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US Missions Israel Tour

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Day 1 – Thursday, November 12

Depart from the U.S.

Your journey begins as we set our hearts toward the land where Scripture unfolded. This travel day prepares us for 10 days of spiritual formation, biblical immersion, and fellowship with AGUSM leadership and missionaries from across America.

Day 2 – Friday, November 13

Arrive in Israel → Overnight in Beersheva: Leonardo Plaza

Beersheva is known as the "City of the Patriarchs," the place where Abraham made covenants, dug wells, and called upon the name of the Lord. Here the stories of Genesis come alive as we enter the land through the gateway of Israel's southern desert.

Day 3 – Saturday, November 14

Beersheva (Abraham), Arad, En Avdat (Moses)

Beersheva: Stand where Abraham lived, walked, worshiped, and received God's promises—offering a foundation for understanding God's covenantal heart.
Arad: Explore the ruins of ancient Arad, a Canaanite and Israelite fortress city that reveals life in the wilderness and the challenges Israel faced in establishing the land.
En Avdat: A breathtaking desert canyon associated with Moses' wilderness wanderings. Its springs, cliffs, and beauty illustrate God's provision in barren places.
Overnight in Netanya: Vert Lagoon

Day 4 – Sunday, November 15

Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazarath

Caesarea: Visit the coastal city built by Herod the Great where Paul was imprisoned and where the gospel first went to the Gentiles.
Mount Carmel: Overlook the Jezreel Valley and remember Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal—a reminder that God alone is the true and living God.
Nazareth: Walk the streets where Jesus grew up and lived in before the launch of His public ministry.
Overnight by the Sea of Galilee: Ein Gev

Day 5 – Monday, November 16

Mt. of Beatitudes, Chorazin, Capernaum, Magdala, Jordan River Baptisms, Ancient Jesus Boat, Sea of Galilee Boat Ride

Mt. of Beatitudes: Reflect on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount—His Kingdom's upside-down values spoken from the hillside.
Chorazin: One of the cities Jesus rebuked, offering insight into discipleship and spiritual responsiveness.
Capernaum: "Jesus' hometown" during His ministry—site of miracles, "Peter's home", and the ancient synagogue.
Magdala: The likely home of Mary Magdalene; a first-century synagogue provides rare archaeological context for Jesus' teaching world.
Jordan River: Experience powerful baptisms in the waters where John baptized Jesus.
Ancient *Jesus* Boat & Boat Ride: See a preserved 2,000-year-old fishing boat, then sail the Sea of Galilee where Jesus calmed storms and called His disciples.
Overnight by the Sea of Galilee: Ein Gev

Day 6 – Tuesday, November 17

Shiloh, Israel Museum (Second Temple Model & Shrine of the Book)

Shiloh: Visit the site where the Tabernacle stood for over 300 years—where Hannah prayed, Samuel was called, and worship was central for Israel.
Israel Museum:
• *Second Temple Model:* A scale reconstruction of Jerusalem in Jesus' day—helpful for visualizing His final week.
• *Shrine of the Book:* Home of the Dead Sea Scrolls, offering unmatched insight into ancient Scripture preservation.
Overnight in Jerusalem: Ramada

Day 7 – Wednesday, November 18

Bethlehem (Church of the Nativity & Shepherd's Field), City of David, Free Time in the Old City

Bethlehem: Visit the birthplace of Jesus and the fields where angels announced His arrival.
Church of the Nativity: The oldest functioning church in the world, marking the traditional site of Jesus' birth.
Shepherd's Field: Reflect on God announcing peace to humble shepherds—the first evangelists.
City of David: Explore the original Jerusalem, including ancient palace structures, water systems, and archaeological discoveries confirming Scripture.
Old City Free Time: Shop, explore, or pray in one of the world's holiest cities.
Overnight in Jerusalem: Ramada

Day 8 – Thursday, November 19

Masada, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea, Wadi Qilt (Jericho Road Overlook)

Masada: Ascend Herod's desert fortress overlooking the Dead Sea—an unforgettable symbol of courage and perseverance.
Qumran: Home of the Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery, revealing the life of the Essenes and the remarkable preservation of Scripture.

Ein Gedi: The oasis where David hid from Saul; waterfalls and wildlife portray God's refreshing presence.
Dead Sea: Experience the lowest place on earth with time to float and relax.
Wadi Qilt (Jericho Road): Overlook the ancient road where Jesus set the Good Samaritan parable—seeing Scripture come to life in dramatic terrain.
Overnight in Jerusalem: Ramada

Day 9 – Friday, November 20

Mount of Olives, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Jaffa Gate, Cardo, Gennath Gate, Wohl Museum, Western Wall, Davidson Center – Southern Steps (Communion)

Mount of Olives: The panoramic view of Jerusalem where Jesus taught, ascended, and will one day return.
Dominus Flevit: Remember Jesus weeping over Jerusalem and His longing to gather His people.
Garden of Gethsemane: Ancient olive trees mark the place of Jesus' surrender and the beginning of His passion.
Jaffa Gate & Cardo: Jaffa Gate to the Holy Sepulcher which houses first century tombs, and likely the tomb of Jesus.
Gennath Gate & Wohl Museum: First–century homes highlight the world Jesus and the apostles walked.
Western Wall: Pray at Judaism's holiest site.
Southern Steps (Communion): Worship and take communion where thousands were baptized on the Day of Pentecost.
Overnight in Jerusalem: Ramada

Day 10 – Saturday, November 21

Morning flight to U.S.

Depart Israel with a deeper love for Scripture, Christ, and the mission God has given us in our own nation.

COST & REGISTRATION

Cost Without Airfare: $2,975
Includes:
• Lodging
• Breakfast & dinner daily
• All site entrance fees
• Tips (guide, driver, hotels)
Airfare will be available January 2026.
Registration is open: https://thechls.org/en/Tours/All/2026/US-Missions-Israel-Tour