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Texas A&M University presents

# ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS

November 7-18, 2017

**12 days for \$6,284 total price from Houston**  
(\$5,495 air & land inclusive plus \$789 airline taxes and fees)



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Odysseys Unlimited,  
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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for  
Aggies & Friends of Texas A&M University

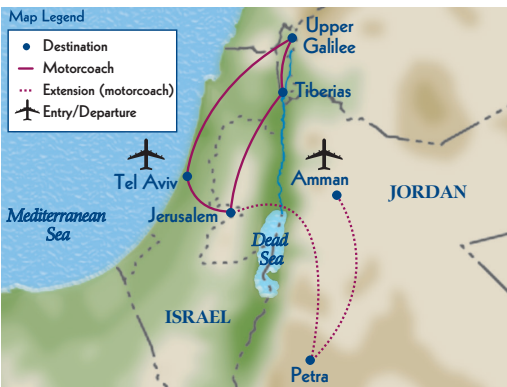
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Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of spirit and story, history and hospitality. From modern Tel Aviv to scenic Upper Galilee, ancient Tiberias and storied Nazareth to Jerusalem, “City of Gold,” we engage all our senses in a small group encounter with this extraordinary and holy land, with a five-night stay in Jerusalem at the legendary King David hotel.



Avg. High (°F)	Nov	Dec
Tiberias	75	66
Jerusalem	70	59

## Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Tel Aviv touring including “White City” of Bauhaus architecture ... Jaffa’s ancient port ... Artists’ village of Ein Hod ... Overnight stay on a working *kibbutz* ... Biblical sights of Tiberias, Nazareth, Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee ... Winery visit and cooking class ... Five-night Jerusalem stay at legendary King David hotel... Jerusalem touring including Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, Old City, Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Israel Museum, Ein Karem ... Dead Sea Qumran Caves ... Fortress ruins of Masada

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv		
2-3	Tel Aviv	Hotel Dan Tel Aviv	Deluxe
4	Upper Galilee	Kfar Giladi Kibbutz Hotel	Not rated
5-6	Tiberias	The Scots Hotel	Sup. First Class
7-11	Jerusalem	King David Jerusalem	Deluxe
12	Depart Tel Aviv for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

## Day 1: Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv, Israel

**Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv** We arrive today and transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned and are at leisure to explore or relax as we wish.

**Day 3: Tel Aviv** Today we encounter the vibrant modern city of Tel Aviv, Israel’s arts and culture capital. Our tour features Independence Hall, where the state of Israel was declared in 1948; the “White City” district of distinctive Bauhaus architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and the recently renovated neighborhood of Neve Tzedek. We end the day visiting the nearby ancient port of Jaffa. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. *B,L,D*

**Day 4: Tel Aviv/Upper Galilee** We travel north along the coast today to Caesarea to see the ruins of an ancient Roman amphitheater and harbor. We continue on to the artists’ village of Ein Hod, set amidst olive groves at the foot of Mt. Carmel overlooking the sea. Here we have the opportunity to visit the homes of some local artists and tour their workshops. Then we travel through the hills of Galilee to our hotel on the grounds of a *kibbutz* founded in 1916. Later we visit a working farm. *B,D*

**Day 5: Mount Bental/Tiberias** Today begins with a special tour of the *kibbutz* followed by a visit to a local winery. We continue on to Mount Bental in the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. Next: the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath; Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and Kibbutz Ginosar, where we see the “Jesus Boat” carbon dated to 100 BCE. We travel on to Tiberias and our historic hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Important in both Judaism and Christianity, this ancient city has attracted

Cover Photo: We have ample time to explore Jerusalem, including the Western Wall, during our five-night stay.



We explore the ruins at legendary Masada on Day 11.

visitors, settlers, and invaders for more than two millennia. **B,D**

**Day 6: Tiberias/Nazareth** This morning we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Then the New Testament comes to life as we travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth, now a center of Christian pilgrimage. Here we visit the Church of the Annunciation, the largest church in the Middle East and where the archangel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to Jesus. We enjoy lunch at a family-run dairy farm then continue to Safed, center of Jewish mysticism, home to many artists, and where we stroll the medieval streets. We visit some of the galleries here before returning to our hotel, where we dine tonight. **B,L,D**

**Day 7: Tiberias/Jerusalem** On our way to Jerusalem today we stop at the archaeological site of Beit Shean, where ongoing excavations have revealed the ruins of numerous cities dating as far back as the 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE. We travel on to Jerusalem, the 3,000-year-old "City of Gold," sacred to the world's three major monotheist religions. We get our first look from a panoramic lookout on Mt. Scopus. After lunch at a local restaurant, we get acquainted with the New City, Jerusalem's downtown area. Then we spend the afternoon at the Israel Museum, the nation's leading cultural institution, whose treasures include the Dead Sea Scrolls, Shrine of the Book, a unique sculpture garden, and a scale model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple era. **B,L**

