

2024 Holy Land Bible Study Tour

ISRAEL • JORDAN • EGYPT | APRIL 27-MAY 9 (OPTIONAL EGYPT EXTENSION (MAY 10-12))



TOUR INFORMATION

Trip Host: Dr. Stephen G. Tan | Trip Coordinator: Ms. Andrea Clarice Chua

DATE

April 27–May 9, 2024 (13 days)

Optional Egypt Extension: May 10-12, 2024

TOUR COST

\$3267 - Israel and Jordan

Egypt Extension +\$432 (includes Egypt Visa Fee)

Includes:

- Visit to 100+ Bible sites
- 4-star hotel accommodations
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned coach
- All meals (B/L/D)
- All tips and border taxes

Not Included:

- Airfare (est. +\$1,500)
- Travel Insurance (+\$82 for 1-70 y/o; +\$123 for 71-80 y/o)
- Israel & Jordan Visa Fees (If applicable. Not required for Philippine, US, and Canada passport holders)
- Philippine Travel Tax

Air tickets and travel insurance will be purchased through Highlight Tours at a GCCP discounted group rate. Those who wish to upgrade to business class can do so as well. Exceptions may be made for you to book your own air tickets if your home country and dates deviate from the rest of the group.

ABOUT THE BIBLE TEACHER & TRIP HOST



Dr. Stephen G. Tan is the Senior Pastor of Grace Christian Church of the Philippines. He graduated summa cum laude from Dallas Theological Seminary with a Master of Theology and was given the J. Dwight Pentecost Award in Bible Exposition. He also has a Doctorate from the same school.

Dr. Tan has spoken at conferences and churches throughout North America, Europe, and Asia and has served as guest lecturer at several seminaries and Bible colleges. He also serves on several boards of Christian organizations and NGOs.

Pastor Stephen has led many Bible Study Tours serving as a Bible Teacher in places such as Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. He was ordained into the Gospel ministry in 2005 and is a licensed minister.

Previously, Stephen worked as a management consultant for Deloitte and Touche, consistently ranked as a top analyst. He graduated cum laude from SMU in Dallas, with Bachelors in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics. He received the "M" Award, the highest award and honor given by the university. He is happily married to his wife Cindy, and they have 3 children: Andrew, Nathan, and Janelle.

REQUIREMENTS

- \$1000 deposit upon registration
- Duly accomplished Registration Form
- Clear copy of Passport Data Page, with Issuance Date and Birth Date. (IMPORTANT: Passport should not expire before November 1, 2024)
- Color photo (passport size)
- Must be physically fit and can walk unassisted for 12,000-14,000 steps a day
- For age 70+, medical clearance is required
- Full Payment by January 7, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

STEP 1: Submit required documents

- Registration Form
- Passport Data Page
- Color photo

STEP 2: Pay fees through these options:

- **BANK TRANSFER** (preferred)
Bank: Security Bank Corporation
Account No: 0331-229580-206
Beneficiary: Jeanette Keh or Stephen Tan or Paul Tan
Swift Code: SETCPHMM
- **CASH** (in USD)
Drop off at the church office between 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Tuesday to Saturday) or 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Sunday)

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DAY 1 April 27 (SAT) ARRIVAL + Amman**Start of Bible Study Tour • Amman • Citadel**

Arrive in Amman, Jordan from Home Country. Depending on arrival time, tour of Amman, the ancient capital of the Ammonites and the modern capital of the kingdom of Jordan. Visit the Citadel and see the Roman Temple of Hercules.

(Overnight #1: Amman, Jordan)

DAY 2 April 28 (SUN) Jordan**Mt. Nebo • Madaba • Mujib Valley Overview**

Drive to Madaba, the "Mosaic City" and hometown of Ruth the Moabite. View of Moab from the eastern shores of the Dead Sea. Then we climb Mount Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land, and on it he was buried by God. Time permitting, we will use the Kings highway to see the magnificent Mujib Valley, called "the Grand Canyon of the Middle East," with the Arnon River flowing through it. Drive to Petra.

(Overnight #2: Petra, Jordan)

DAY 3 April 29 (MON) Petra**Petra • Aaron's Tomb • Zered River • Edom • Desert Highway**

We spend the whole morning touring Petra. The stronghold city of the Nabateans, Petra was a spectacular rock-cut ancient city, with beautiful sculptures carved into rose-red rocks—one of the seven wonders of the world. This is the land of the ancient Edomites. In the afternoon on the way to Amman, we cross the River Zered and ancient borders of Moab and Edom, passing through the Biblical cities of Heshbon, Dibon, & Aroer via the Desert Highway.

