

## Tour Israel with Professor James Charlesworth

A Biblical Archaeology Experience

Led by: **Professor Dr. James Charlesworth**

(With **special guests:** Dan Bahat, Shimon Gibson, Ross Voss, Motti Aviam & more)

10 Days/9 Nights on Land

**August 25<sup>th</sup> - September 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**

[Register Now](#)

With optional participation in the [Continuity of Isaiah Congress](#) at Dan Jerusalem (August 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>)

With optional 6 days/5 nights [5-star extension to Jordan](#) (September 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>)

**See our [website](#) for more details about these tours.**

## All-inclusive Price for Land Arrangements

Land Rates Per person	20+ travelers <u>without</u> airfare
P.P in a Double/Twin Room	\$3695.00
P.P in a Triple Room	\$3577.00
Single Supplement	\$970.00

### *What's included?*

- Transfers to and from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport
- Luggage & Airport services upon arrival/departure
- 10 days of new air-conditioned tour bus & driver
- 10 days with **Dr. James Charlesworth**
- 9 nights in 4-star Deluxe Accommodations and final night in 5-Star Exclusive accommodations at the [Royal Beach Tel Aviv](#)
- Free WIFI on the bus
- Supporting licensed Ministry of Tourism guide throughout
- Full Buffet Breakfast & Dinner each day (soft drinks & alcohol not included), including 5-star Farewell Dinner in Jaffa on the final day.
- All park fees & scheduled activities and entertainment
- Internal Headset Whisper System
- Gratuities for hotel staff
- Traveler's Kit (hat, map, 2 starter water bottles)
- Bus Banners and Name Tags
- All major debit or credit card payments accepted (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex)
- All Visa & Border Fees (if needed)

### *What's not included?*

- Lunches
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
- Gratuities for supporting guide & driver (recommended minimum: \$110 per person)
- Optional Traveler's Insurance through [Travel Guard](#).

## Traveler's Insurance

Samson Tours partners with **Travel Guard** to provide a customized optional travel insurance package for our clients. You can order Travel Insurance by clicking on this link: [Travel Guard Traveler Insurance](#).

Be sure to choose Samson Tours as your tour Operator under trip Information for our group pricing.

**Coverage Benefits below are not exact amounts as they depend on the plan you choose!**

Trip Cancellation .....	<b>100% of insured Trip Cost</b>
Trip Interruption .....	<b>150% of insured Trip Cost*</b>
Trip Interruption- Return Air Only.....	<b>\$750*</b>
Trip Delay (\$150 max/day) .....	<b>\$750</b>
Missed Connection.....	<b>\$250</b>
Baggage & Personal Effects Loss (Secondary) .....	<b>\$1,500</b>
Baggage Delay.....	<b>\$250</b>
Medical Expense (Secondary).....	<b>\$25,000</b>
Dental.....	<b>\$500</b>
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains.....	<b>\$250,000</b>
Accidental Death and Dismemberment .....	<b>\$25,000</b>

*\*Coverage for Trip Interruption and Trip Interruption-Return Air Only cannot be combined.*

## Timeline

Please add the following dates and deadlines to your calendar.

Deadlines	Due Date
<b>Group Minimum Should be Reached</b>	<b>April 26<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>
<b>Early Bird Registration Ends</b>	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>
<b>Final Balance Payments are Due</b>	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>
Deposits become non-refundable to Samson	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>
<b>Late Registration/Payment Fee of \$200 goes into effect</b>	<b>May 27<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>
All Passenger Info is Due (Passports, Roommates, etc.)	<b>June 25<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>
Final Registration ends.	<b>July 25<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>

## How to Register

- **Register online** or **paste** the following web link into your browser: <http://samsontours.com/group-tours/930-tour-israel-with-professor-james-charlesworth-august-2015>
- **Fax** your Registration Details to 352-835-0885 (see forms below)
- **Phone us** with your registration details at 352-414-5991

## Itinerary

This itinerary is subject to minor changes. A final itinerary will be provided no later than 2 months before departure. All hotels have been confirmed, but alternative hotels of similar or better class may be substituted. Final hotel arrangements will be posted no later than 6 months before departure.

Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> - Departure Day

- Depart from your city of origin

NOTE: You have the option to depart as early as the 22<sup>nd</sup> and arrive on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to join Dr. Charlesworth's [Continuity of Isaiah Congress](#) which takes place at the Dan Hotel in Jerusalem from August 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – (D)

- Morning arrival at **Ben Gurion International Airport**
- Transfer to Jerusalem to meet members of the [Continuity of Isaiah Congress](#)
- 12:30 - Visit the **Israel Museum** for lunch on your own
- After lunch, we'll tour the **Israel Museum**, with special visits to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Model, the Shrine of the Book, the Archaeology Wing and a Special Behind-the-Scenes look at some of the original Dead Sea Scrolls.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Dan Jerusalem](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> (B/D)

- Early Departure
- Walk onto the **Temple Mount** to see the site of the former temple and today's Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque
- Visit the **Southern Wall Excavations (Davidson Center)** and walk up the 1<sup>st</sup> century steps of the Temple. See a 3D Model

- Visit the newest excavations in the **City of David** and wade through Hezekiah's tunnel, and visit the **Pool of Siloam**.
- See the **Tomb of Annas, the high priest**, and the **cave of the Silver Amulet** in the Valley of Hinnom.
- Have a late lunch in the Jewish Quarter
- Visit the **Jewish Quarter** to see Hezekiah's Broad Wall & The Cardo
- Go underground to visit the 1<sup>st</sup> century **Herodian Quarter**
- Overnight & Dinner: [Dan Jerusalem](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – (B/D)

- Lookout from the **Mount of Olives**
- Experience the Garden of **Gethsemane**
- Visit the **Pools of Bethesda**
- Walk the Via Dolorosa to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, noting key archaeological details, including the **Lithostratos** in the Ecco Homo Convent. Learn 7 reasons why Jesus was crucified there.
- Walk out the **Damascus Gate** to where Stephen was stoned.
- Visit the **Garden Tomb**
- Visit 'other' Iron Age tombs in the **Ecole Biblique** behind the Garden Tomb area.
- End the day with a visit to the location of "the famous **Talpiot Tombs**" and the discussion of Charlesworth's book *The Tomb of Jesus and His Family?*
- Overnight & Dinner: [Dan Jerusalem](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – (B/D)

- Climb up the artificial hill of **Herodium** to see Herod's fortress, tomb and tunnels from the Great Revolts.
- Explore **Bethlehem** (Church of the Nativity and Kando's Shop)
- Behold the lofty **Tel es-Safi** – biblical Gath (Goliath's Home)
- Gather up 5 smooth stones in the Elah Valley, where David fought Goliath
- See the current excavations at **Khirbet Qeiyfah** (the Elah Fortress)
- Follow in the footsteps of the Ark of the Covenant from Visit **Tel Beth Shemesh**
- to biblical **Kiryat Yearim** & the House of Abinidab. Here, we'll also look out over the traditional **road to Emmaus**
- Overnight & Dinner: [Dan Jerusalem](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – (B/D)

- Experience **Herodian Jericho**.
- Explore **Tel Jericho**, paying special attention to Kathleen Kenyon's excavations.
- Visit **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were copied and Cave 11
- Experience **Masada**, Herod the Great's desert fortress
- Enjoy the rest of the afternoon relaxing and **swimming at the Dead Sea**
- Dinner & Overnight: [Daniel Dead Sea](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – (B/D)

- Enter the **Jordan River** at **Qasr el Yahud**, the most likely area where Jesus' was baptized by John.
- See **Gideon's Spring** (Mayan Harod) and watch Judges 4 come to life.
- Visit the site of Naboth's Vineyard at **Tel Jezreel**.
- Enjoy a comprehensive visit to **Tel Megiddo** in the valley of Armageddon
- End the day at **the newly discovered first century ruins of Nazareth** & the Church of the Annunciation
- "After Dinner" with Professor Charlesworth
- Overnight: [Ramot Nofesh Resort](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – (B/D)

- Set **sail on the Sea of Galilee** and hear the music of Dani Carmel, a local Messianic.
- Explore recent findings in the city of **Tiberias** (including the 1<sup>st</sup> century theatre).
- Walk in the **Arbel Pass**, Jesus' passageway to the Sea of Galilee.
- Visit the pre-70 synagogue at **Magdala** (with Dina Avshalom-Gorni).
- Visit the **1<sup>st</sup> century 'Galilee boat** at Ginosar's Yigal Allon Museum. Meet the discoverers of the boat.
- Walk about **Bethsaida**, the birthplace of 5 of the 12 disciples (Professor Charlesworth excavated here) and the ancient Israelite town of Geshur.
- Enjoy lunch by the Sea of Galilee
- See the 'tomb of the Centurion' (a rarely visited site near Capernaum).
- Delve into the archaeological remains at **Capernaum**, mentioned more times in the New Testament than any other city.
- "After Dinner" with Professor Charlesworth
- Overnight & Dinner: [Ramot Nofesh Resort](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – (B/D)

