

## 2022 TMS Israel Study Trip—Basic Details

This coming May, we are inviting TMS students, alumni, wives, and a limited number of friends of TMS to join us for this study trip to Israel.

**Dates:** May 9–30 (22 days total; 20 full days in the land)

**Cost for TMS students (on LA campus, distance locations, or online) and wives:** \$4200.00- this includes everything from our departure until our return to LAX, except for lunches and any personal purchases.

**Primary Intended audience:** TMS students and alumni (and their wives)—students and alumni (and wives) of TMS will be put on the trip list first. Anyone else will be put on a waiting list until **December 3, the due date for the trip deposit**. After that deadline, we will fill out the trip with studious friends of TMS. We do allow friends of TMS—lay people or pastors—who are with us theologically to join the trip. Of course, they must embrace the study nature of the trip.

**Alternative travel options:** If a person wants to join the trip from somewhere else than LA, our travel agent ([craig@discipleshiptravel.com](mailto:craig@discipleshiptravel.com)) can assist them with flight arrangements (deviation from our group reservation) or they can make those flight plans on their own. In that case, they would pay the land only price (see website for more instructions—<https://tms.edu/students/israel-study-trip/> )

**Scholarship opportunity (for LA campus students):** Due to the kindness and generosity of several donors, we will award some scholarships, based on parameters provided on the scholarship application file on the trip website (not finished yet). That means that a student who receives the scholarship can **enjoy a 3-week Israel study trip for greatly reduced price--\$1700.00!!!** Through Dec. 3, the scholarships are limited to TMS students who have completed at least 50 credit hours at TMS and have a 2.5 GPA minimum. If we have remaining funds after December 3, we will open the scholarships for students with less than 50 credit hours completed. We will have no Israel trip covered tuition scholarships for the geography course students can take in the spring semester (great preparation for the trip) or the course they can receive academic credit for in Israel.

**Rigorous Trip:** This trip is not a vacation, but a study trip—great opportunity to learn many things about the Old Testament, New Testament, Judaism, and early Church History. We will do a lot of walking in warm (and sometimes hot) weather, go up and down steps or hills, and see many significant sites.

**How to sign up?** Our Israel trip website is not completed yet, but will have all the relevant information, registration forms, and payment schedule. A \$500.0 deposit is due **by December 3**. The trip website delineates the other payment deadlines. Dr. Grisanti will send an email out when the website is finished.

**\*\*\*Please carefully read the trip website material** before asking Dr. Grisanti or Christine Dixon logistical questions about the trip. Christine Dixon ([cdixon@tms.edu](mailto:cdixon@tms.edu)) will be handling all check or cash payments. Submit your trip materials (registration form, liability release) to her.

**\*\*\*Be praying that God would provide the necessary funds for you to go on this trip. As you are able, contact loved ones and friends who might be interested in supporting you for this tremendous opportunity to learn many truths that will enhance your ability to understand and teach God's Word to others.**

**\*\*\*If your pastor (and wife) would like to participate in a trip like this, feel free to send them the Israel trip web page address: [www.tms.edu/students/israel-study-trip/](http://www.tms.edu/students/israel-study-trip/).**

I will lead a 4-day trip to Jordan at the end of the TMS trip (May 29-June 2).

**COVID vaccinations:** Most likely, Israel will still be requiring all people entering Israel to have a COVID vaccination from an acceptable source (the U.S. vaccinations are acceptable). In light of that, you must be willing to receive a COVID vaccination to enjoy this trip. We should know by early March if that will still be required. If Israel does not require the vaccination, we won't require it either. However, if I fill the trip by the time we know, you may have to wait until next year.

\*\*I don't question your conscience right to receive or not receive the COVID vaccination. However, we must conform to what Israel requires for entering their country.

\*\*Dr. Nathan Busenitz and his wife, Beth, will be the faculty couple joining Dr. Grisanti on this trip.

### **Basic Itinerary**

Depart Monday afternoon, May 9, and arrive Tuesday evening, May 10

May 11-15- 3 days packed with visiting numerous sites in Jerusalem and then 2 days visiting sites around Jerusalem.

May 16- Free day in Jerusalem and Western Wall Walk after dinner

May 17-20- 4-day south trip- leave Jerusalem and travel through the Shephelah (maybe swim in the Med), visit sites in the Negev and Wilderness, snorkeling in the Gulf of Aqaba (90 minutes), and head back north to the Tabernacle model, Masada, En-Gedi, Qumran, etc., head to Yad Hashmonah (IBEX campus)

May 21- free day; can attend a Messianic assembly and/or Jerusalem

May 22-26- 5 days—Sharon Plain (Caesarea), Jezreel Valley (several sites), Nazareth, Galilee region (2 ½ days), head south through the Jordan Rift Valley (Beth shan, baptismal site, and Jericho)- back to Yad Hashmonah

May 27- head to the dig at Shiloh and have a great overview of the central region, looking down from Mt. Gerizim on Nabalus (and Shechem)

May 28- head back north to visit the site of Shechem and Samaria (capital of northern kingdom)

May 29- free day at the Moshav or in Jerusalem for some, beginning of 4-day Jordan trip for others.

May 30- head home and arrive at LAX

\*\*Lots of specific sites not mentioned above.