hosted by Nancy Ho, Bible Teacher

With Teacher and Author, John Wiertzema

Israel, Front and Center!
Fall 2027

Friday, September 17 to Saturday, September 25, 2027

8 Overnights with Deluxe Accommodation!

Early-Bird Price Available Until March 1, 2027

USD 3,495 per person (***Price will increase to USD 3,695 after March 1***). **Includes**: 8 sightseeing days, 8 overnights (double occupancy: two per room), small group personalized tour with delightful lodging at the Dead Sea, Galilee and Jerusalem; deluxe transportation, breakfast and dinners, all entrance fees, and Bible-believing tour guide.

If no roommate: Add USD 1,260

DAY	***TENTATIVE ITINERARY (subject to change)***
Day 1 **Friday, Sept 17** *Erev Shabbat*	Individual arrivals (plan to arrive in the morning, or the day before). We will meet at the airport in the morning and board our bus to drive north along Israel's Mediterranean Coast. ✡ Drive through **Jerusalem** ✡ Enjoy the overview from **Mount Scopus**: Known for its panoramic views of Jerusalem and the Judean Desert, Mount Scopus is home to the Hebrew University. ✡ Drive to the **Dead Sea** ✡ **Qumran:** Learn about the Bible's Book of Isaiah Scrolls found in the Dead Sea caves, beginning in 1947. Tour the reconstructed site and see ruins of the Essenes' community. Check in to our **idyllic Dead Sea Spa hotel.** Shabbat Dinner and overnight.
Day 2 **Saturday, Sept 18** *Shabbat*	Israeli Buffet Breakfast in our hotel. Depart for the day's tour. ✡ **Masada:** Stand high above the Dead Sea at Herod's 2000 year old fortress. A cable car takes you up to a breathtaking view of the Judean desert, Jordan and Dead Sea area. There will be an option to take the cable car or to hike up the Snake Path to the summit. ✡ **Ein Gedi**: A beautiful nature park and archaeological site with springs and waterfalls. For David and his mighty men, this oasis was a place of refuge from King Saul. There will be options to stay at the lower waterfall area and enjoy the refreshing waters or to hike up higher. ✡ **Dead Sea Spa:** Back to our hotel for some relaxation and rejuvenation at the Dead Sea Spa. Dinner, a (teaching) meeting and overnight at our **idyllic Dead Sea Spa hotel**
Day 3	Israeli Buffet Breakfast and check out of our hotel. Depart for the day's tour. ✡ **Qsar Al Yahud:** We will stop to see the site where, according to tradition, Jesus was baptized.