(Overnight #3: Amman, Jordan)

DAY 4 April 30 (TUE) Jericho**Allenby Border Crossing • Jordan River Crossing • Jericho (Mount of Temptation, Sycamore Tree, Elisha's Spring) • Beit-Shean • Tiberias**

Crossover to Israel using the Allenby crossing, we drive to Jericho, near the Dead Sea. We climb the archaeological site to view the plains of Jericho where the Israelites entered the Promised Land. View the site of Jesus' Temptation. Pass by the traditional sites of Zacchaeus' sycamore tree and Elisha's spring. Follow the River Jordan north to Israel's largest archaeological site of Beth-Shan (time-permitting), where the Philistines fought King Saul. Drive along the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, to the city of Tiberias.

(Overnight #4: Tiberias, Israel)

DAY 5 May 1 (WED) Sea of Galilee**Galilee Boat Ride • Tabgha • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Horns of Hittim • Mt. Arbel (panoramic view)**

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Go to Capernaum where you will see an ancient synagogue and Peter's house. By the shore, you will visit Tabgha with the ancient mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes. There Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection (John 21). Enjoy "Peter's Fish" by Sea of Galilee. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. In this region, Jesus spent much of his ministry on earth. Pass by the horns of Hattim, where Saladin defeated the crusaders. Go to the top of Mount Arbel for a magnificent mountaintop panoramic view of the entire Sea of Galilee, and there view the Bible sites of Jesus' public ministry.

(Overnight #5: in Tiberias, Israel)

DAY 6 May 2 (THU) Northern Galilee**Tel Dan • Hazor • Caesarea Philippi (Banias) • Golan Heights • Mt. Bental • Mt. Hermon • Baptism/Rededication at the Jordan River (Yardenit)**

Drive up north to the northernmost city of Israel in the Old Testament—and see the ruins of Dan. View the high place where wicked King Jeroboam set up a golden calf, and drive by Hazor, the ancient capital of the Canaanites. Drive to Caesarea Philippi (Banias), near where the Jordan River starts, where Peter acknowledged Jesus as "the Christ." Visit Mt. Bental which overlooks the Golan and the valley where one of the largest tank battles in history took place in 1973 where 160 Israeli tanks withstood an onslaught of 2,500 Syrian Tanks and Artillery Pieces. Ride the Sky-life on the slopes of Mt. Hermon. Drive to Degania for Baptism-Rededication in the Jordan River.

(Overnight #6: Tiberias, Israel)



DAY 7 May 3 (FRI) Nazareth + Jezreel Valley

Church of the Annunciation • Nazareth Village • Megiddo • Solomon's Tunnel • Jezreel Valley • Mt. Carmel • Cana

Enter Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus, and see the largest church in Israel: Church of the Annunciation. Visit the Nazareth Village and see how Jesus lived in Nazareth for 30 "silent years" in a first-century recreation of village life in Nazareth. Proceed to Megiddo, the future site of the Battle of Armageddon. Drive up beautiful Mt. Carmel for a spectacular view of Israel's northern region and the Jezreel Valley. Visit Mukhraka, where Elijah challenged the 450 prophets of Baal. Drive by Cana where Jesus performed His first miracle.

(Overnight #7: Tiberias, Israel)

DAY 8 May 4 (SAT) Sea Coast

Caesarea Maritima • Joppa • Tel Aviv • Emmaus

Drive to Caesarea, the capital of Rome in Palestine. See Roman and Crusader remains (i.e. aqueduct) and the harbor from where Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Visit Joppa, from where Jonah sailed for Tarsish. Nearby is Tel Aviv, the business center of Israel. Drive along the Valley of Aijalon, where the sun and moon stood still, and the Elah Valley, where David fought Goliath. Time-permitting visit the village of Emmaus, where Jesus walked with two disciples. Drive to Jerusalem.

(Overnight #8: Jerusalem, Israel)

DAY 9 May 5 (SUN) Jerusalem (Old City) + Bethlehem

Temple Mount • Western Wall • Ancient Temple (Southern) Steps • Western Wall Underground Tunnel • Cardo • Golden Menorah • Bethlehem • Church of the Nativity • Shepherds Field • Herodium

Enter the Old City of Jerusalem and visit the Temple Area with the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque. Visit the Western "Wailing" Wall and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Visit the archaeological digs beside the western wall, and walk up the ancient Temple (Southern) Steps. We will take the Western Wall Tunnel Tour, this is the newly excavated 1,000-foot long underground portion of the Western Wall. Walk the streets of Old Jerusalem of King Herod's time. See Temple's largest building stone (500 tons)! Enter into Bethlehem and see the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the Holy Land. Visit the cave-stable of Jesus' birth, and the Shepherds Fields. We will also see the Herodium, the fortress and grave of Herod the Great, who slew the Bethlehem infants.

