Sample Itinerary

Day 1 - ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV
Proceed through passport control and customs. University staff will greet groups outside customs and take you directly to your lodging in Jerusalem. (If travelling independent of a group, you will take a sherut to the university.)

Day 2 - OLD CITY
Morning seminars followed by an afternoon walk in the Old City of Jerusalem. Sites visited will include: the Western Wall, City of David, Hezekiah’s Tunnel, and the Pool of Siloam.

Day 3 - TERRITORY OF BENJAMIN
Field tour focusing on the central part of the country in the tribal allotments of Benjamin. Sites visited include: Michmash, Gibeah, Jericho, the Ajalon and Sorek valleys. (There will be a special evening lecture on The Middle East Today.)

Day 4 - NEW TESTAMENT JERUSALEM
A morning walk through the Old City of Jerusalem will take you to sites of special interest in New Testament times. You will visit Bethshean, the modern Via Dolorosa, and the Temple Mount. Afternoon seminars prepare you for the remaining regions.

Day 5 - JERUSALEM & BETHLEHEM
View Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and then on to the Garden Tomb. Visit the Holocaust museum Yad Vashem, a detailed scale model of the Second Temple, the Herodium, and Bethlehem.

Day 6 - SHEPHELAH & PHILISTINE PLAIN
Follow ancient routes from the hill country on the coastal plain visiting sites including Lachish — the last defense against Nebuchadnezzar’s conquest, Azekah, the Valley of Elah where David fought Goliath, and the Philistine port city Ashkelon.

Day 7 - DEAD SEA, MASADA, & QUMRAN
Travel to Masada, the Jewish Zealots’ last holdout against the Romans in 73 A.D. Take a swim in the Dead Sea, visit En Gedi where David hid from Saul, and see the caves at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Day 8 - FREE DAY
Enjoy a day of leisure, shopping, and sight-seeing. (There will be a special evening lecture on Jewishness in the Modern State of Israel.)

Days 9 - 12 - GALILEE
Spend 3 days in the northern regions of Samaria and Galilee. Visit Caesarea, Megiddo, Mount Carmel, and the Jezreel Valley. Also visit sites central to Christ’s ministry including: Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethsaida and Caesarea Philippi. Lodging is provided at a kibbutz hotel near the Sea of Galilee.

Day 13 - FREE DAY
Your last full day in Israel will be free for independent activities such as shopping and sightseeing.

Day 14 - DEPARTURE
Enjoy one of the longest days of your life reflecting on all you have learned walking and studying the land of the Bible, as you fly West and arrive in North America the same day.