Sunday, Sept 19	✡ **Gilgal Argaman:** This is an iron-age ceremonial site in the Jordan valley, believed to be constructed by the Israelites, led by Joshua, as their first camp after the Jordan river crossing. It is one of several giant footprints of ancient Israel. ✡ **Beit Hogla:** **House of Doves** A significant biblical site, in the Plains of Jericho, where the Israelites camped after crossing over the Jordan, in preparation for the conquest of Jericho. Across from this site, in Jordan, is Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land before his death. ✡ Drive to the Galilee ✡ **Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee:** Sail in a replica of an ancient fishing vessel like those used in the time of Jesus as we worship on the water with Daniel Carmel. Check in, dinner and overnight at our **lovely Kibbutz hotel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee**
Day 4 **Monday, Sept 20**	Israeli Buffet Breakfast in our hotel. Depart for the day's tour. ✡ **Mount of Beatitudes:** Traditional site where we remember Jesus' teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. ✡ **Capernaum:** View Peter's home, the first house church, and ongoing excavations where Jesus taught, healed, delivered all at His synagogue. ✡ **Magdala:** Tour the ruins of a recently discovered ancient synagogue and city, on the shores of the Galilee. ✡ **St. Peter's Primacy/Tabgha (if time allows):** Follow Jesus' ministry in the Galilee where He fed the multitudes with five loaves and two fish. Jesus re-appeared here following His resurrection, restored Peter and commissioned the disciples with the Good News. Dinner, a (teaching) meeting and overnight at our **lovely Kibbutz hotel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee**
Day 5 **Tuesday, Sept 21**	Israeli Buffet Breakfast in our hotel. Depart for the day's tour. ✡ **Caesarea Philippi (Banias):** An ancient city located at the base of Mount Hermon, and the location of one of the largest springs feeding the Jordan River. The city was founded by Philip the Tetrarch, son of Herod the Great and was the place of Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah. ✡ **Mount Ben Tal and the Syrian Border:** One of Israel's favorite mountain peaks due to the great panoramic views of the Golan and Syria. This military outpost is the site of a courageous battle fought during Israel's war for the Golan Heights. ✡ **Bethsaida: (if time allows)** Only ruins remain of this town from the time of Jesus. He had cursed it for its unbelief. Bethsaida has been a site of rich archeological excavation in recent years. Dinner and overnight at our **lovely Kibbutz hotel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee**
Day 6 **Wednesday, Sept 22**	Israeli Buffet Breakfast and check out of our hotel. Depart for the day's tour. ✡ **Nazareth/Mount Precipice:** Overlooking the beautiful and majestic valley of Jezreel, Mount Precipice is the traditional site believed to be where an angry mob tried to throw Jesus over the cliff. This was after he had declared himself to be the Messiah, in Luke 4. ✡ Drive towards Jerusalem and ascend to the Holy City! ✡ **Mount of Olives:** View the Holy City from Mount of Olives, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem before His crucifixion, death and resurrection. Enjoy the panoramic view of Jerusalem and the surrounding area, including the Kidron Valley and the Eastern (Golden) Gate. ✡ **Garden of Gethsemane:** Enter the Garden, (with the ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Jesus) and where He prayed, was betrayed by Judas and arrested by the Romans. ✡ **Church of All Nations:** We will visit a church which commemorates the time and place where Jesus prayed the night of His arrest. ✡ **Garden Tomb with Communion Service:** Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a Communion Service near Golgotha and where many believe Jesus was crucified, buried and rose out of the tomb. Check in, dinner and overnight at **our beautiful Jerusalem hotel**

Day 7 **Thursday, Sept 23**	Israeli Buffet Breakfast in our hotel. Depart for the day's tour. ✡ **Temple Mount visit:** The elevated plaza above the Western Wall that was once home for the First and Second Jewish Temples. Currently situated here are a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. ✡ **Kotel and Western Wall:** Place your prayers in the Western Wall of the Second Temple, one of the holiest sites in Judaism. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) ✡ **Rabbinical Tunnel Tour Under the Western Wall:** Walk along an ancient underground path, experience archeological treasures, and touch the hidden and magnificent stones of the Western Wall. Excavations reveal 3,000 years of history. ✡ **City of David Video and Rooftop Teaching:** This is Biblical Jerusalem, where it all began. Site of Hezekiah's Tunnel, Canaanite Tunnel and the King's palaces. Enjoy a multimedia presentation of David's City, where Jerusalem's history began, its kings were anointed, and preparations were made to build the First Temple. ✡ **Hezekiah's Tunnel:** An exciting walk through this 1,750 ft water tunnel carved through the City of David during the reign of King Hezekiah. Bring your water shoes and flashlights! ✡ **Pool of Siloam:** Excavated in 2004 in a site adjacent to the Ancient City of David. This is believed to be the place where Jesus healed the blind man. ✡ **Pilgrimage Road:** A recently excavated and newly opened ancient road connecting the Pool of Siloam to the Temple. ✡ **Davidson Museum Archaeological Park:** We will explore this fascinating area and learn of Temple times from over 2,000 years ago. ✡ **Southern Steps of the Second Temple:** Come up to worship and stand on the very steps where Jesus taught and His Holy Spirit baptized 3,000 Jewish pilgrims observing Shavuot, the Feast of Pentecost, 50 days after His Resurrection**.** See the Pinnacle of the Temple and the Shofar Sounder site. ✡ **Citadel of David Night Spectacular (after dinner)**: Fabulous outdoor, evening Sound and Light Show of Israel's history, Jaffa Gate and Citadel of David Museum. Dinner and overnight at **our beautiful Jerusalem hotel**
Day 8 **Friday, Sept 24** *Erev Shabbat*	Israeli Buffet Breakfast in our hotel. Depart for the day's tour. ✡ **Yad Vashem:** We will visit Israel's largest and most compelling holocaust memorial. ✡ **Israel Museum Model:** View the 1000 square meter 'Second Temple Jerusalem' Model which recreates the city of 66 AD ✡ **Christchurch and Christian Quarter of Old City Jerusalem:** Situated at Jaffa Gate, Christchurch is the First Protestant Church in the Middle East. It is still an active congregation and hosts a small museum, guest house and charming coffee shop. ✡ **Church of the Holy Sepulchre:** A historic church in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, and thought by many to be Jesus' crucifixion and burial site. ✡ **Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City and Roman Cardo:** See the ruins of the Roman Cardo, Jerusalem's ancient shopping area, and view the Golden Menorah, as we walk through the streets of Biblical history. ✡ **Shabbat Dinner** and **Farewell Meeting at our** hotel. Come ready to share your reflections and highlights! Shabbat dinner, a farewell meeting and overnight at **our beautiful Jerusalem hotel**
Day 9 **Saturday, Sept 25** *Shabbat*	Israeli Buffet Breakfast and check out of our hotel. Depart for the airport. ✡ **Bus Transfer to Ben Gurion airport.** Travelers may take the bus in the morning or they may choose to procure their own transportation. Taxi fare is approximately 350 NIS.