(Overnight #9: Jerusalem, Israel)

DAY 10 May 6 (MON) Mount of Olives + Jerusalem (Old City)

Mount of Olives • Church of the Ascension • Church of Pater Noster • Palm Sunday Road • Dominus Flevit • Gethsemane • Church of All Nations • Garden Tomb • Pool of Bethesda • St. Anne's Church • Via Dolorosa • Church of the Holy Sepulchre • Jaffa Gate Shopping

Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful panoramic view of Jerusalem. See the Ascension Chapel, the Pater Noster Church (Lord's Prayer), walk down the "Palm Sunday" road, see Dominus Flevit. Pray inside the Garden of Gethsemane, with its ancient olive trees and the serene Church of All Nations. Have Communion at the Garden Tomb, where Christians remember Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. See the Pool of Bethesda, where tradition says an angel ruffled the water, and St. Anne's Church, traditional birthplace of Jesus' mother with its beautiful acoustics. Take the Via Dolorosa Road, from Pilate's judgment hall to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Time-permitting, shop at Jaffa Gate.

(Overnight #10: Jerusalem, Israel)

DAY 11 May 7 (TUE) City of David + Jerusalem (New City)

Hezekiah's Tunnel • Mt. Zion • Gallicantu (Caiaphas' House) • Upper Room • David's Tomb • Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial) • Israel Museum (Jerusalem Model) • Shrine of Book Museum (Dead Sea Scrolls) • Knesset Building

We begin the day by walking in King Hezekiah's underground tunnel ending at the Pool of Siloam. This engineering feat of 1,500-foot-long-tunnel was cut under the bedrock of the City of David in 701 BC. Drive along the Kidron Valley to the

palace of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Peter denied his Lord. On Mount Zion, visit an Upper Room, and see the tomb of David. See the "new city" portion of Jerusalem and visit Yad Vashem, the moving and powerful WWII Holocaust Memorial. Visit the Israel Museum to tour the model of Jerusalem (during Christ's time). Visit the shrine of the Book Museum which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. See the Knesset parliament building.

(Overnight #11: Jerusalem, Israel)

DAY 12 May 8 (WED) Dead Sea Area

Jerusalem-Jericho Road • Qumran • Masada • Ein Gedi • Dead Sea Swim

Use the Jerusalem-Jericho road down to the Dead Sea. Visit Qumran, the site of the Essene community where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Visit Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul. Then take a cable car up to Masada, scene of the last stand of the Jewish resistance to the Romans. Enjoy a late afternoon swim in the Dead Sea.

(Overnight #12: Dead Sea region, Israel)

DAY 13 May 9 (THU) Red Sea Area + DEPARTURE / Egypt Ext.

Lot's Wife • Timna Park (Tabernacle Model & Solomon's Copper Mines) • Eilat • Gulf of Aqaba

We head south and visit Timna Park and see the Tabernacle Model (actual-size) in the wilderness and point out Solomon's copper mines. Nearby is the Gulf of Aqaba, the border between Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. Cross the border into Egypt and drive to the Sinai area. Those who do not avail of the Egypt Extension will return to Jerusalem for their flight out.

(Overnight #13: Mt. Sinai, Egypt)

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DAY 14 May 10 (FRI) Sinai Region

Mt. Sinai • St. Catherine's Monastery (Burning Bush) • Cairo • Suez Canal

Early morning wake-up to summit the 2,285-meter Mt. Sinai for a spectacular sunrise view. This is the traditional location where Moses received the Ten Commandments. Visit St. Catherine's Monastery, the world's oldest continuously inhabited Christian monastery, built on the traditional site where Moses saw the "burning bush" at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Travel from the Sinai Peninsula to Cairo crossing over the famous Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea through the Isthmus of Suez and dividing Africa and Asia.

