

# WOMEN *of the Bible Tour*

Rachel · Ruth · Mary · Salome · Ana  
Mary Magdalene · Elizabeth · Deborah  
Hannah · Martha · Woman at the Well

JANUARY 9 - 18, 2025



# Itinerary



## January 9 - Depart the USA

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight.

## January 10 - Arrive in Tel Aviv

Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to Bethlehem for a welcome meeting, dinner, and overnight stay.

## January 11 - Bethlehem (Rachel and Ruth)

In Bethlehem, visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace and see the Church of the Nativity constructed over the site (Matthew 1: 18-25). Gaze out over the Shepherds' Field, where angels first proclaimed the Good News. This afternoon, visit an olive wood factory. Visit the Tomb of Rachel, the beloved wife of Jacob (Genesis 29-35), who helped mother the twelve tribes of Israel. Read about her death and burial while the family was en route to Bethel (Genesis 35:16-20). Visit the Milk Grotto Chapel and sit and discuss the story of Ruth the Moabitess, who married Boaz, whose field was just east of Bethlehem. Ruth became the great-grandmother of David, King of Israel. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel.



## January 12 - Samaria and Nazareth (Mary, Elizabeth, and the Woman at the Well)

Travel to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist, and where Mary visited Elizabeth (Read Luke 1: 26-40). Journey to modern-day Nablus (ancient Shechem) and see where the Samaritan woman encountered Christ (Read John 4:1-26) at Jacob's Well. Enjoy a traditional lunch at a Samaritan restaurant. Visit the Franciscan Wedding Chapel in Cana, where Mary encouraged Jesus to perform His first miracle (read John 2:1-11). Visit Nazareth, Joseph and Mary's home where they raised Jesus. Continue to the Church of the Annunciation that stands over the cave that tradition holds to be the home of the Mary.



## January 13 - Sea of Galilee (Mary Magdalene and Women with the Issue of Blood and Peter's Mother-in-Law)

Enjoy a guided tour at Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene. View a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Take time to meditate in the hall dedicated to women of the Bible. See the amazing depiction of Jesus healing the Woman with the Issue of Blood (Read Mark 5:25-34). Sail across the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a special time of worship while on board. Enjoy beautiful Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry, where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law (Read Mark 1:29-31), and visit the synagogue located on the site where Jesus taught (Matthew 4:13, 23; John 6). On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt. 5-7). Visit the Church of the Loaves and Fish in Tabgha, the traditional location of the feeding of the multitudes (Luke 9:10-17; Matthew 14:13-21). Walk down to the shore of the Sea of Galilee at the Primacy of Peter Chapel.



## January 14 - Jerusalem (Martha)

You will visit Bethany, the village of Lazarus and Martha, and view the Tomb of Lazarus (Read John 11:20-44 and Luke 10:38-41). Be inspired by the breathtaking beauty of Jerusalem ("the Golden City") as you stand on the Mount of Olives, the place from which Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12). Walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and pray beneath the ancient olive trees (Matthew 26:36-44). Visit both the Church of All Nations and the private garden area across the road for a time of contemplation in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-44).

### January 15 - Jerusalem (Ana the Prophetess, the Adulteress Woman, and Salome, Mother of John, and Mary, Mother of James)

Stop to visit the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus healed the blind man (John 9:1-12). Explore the Davidson Center and the Southern Wall Excavations, including a time of reflection at the Teaching Steps, and you will have time to pray at the Western Wall. Visit the Temple Mount, (read John 8:2-11) where the religious leaders wanted to stone the adulteress woman, and Jesus instead forgave her. Also, pause and read about the Prophetess Ana, who served the Lord in the Temple day and night (Luke 2:36-38). Share communion together at the Garden Tomb in celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. Read together Mark 16:1-13, and discuss the incredible devotion demonstrated by these mothers of the Apostles, Mary and Salome, and the frustration they must have felt when their testimony about the risen Lord was not believed.