8 Days of Sightseeing and 8 Overnights in Deluxe Hotels
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Includes:

- ✡ Small group (from 23 to 35 pax) personalized tour.
- ✡ 8 overnights in Deluxe hotels: 2 nights at a lovely Dead Sea Spa hotel, 3 nights on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and 3 nights at an exceptional location in Jerusalem.
- ✡ All hotel stays are based on double occupancy (2 persons per room). Single Supplement of USD 1,260 added to price for single room stays.
- ✡ 8 days of immersive sightseeing, Biblical sites, special evening activities and TEACHING from our special guest author, **John Wiertzema**!
- ✡ 8 days of teaching, experiential learning, fun, fellowship, worship, prayer, times of solitude and communion with God!
- ✡ English speaking, licensed, Bible-believing tour guide.
- ✡ Luxury air-conditioned coach and entrance fees to each site as noted on the itinerary.
- ✡ Individual headsets, which will provide excellent audio onsite.
- ✡ Meals: include delicious, full Israeli buffet breakfasts and dinners at hotels daily.
- ✡ TIPS to driver, guide, hotel and hotel restaurant staff are all included.
- ✡ NOT included**:** AIRFARE, single supplement fee (for single room), personal travel and medical INSURANCE, **Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) fees** **(Each traveler must apply for an ETA at least 72 hours prior to travel)**, lunches, personal expenses: such as souvenirs, extra meals, snacks, bottled water, medical expenses, phone calls.
- ✡ Tentative Itinerary: Our itinerary is tentative and may be subject to changes in sequence of days, visits and events according to local conditions and the discretion of our tour leaders.
- ✡ We will be well taken care of by our excellent and very experienced tour agency in Israel! **www.lipkintours.com**

Your Hosts:

Nancy Ho is a seasoned Bible educator and doctoral student with a master's degree in Messianic Jewish Theology. She has led several tours to Israel and traveled widely throughout the land.

John Wiertzema is a well-versed Bible teacher and the author of several books on eschatology and theology. Those who join the tour will receive a signed copy of his soon-to-be-released book, Israel: Front and Center—Why Israel Takes Center Stage… Again.

Space is limited!
Secure your place on this tour (register and pay deposit) at thewaytoisrael.com

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