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Holy Land *Exploration*

October 8 - 17, 2026

As a valued member of **Museum of the Bible**, we invite you to embark on a transformative Holy Land exploration led by Chief Curatorial Officer and biblical scholar, **Dr. Robert Duke**.

During this expedition, members will visit key biblical sites and receive expert insight into the region's rich archaeological and historical significance.

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Dr. Robert Duke

Dr. Robert "Bobby" Duke (University of California, Los Angeles) serves as the Chief Curatorial Officer and as the Director of the Scholars Initiative at **Museum of the Bible**.

He formerly served as a professor in the Honors College and is also a former dean of the School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University. He is the author of *The Social Location of the Visions of Amram* (Peter Lang) and *Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic Dictionary* (Zondervan).

Bobby earned both his PhD and MA in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures from UCLA, as well as an MA in Hebrew Bible from Jerusalem University College and a theology degree from Multnomah University. He was also the recipient of a fellowship from the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem to work on his dissertation, which focused on Aramaic documents from Qumran. His scholarly writing—especially Dead Sea Scrolls research—is widely respected.



October 8 and 9 - Depart & Arrive in the Holy Land

Depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport by our representatives and transferred to your hotel in Netanya for dinner and an overnight stay. (D)

October 10 - Caesarea by the Sea, Mount Carmel, Megiddo & Nazareth

Visit the Roman aqueduct and theater at Caesarea, a center of early Christianity (Acts 10) and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 23:33). View Mount Carmel and recall Elijah's dramatic victory over the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Follow an ancient caravan route through the Jezreel Valley to Tel Megiddo, an exciting archaeological dig with layers of twenty different cities all built on top of each other. Conclude your day at Nazareth Village, an authentic first-century farm and archaeologically accurate re-creation of the hometown of Jesus. Arrive at your hotel near the Sea of Galilee. (B/ L/ D)

October 11 - Sea of Galilee

Pass through the Valley of the Doves and see Mount Arbel (Isaiah 9:2) on your way toward the Sea of Galilee. This was a major pathway in the time of Christ. He and His disciples passed through this valley as they walked through Galilee. In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-3), visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Enjoy lunch together before crossing the waters of the Sea of Galilee on a very special boat ride. At Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, see the 2,000-year-old "ancient boat," a rare example of the kind of boat in which Jesus might have sailed. Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 5-7). Explore the Church of the Loaves and Fish at Tabgha, the traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). (B/ L/ D)

October 12 - Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights & Tel Araj

At the ruins of Tel Dan, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (1 Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the "House of David" fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Continue to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter told the Lord, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" (Matt. 16:16). A scenic drive along the Golan Heights will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan as well as Israel. Stop at Tel Araj, a dig sponsored by MOTB, a site believed to be Bethsaida where Jesus chose five of his disciples. (B/ L/ D)

October 13 - Qumran, Masada & the Dead Sea

Stop in Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd. Enjoy a visit to Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod that later became the final tragic stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore the fortress and look down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. On the way to Jerusalem, stop at the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, for an opportunity to take a quick dip in the mineral-laden waters. Arrive at your hotel in Jerusalem. (B/ L/ D)

October 14 - Bethlehem, Yad Vashem & Israel Museum

In Bethlehem, gaze out over Shepherds' Field and visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace (Luke 2:1-20). Visit the Church of the Nativity, built above the cave and considered the world's oldest functioning church (Luke 2). In Jerusalem, visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, with its poignant exhibits honoring the lives lost during the Holocaust. Explore the Israel Museum and its first-century model of the city of Jerusalem. Another highlight is the museum's Shrine of the Book exhibit showcasing the Dead Sea Scrolls book of Isaiah. (B/ L/ D)

October 15 - Jerusalem

Stand on the Mount of Olives for a remarkable view of Jerusalem (the Golden City); Jesus stood here before ascending into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12). In the Kidron Valley across from the walls of Jerusalem, pray as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36). Continue to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was questioned on the night of His betrayal (Matt. 26:57). Recall the events of the Last Supper as you visit the traditional location of the Upper Room (Mark 14:12-26). Spend time in prayer at the Western Wall (the only remnant of the Second Temple of Jerusalem) and sit on the Teaching Steps where Jesus taught. (B/ D)

October 16 - Jerusalem

Walk the Temple Mount (conditions permitting), once the site of the Temple of Solomon (II Chronicles 3) and home to the Dome of the Rock. See where Jesus healed on the Sabbath at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-18). Walk the Via Dolorosa (“the Way of the Cross”) to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (John 19), built over the traditional sites of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus at The Garden Tomb. (B/ D)

October 17 - Return to the USA or Enjoy a Wonders of Petra & Dead Sea Extension.

B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner

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**Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing
Round-trip International Airfare**

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*One-year individual membership
to Museum of the Bible!*

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Wonders of Petra & the Dead Sea

October 17 - 21, 2026 | Starting at \$1,698*

October 17 – Jerash

This morning, you will journey across the Allenby Bridge on your way to Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the world. Stroll through the oval piazza and wander along colonnaded streets etched by the wheels of ancient chariots. Stand in the grand theater where an onstage whisper can be heard in the top row. Continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay. (B/ L/ D)

October 18 – Madaba & Mount Nebo

Begin your journey south towards Petra today. Stop in Madaba, the City of Mosaics, to visit the Church of Saint George with its sixth-century Byzantine mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. Continue to Mount Nebo, where Moses caught a glimpse of the Promised Land (Deut. 34). On a clear day, you can see all the way across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the rooftops of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Return to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. (B/ L/ D)

October 19 – Petra

Explore the city of Petra. Its entrance passes through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq and can only be accessed by carriage, horseback, or on foot. Once inside the city, marvel at the intricate detail of a city that was cut into the cliffsides of rose-colored rock. Travel to your hotel at the Dead Sea for dinner and an overnight stay. (B/ L/ D)

October 20 – Free Morning at the Dead Sea

Enjoy a free morning at your hotel. Cross the border back into Israel and enjoy dinner in Jerusalem. Afterward, you will travel to the airport in Tel Aviv to begin your journey home. (B/ L/ D)

October 21 – Return to the USA

A minimum number of participants must be reached to operate extensions. Contact us for specifics.

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily (Some lunches included) • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • One-year membership to Museum of the Bible (see website for details)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1,498 during the basic tour; \$598 for Petra.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$300	Due upon registration.
Second Deposit	\$1,500	Due by 06/15/26.
Full Deposit	\$1,800	Payment received between 06/16/26-07/24/26 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Full Payment		07/25/26. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 06/15/26 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after June 15, 2026:

We welcome registrations after 06/15/26. Registrations received between 06/16/26-07/10/26 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 07/11/26 - 07/25/26 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 07/26/26 - 08/09/26 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 08/10/26 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From the day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline and land fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties, land penalties, and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to the day of departure = 100% of the total cost. In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of the extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after the day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to

confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 06/15/26. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 01/12/25. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

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\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
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\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		

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Trip Cancellation	100% of the Trip Cost
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Trip Interruption	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay	Up to \$150 Per Day, to a Maximum of \$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains	\$50,000
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	Up to \$200