(Overnight #14: Cairo, Egypt)

DAY 15 May 11 (SAT) Cairo + Giza

Cairo • Pyramids of Giza • Sphinx • Egyptian Museum • Royal Grand Citadel & Mosque • Jesus' Childhood Coptic Churches

Drive to Giza to see the famous pyramids of Cheops, Chephren & Mycerinus. See the Sphinx, which combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. Visit one of Cairo's Egyptian Museums, which contains 5,000 years of Egyptian history. Visit the traditional site of the Holy Family's residence in Egypt and the Citadel of Cairo built by Saladin

(Overnight #15: Cairo, Egypt)

DAY 16 May 12 (SUN) Saqqara + Memphis + DEPARTURE

Saqqara (Pyramid of Djoser) • Memphis • Colossus of Ramses II

We drive to Saqqara to see the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser, considered to be the first pyramid built in Egypt (completed around 2648 BC). Drive to the first capital of ancient Egypt, the capital city of Memphis. Memphis was the seat of power for the pharaohs for over eight dynasties. There we will see the famous Colossus of Ramses II, probably the most famous Egyptian Pharaoh. Return to Cairo to fly back to home countries with memories and inspiration to last a lifetime.

REGISTRATION FORM | 2024 Holy Land Bible Study Trip



PERSONAL INFORMATION & PASSPORT DETAILS

Last Name*		Given Name(s)*	
Middle Name*		Nickname*	
Passport No.*			
Date of Birth*	(mm/dd/yyyy)	Nationality*	
Gender*	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Place of Birth*	
Date of Issue*		Date of Expiry*	
Issuing Authority*			
Civil Status*	<input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Married <input type="radio"/> Other	Occupation	
Church Affiliation*			

CONTACT INFORMATION

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	City	State/Province	
	Zip Code	Country	
Emergency Contact*	Person to Contact		
	Relationship		
	Email		
	Mobile No.		

ROOMING

	Preferred Roommate
	Relationship

TOUR COST (USD)	<input type="radio"/> Israel + Jordan	\$ 3,267	TO BE FILLED OUT BY GCCP STAFF			
	<input type="radio"/> Egypt Extension	\$ 432				
	<input type="radio"/> Israel/Jordan Visa (est.)(if applicable)	\$50	TOTAL AMT TO BE PAID			
	<input type="radio"/> Airfare (est.) MNL-AMM +TLV-MNL or CAI-MNL	\$ 1,500			DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED	<input type="radio"/> Duly Accomplished Registration Form <input type="radio"/> Copy of Passport page <input type="radio"/> Color photo (passport size)
	Travel Insurance <input type="radio"/> 1-70 years old (+\$82) <input type="radio"/> 71-80 years old (+\$123)					

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

By Submitting this form, I am agreeing to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">I certify that the information I provided is true and correct.I have read, understood, and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated in the Tour's information page, including the GCCP Privacy Policy and Website Terms of Use.I consent to receive communication from GCCP, including promotions and news about upcoming events.			
Print Name & Signature			
Date			
<input type="radio"/> Deposit	\$ 1,000	Date Received	
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<input type="radio"/> Balance	\$ _____	Date Received	
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Submission of registration form constitutes agreement to the following Terms and Conditions. Please read carefully before signing up.

Registration and Payment

- Full payment must be made by January 7, 2024. Otherwise, registration is considered canceled.
- All rates and costs are estimated based on prices from the previous tour and per bus load of 40 registrants and are subject to change without prior notice. At least 40 registrants are required for this trip to push through.
- Rates per person are based on twin-sharing hotel pricing. No triple room reduction.
- GCCP and its co-sponsor(s), with their officers and staff, act only as agents for the various companies and service providers whose services are used, and assume no responsibility nor liability for any act/omission of trip.
- The GCCP planning committee reserves the right to refuse individuals from joining this Bible Study tour.
- Registration is generally on a first come, first served basis. Priority is given to active members of Grace Christian Church of the Philippines.

Cancellation and Refund

- Registration Deposit is nonrefundable.
- Any cancellation must be initiated by the participant(s) personally or by phone. We will acknowledge your cancellation by email.
- In certain cases you may be eligible to receive a full or partial refund depending upon: (1) the reason for your cancellation; (2) the number of days prior to the start of the tour that your cancellation request is received; or (3) the amount expended in preparation for your participation to the tour.
- Standard Cancellation Fee
- 120 days - 100% deposit amount + 10% balance
- 90 days - 100% deposit amount + 20% balance
- 60 days - 100% deposit amount + 30% balance
- 30 days - 100% deposit amount + 40% balance
- 15 days - 100% deposit amount + 50% balance
- Less than 15 days - No Refund
- GCCP and its co-sponsor(s) with their officers and staff are not responsible for any incidental expenses you may have personally incurred as a result of the purchase of your tour, such as visas, medical check-ups, nonrefundable flights, etc.
- For inquiries and concerns about our cancellation policy, please email biblestudytours@gccp.org.ph

General Guidelines and Policies for GCCP Events and Activities

Code of Conduct

This is a church event/activity. All participants are expected to conduct himself/herself in a Christ-like manner at all times. Additionally, participants are expected to:

- Be kind and helpful to fellow participants and event coordinators.
- Listen to event coordinators and volunteers and treat them with respect.
- Follow the House Rules of the venue.
- Refrain from bringing prohibited items such as firearms/weapons, gambling materials, portable gaming systems, alcoholic drinks, illegal drugs, or pets.

