict

Our morning begins at the boyhood home of Jesus, Nazareth. We visit the Church of the Annunciation, built over the traditional place where the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:26-37). The church is built on top of the ancient village of Nazareth, and we will visit a small museum that shows some of the finds and homes from the village. We will end our visit in Nazareth with an overlook of the Jezreel Valley from Mount Precipice. From this vantage point, we will see the settings for a number of biblical stories. From Nazareth, we travel to Mount Carmel to the traditional location that remembers Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Our day concludes at the port-city of Caesarea built by Herod the Great (Matt. 2). This was the second largest harbor in the Roman Empire during the first century. At Caesarea, Peter visited the gentile centurion Cornelius (Acts 10), and he and his household became the first gentile followers of Jesus. The Apostle Paul remained under house arrest in Caesarea for two and a half years. Here he stood before Felix, Festus, and Agrippa II (Acts 23-25). From the harbor of Caesarea, Paul sailed to Rome leaving Israel for the last time. While at the site, we will visit the ancient theater with its magnificent view overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. We will see Herod the Great's palace that served as the residence of the Roman officials in the land, like Pontius Pilate. We will remember Pilate's governorship of Judaea by looking at a replica of a stone inscription mentioning Pilate dedicating a temple to the Roman Emperor Tiberius. Our visit takes us through the ancient stadium and harbor and ends looking at the ancient aqueduct of Caesarea that supplied the city with its water. After departing Caesarea, we travel along the coast and up to Jerusalem.

**HOTEL** Orient Jerusalem **DINNER** Local Jerusalem chef restaurant (to be confirmed)

DAY 10

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2027

## In the Footsteps of David

Today our morning begins at Nebi Samwil. Traditionally (though incorrectly) identified as the tomb of the prophet Samuel. From this hill we will see the northern neighborhoods of Jerusalem. We will also look over the tribal territory of Benjamin, where two-thirds of the Old Testament took place. Our vantage point offers us a view of the modern Arab village of el-Jib, biblical Gibeon (Josh. 10). While defending Gibeon against five Amorite kings, Joshua prayed for the sun to stand still. We then journey through the Shephelah (Deut. 1:7), an area of rolling hills between Israel's hill country and the Mediterranean coast. We enter the Elah Valley, the site of the famous confrontation between David and Goliath (1 Sam. 17). Here we will open the biblical story and see the landscape recorded in the Bible come alive before our eyes. Our next stop is the hometown of David, Bethlehem. In Bethlehem, we remember the birth of Jesus and visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the Holy Land, built over the traditional site of Jesus' birth.

**HOTEL** Orient Jerusalem **DINNER** Local Jerusalem chef restaurant (to be confirmed)

DAY 11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2027

## Biblical Jerusalem

Our morning in Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Israel Museum. Here we will see a scale-model of Jerusalem on the eve of its destruction in AD 70. We will visit the Shrine of the Book, which houses some of the Dead Sea Scrolls, including some of the oldest copies of the Old Testament. Our tour of the museum concludes with a walk through the archeological wing to visit the two galleries dedicated to Israel in the Old and New Testament periods. We will see original artifacts found in sites we visited, as well as other artifacts that make the Bible come alive. Lunch today (on your own) is at the Mahane Yehuda market of Jerusalem where we will have opportunity to sample many cuisines. From Mahane Yehuda, we travel to the City of David, the oldest part of Jerusalem, the city David conquered and made his capital. After visiting the City of David, we stop at the Western Wall, the most sacred site for Jews. We continue to the southern wall of the Temple Mount. On the first century street, we see the shops and markets around the Temple, a possible location for the money changers (Luke 19:45-48). We then proceed to the southern entrances of the Temple where we walk the steps ancient pilgrims took to ascend to the Temple. We will have free time to wander through the Old City of Jerusalem and its shops and markets.

**HOTEL** Orient Jerusalem **DINNER** Local Jerusalem chef restaurant (to be confirmed)

DAY 12

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2027

## Jesus' Jerusalem

Our morning begins with a beautiful view of the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. We walk down the mountain following the modern path used by pilgrims on Palm Sunday visiting the church of Dominus Flevit, which remembers Jesus' weeping over the city as he rode into it, and the traditional location of the Garden of Gethsemane. We cross the Kidron Valley into the Old City and visit St. Anne's Church built over top of the Pools of Bethesda (John 5) where Jesus healed the lame man. We will take the opportunity to sing in the beautiful Crusader church on the site. Our journey continues at Jaffa Gate where in the first century Herod's palace stood. Here the story of Jesus begins (Matt. 2) with the visit of the wise men to Herod, and here his story ended because at Herod's palace Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate (Mark 15:16). From Jaffa Gate, we walk into the Jewish Quarter and visit the Herodian Quarter, a series of priestly homes from the first century. We then walk along the Byzantine Cardo and see the walls of Jerusalem from the eighth century BC and the first century BC. Passing the Gennath Gate, we follow the historic route Jesus traveled from Pilate to his place of execution at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After a farewell dinner in Jerusalem and a late checkout from our hotel, we depart Jerusalem by midnight for Ben Gurion Airport where you will return to your home country refreshed, challenged, and renewed in your faith.

**HOTEL** Late checkout, Orient Jerusalem **DINNER** Farewell dinner (restaurant to be confirmed)

DAY 13

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2027

## Arrive Home

Arrive home in the United States.

YOUR TRIP PACKAGE

# What's Included

## Included in Your Package

- 10 overnights at the hotels listed (or similar): 1 night at Beresheet Hotel in the Negev, 1 night at Mazayen Rum Luxury Camp, 1 night at Mövenpick Resort Petra, 1 night at Kempinski Hotel Ishtar on the Dead Sea, 3 nights at Ramot Resort on the Sea of Galilee, and 3 nights at Orient Jerusalem, plus late checkout until midnight on November 4
- BE Instructor Marc Turnage
- 11 full days of touring per the itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide
- BE private trip concierge
- Daily Israeli-style breakfast (October 25 – November 4)
- Dinner at the hotels (October 25–31)
- Restaurant dinners in Jerusalem: local chef restaurants on November 1, 2, and 3, and a farewell dinner on November 4
- Deluxe air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi and driver
- Unlimited bottled water on the bus
- All entrances and activities per the itinerary, including the Wadi Rum Jeep ride and the Sea of Galilee boat ride
- All tips (hotels, guide, driver, etc.)
- B.E. Trip Box and 12-month AskEzra subscription for each participant
- Silver VIP assistance for each participant upon arrival and departure at Ben Gurion Airport
- VIP border services entering and leaving Jordan
- Group transfer upon arrival and departure
- Headsets

## Not Included

- Airfare to/from Israel
- Travel or overseas medical insurance*
- All lunches
- Drinks with meals in Jordan
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Anything not mentioned above

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