### January 16 - Jerusalem (Deborah, Hannah, and Lot's Wife)

This morning, reflect back on the eternal impact made by so many women and how God has raised them up and utilized their gifts in the fulfillment of His divine plan of redemption. Also, read about Deborah, from nearby Shiloh (Judges 4 & 5), who judged Israel and brought about a great military victory for God's children. Read about Hannah, the barren wife of Elkanah (read 1 Samuel 1 & 2:1-11), who committed to the Lord her son if He would only bless her with a child. God answered her prayer, and Samuel was born. Samuel became both a prophet and a priest and replaced Eli as the Lord's priest. If you elect to visit the Dead Sea today, be sure to read the story of Lot's Wife, who became a pillar of salt for disobeying God's command not to look back as He rained destruction down on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19:23-26). For the remainder of the day, enjoy free time in Jerusalem to explore on your own or choose an optional tour below.

#### Optional trips:

- 1) *Dead Sea Experience & Ahava Tour (\$90 additional)*
- 2) *Jerusalem Market & Cooking Demo (limited to groups of 20) (\$85 additional)*
- 3) *Icon and Pottery Art Tour - Bethlehem (\$80 additional)*

Suggestions for exploring on your own include the Israel Museum, Rockefeller Museum, Citadel Museum, Ramparts Walk, or Yad Vashem

### January 17 - Jerusalem (Daughters of Jerusalem)

View the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle (John 5: 1-31). Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne, renowned for its beautiful acoustics. Walk the Via Dolorosa, "the Way of the Cross." Reflect on the sorrow of the Daughters of Jerusalem (Luke 23:28) as they watched their Savior, bloodied and beaten, carry the cross on which He would give His life for our forgiveness. Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which many believe to be the site of Jesus' crucifixion. Return to your hotel for dinner and rest and prepare for a late-night transfer to the airport for your journey home.

### January 18 - Return Home

Return to the USA with a new appreciation for God, who has honored and utilized women throughout the ages to accomplish His purposes and bring Him glory.



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**\$3,698\***  
*from New York*

**YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:**

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

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**Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes**  
Subject to change

- Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees,
- Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner,
- Deluxe Motorcoaches
- First-Class Hotels & much more!

\*See back for pricing details

A group of people, including several women, are standing behind a stone wall. Some are holding umbrellas. They appear to be at an archaeological site or a public square.

**TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM**

**Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:**

**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: **01/09/25 (F)**

**First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:**

Guest 1: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
 Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
 Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 If No Roommate:  Try to Match Me  Single Room (availability limited - \$899)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:		Guest 1:
1	Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Decline
2	Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.	
3	Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).	Guest 2:
4	Premium must be paid in full no later than 09/26/24.	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Decline

**\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION  
 FINAL PAYMENT DUE 09/26/24**

via check # \_\_\_\_\_  via credit card (circle): **VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX**  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ CVN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER AGREEMENT**

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: TH25 Date: 010925 Code: F ID: \_\_\_\_\_ V.001 10/31/23

**Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates**

For a full description of the plan, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpF427E](http://www.tripmate.com/wpF427E)

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	.....\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	.....\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	.....\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	.....\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	.....\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	.....\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	.....\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	.....\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	.....\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	.....\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	.....\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	.....\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	.....\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	.....\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	.....\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	.....\$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit	Additional Cancellation Protection
<b>Part A</b> Trip Cancellation	..... Trip Cost	When you purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website ( <a href="http://www.etstours.com">www.etstours.com</a> ). <b>Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.</b>
<b>Part B</b> Trip Interruption	..... Trip Cost	
Missed Connection	.....\$500	
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day)	.....\$1,500	
<b>Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation</b> Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	.....\$25,000	
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	.....\$50,000	
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	.....\$25,000	
Baggage and Personal Effects	.....\$1,000	
Baggage Delay	.....\$200	

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. \*For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

**Conditions and Limitations**

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatonville, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-688-7292 (\*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

**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 • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • 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 we will try to match roommates, we 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: \$899 during the basic tour. Contact your travel advisor for more information.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	09/26/24   If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 09/26/24 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 September 26, 2024:**

We welcome registrations after 09/26/24. Registrations received between 09/27/24-10/11/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 10/12/24-10/26/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 10/27/24 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 premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline 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 day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

We do 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. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we 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. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, 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 contact us for more details.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION:**

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 09/26/24. 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. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

**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, we do 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 your travel advisor for further details.

**FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:**

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do 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. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

**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. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

**DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:**

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we 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 04/31/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

**RELEASE INFORMATION:**

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our 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 we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of services.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.