Should a participant fail to comply with the guidelines of this event, GCCP has the right to exercise disciplinary actions that may include but not limited to notifying the participant's family members, sending the participant home without refund, and fining the participant for any additional expenses incurred due to his/her actions.

Parent or Guardian's Consent

If the participant is a minor, it is his/her responsibility to secure permission from his/her parent(s) or guardian to join this event/activity.

GCCP may verify parent's or guardian's consent as deemed necessary.

Health and Safety Policy

- Wearing of masks is not mandatory. We encourage participants to do what is best for their personal health and safety.
- Individuals who are showing Covid-like symptoms or are obviously sick on the day(s) of the event will not be allowed to join in the activities.

Medical Emergency

In the event of a situation requiring medical attention:

- Participant grants permission for necessary medical treatment to be given to him/her, including taking him/her to the nearest physician, dentist, or to the hospital. Every effort will be made to inform the emergency contact person

listed in the participant's registration information regarding the participant's situation.

- If the participant is a minor, parent/guardian grants permission to the supervising staff to attend to the child. If further medical attention is required, every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian to receive specific authorization before action is taken. If efforts to contact the parent/guardian are unsuccessful, parent/guardian grants permission for necessary medical treatment to be given to the child, including taking the child to the nearest physician, dentist, or to the hospital.

Liability Waiver

- Adequate and appropriate supervision will be provided during the event. However, unanticipated situations and problems that are beyond the control of the organizers, volunteers, and staff can arise on any event/activity, church-sponsored or otherwise.
- All participants, parents, and guardians understand this and agree to release and hold harmless GCCP and its Event Coordinators, Volunteers, and Staff from any and all liability, claims, costs, interest, and expense arising from such situations, including any accident or injury, sickness, hospitalization, or other incidents beyond the control of GCCP, including but not limited to natural disasters, civil disturbances, and health issues that may arise during and/or as a result of participation in this event.

Photo and Video Release

- During the event, GCCP may take photo, video, and audio recordings of participants for documentation purposes.
- All participants, parents, and guardians grant GCCP permission to use, publish, replicate, and distribute these recordings for any legal use, including but not limited to promotional materials, print and digital publications, social media, website, and/or other media channels. They also agree to waive any rights of compensation and/or ownership of any photos, videos, and/or other media taken during the event.

Privacy Policy

- GCCP collects personal information for a variety of purposes and through various channels, including but are not limited to, title envelopes, registration forms, online forms, application forms, etc.
- GCCP will only use the information you voluntarily provide us for the sole purpose for which it was collected. We will not disclose the information that we collect without your consent. We may use your personal information (1) to remember your personal preferences and website settings, and to facilitate access to our other media channels; (2) when you interact with our Ministry Teams, including GCCP Staff, GCCP Pastors, GCCP volunteers via Facebook Messenger or other Chat Applications, phone calls, or email; (3) when you request that our Prayer Ministry contact you, or include you in a mailing list; (4) when you submit your personal data to us for any reason.
- GCCP respects your right to privacy and the confidentiality of Personal Information provided to us and will not disclose or share your personal information to third parties without your permission, except when required by law or the appropriate government agencies, in accordance with relevant laws.
- We may disclose your personal information with authorized personnel and third-party service providers. We guarantee that we will only share the necessary information needed for them to deliver specific objectives or facilitate specific processes. These authorized personnel and third-party providers may include (1) pastors, staff, and volunteers to aid in our ministries and other services; (2) third-party service providers such as payment gateway systems, health service providers, and government agencies; (3) regulatory bodies in accordance with established legal guidelines, including tax, enforcement, or other authorities to assist in law enforcement and investigations by relevant authorities.
- We do not rent, sell, or exchange your information to any third parties.
- We have set in place appropriate processes to ensure the security of personal and sensitive information we hold. We will take reasonable steps to destroy or de-identify personal information if it is no longer needed for any purpose.
- It is your right to be dealt with anonymously, provided that it is lawful and practicable. We will try to accommodate your request for anonymity wherever possible, however, we note that in some circumstances, this may prevent us from effectively communicating with you.

For inquiries and concerns about our Privacy Policy, you may contact the church at (+632) 8365-1763 or 8365-1764 or email info@gccp.org.ph