**Day 8: Jerusalem** Our day begins with a tour of Yad Vashem, Israel's living memorial to the Holocaust set on a 45-acre site on the Mount of Remembrance. Then we travel to the Judean Hills to the picturesque village of Ein Karem, where we enjoy an ethnic cooking class followed by lunch served with local Israeli wines. We return to Jerusalem's New City to absorb some of the flavor of this multicultural enclave at the bustling outdoor market of Machane Yehuda ("Shuk"), encountering local residents as they shop. After a visit to Haas Promenade for spectacular

## Post-Tour Extension

November 18-22, 2017

### JORDAN: PETRA & AMMAN

5 days/4 nights for \$1,395 total price

Single Supplement: \$395

*Discover the "rose-red city, half as old as time" on this exciting exploration.*

*Plus: the capital of Amman.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Private motorcoach transportation Jerusalem/Petra/Amman
- 4 nights' accommodations: 2 nights in Petra at Mövenpick Resort (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Amman at Kempinski Amman (Superior First Class)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing of Petra and Amman
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

“THE VIEW OF JERUSALEM IS THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD.”

– BENJAMIN DISRAELI

panoramic views of the city, the remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**

**Day 9: Jerusalem** This morning we visit Jerusalem’s Old City for a tour of the excavated tunnels beneath the Western Wall. Then we visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, traditional site of Golgotha where Jesus is believed to have been crucified and buried. The remainder of the day is then free to explore Jerusalem independently or return to the hotel. **B**

**Day 10: Jerusalem/Old City** We return to the Old City today, starting at the original settlement of the City of David, dating to at least the Middle Bronze Age of 1800 to 1550 BCE. An archaeologist gives us an in-depth account of Jerusalem’s role throughout history before we embark on a walking tour through the Old City: the Jewish Quarter; the ancient Cardo marketplace still in use today; and the Western Wall, sacred to Jews as the last remaining trace of the wall that enclosed and supported the Second Temple on the Temple Mount. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant. **B,L,D**

**Day 11: Jerusalem/Masada/Dead Sea** Today we travel to the shores of the Dead Sea to explore the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered between 1947 and 1956. We continue on to the ruins at Masada, the celebrated mountain stronghold (and UNESCO site) where outnumbered Jews held out against a three-year Roman siege in the first century CE then committed suicide rather than surrender. We ascend the mountain fortress by cable car to tour the ruins, overlooking the Dead Sea. Then we have the opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea at a hotel beach with indoor and outdoor pools before lunch together at the hotel. We celebrate our Israel adventure tonight over a farewell dinner at our hotel. **B,L,D**

**Day 12: Depart Tel Aviv for U.S.** Very early this morning we transfer by motorcoach to Tel Aviv for our connecting flights to the United States. **B**

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



*Sophisticated seaside Tel Aviv*

### Tour Departs: November 7, 2017

*Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.*

Boston, New York	\$5,784
Miami, Washington, DC	\$6,084
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$6,184
Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,284
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,595

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$789, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,795.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$995 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

**Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.**

**For more information and reservations, please call The Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514, or toll-free at 800-633-7514**



## Howdy, Ags!

Join the Traveling Aggies on an exclusive 12-day journey to Israel to discover a remarkable and timeless land. As you travel from the coastal plain to the Jordan Valley Rift, you'll experience places of beauty and belief, steeped in history.

Begin in vibrant Tel Aviv where you tour the "White City" district. In the hills of Galilee, stay at a hotel on the grounds of a *kibbutz* founded in 1916. Continue to Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and learn about Jewish mysticism during a day trip to Nazareth and Safed. Spend five nights at the renowned King David Jerusalem hotel. Your in-depth discovery of this city includes the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, the Old City, the Western Wall, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Conclude your tour with an excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea. Extend your journey on an optional 5-day/4-night post-tour Jordan extension, including exploration of "rose-red" Petra and the capital city of Amman.

With space for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig 'em,

*Jennifer Bohac*

Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D.  
Director of Travel Programs

## TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM — ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Israel: Timeless Wonders** departing **November 7, 2017**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or you may call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514. You may also fax your reservation form to 979-845-9263.**

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour "Jordan: Petra & Amman" Extension:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Israel: Timeless Wonders, November 7-18, 2017**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**  Check  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  VISA

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

### Not Included in Tour Price:

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

### Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 change; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

**Upon making your reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**No funds donated to The Association of Former Students or to Texas A&M University have been used in the production or mailing of this travel brochure; all such costs are covered by the tour supplier.**

### Responsibility

The liability of The Association of Former Students, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Association of Former Students and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

### Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, The Association of Former Students and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information:

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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