- Drive northward via the **Mount of Beatitudes**, noting the 'natural theater' on the hillside.
- Visit **Tel Hazor** and see the destruction of the Canaanite city as reported in Joshua 11.
- Drive through the **Hulah Valley**, possibly the Waters of El Merom.
- Experience the **Tel Dan** Nature Reserve to see the "**Arch of Abraham,**" **Jeroboam's temple**, and the discovery place of the 'House of David' inscription.
- Explore the **Temple of Pan** at **Caesarea Phillipi** and the **Palace of Agrippa**.
- Enjoy coffee & deserts in the Druze village of Ma'sade in the Golan Heights.
- Lookout from **Mt. Bental Volcano** into Syria and the **Road to Damascus**.
- "After Dinner" with Professor Charlesworth
- Lodging & Dinner: [Ramot Nofesh Resort](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – (B/D)

- Walk the **Roman Road** at the Golani Junction – the longest portion of Roman road discovered in the Galilee
- Drive via **Cana of Galilee**
- Explore the ruins of the Roman city of **Caesarea Maratima** (see the Roman Theatre, the Praetorium, the Hypodrome and Aqueduct)
- See the sunset at **Jaffa** – the ancient port and the house of Simon the Tanner
- Enjoy a farewell Middle Eastern style dinner together in Jaffa on the Mediterranean.
- Check-in to our exclusive hotel for our final night's stay
- Lodging & Dinner: 5-star Exclusive [Royal Beach Tel Aviv](#)

Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – (B/D) –

- 12:00 – Checkout and transfer to the Airport at Leisure OR continue on with the Jordan Extension with another optional night at the [Royal Beach Tel Aviv](#).

## *Policies*

- **Final Itinerary & Hotels:** The itinerary may be updated from time to time at the discretion of Samson Tours, its guide and its tour leader. Final Hotel Arrangements will be posted no later than 100 days before departure. In the event of a hotel change, Samson Tours will guarantee a replacement at the same quality or provide an upgrade to a higher class of accommodations at no extra charge.
- **Group Minimum:** A minimum of **20** paying participants are required for this tour program. If the group minimum is not reached by 4 months before departure, Samson Tours or its tour leader will have the right to either a.) request that all tour members pay a supplement for the increase in costs of no greater than \$500.00 per person and operate the group at the same quality; b.) lower the hotel class by at least 1 star to offset the increased costs; or c.) postpone the dates until a minimum number of participants are achieved.
- **Group Maximum:** A maximum **45** paying participants will be allowed to join this unique tour program.
- **Group Airfare:** Samson Tours works alongside the tour leader to find the best airfare and best price for the group. In order to request a group airfare price, there must be at least 10 passengers on the group flight. The airfare will be paid to the airline in full upon their request and subject to their cancellation/refund policies.
- **Booking your own Airfare:** If you are not joining your tour's group airfare, please do not book your airfare until 90 days before the tour departure date or until the Notice of Group Minimum has been sent to you.
- **Flight Diversions:** If you elect to be on the group flight and wish to depart from a different city of origin, you can a.) Book your own domestic airfare connection or b.) Select the Add-On in your My Account for a \$50.00 Domestic Flight Booking Fee. Any costs or savings for the additional flight will be added or deducted from your tour balance. Please [contact us](#) with your specific departure city request.
- **Deposit & Payments for Land:** To ensure your spot on the tour, we request a **\$500.00 deposit** be paid upon signup. The deposit (less a \$100.00 non-refundable fee per person) and any other payments made are refundable up to 90 days before departure. After that,

the remaining deposit amount is non-refundable, but can be used as a future credit with Samson Tours or converted into a Gift Certificate which you can transfer to a third party. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, money order, bank transfer, debit or credit card. If the tour is canceled by Samson Tours, then you will be entitled to a full refund without any cancellation fee. This refund of cancellation fee does not apply to tour leader cancellations or postponements due to group minimums not being reached. For cases of political instability or cancellations or postponements due to *force majeure*, please see the Force Majeure section below.

- **Final Payments:** The final payment will be made 90 days before departure. Payments made by check or cash will be made in US\$ to Samson Tours, Inc. Payments made by debit or credit card to Samson Tours, Inc. will be charged the full balance. If there are any unpaid fuel surcharges for the group flight, they will be billed to you at cost per the group airline contract either before or after the tour. There is a Late Payment Fee of \$200.00 if the balance is paid after the final payment date.
- **Late Registrations & Payments:** Theoretically, you can join a tour anytime up to the time of the departure date (Land Only and subject to Hotel Availability). There will be a Late Payment Fee of \$200.00 and an additional \$50.00 fee if you require airfare assistance. If a hotel or other service listed in the itinerary is unavailable, we will find an alternative hotel for you, however you will be responsible for any transportation costs to/from joining the main group.
- **Land Diversions:** If you arrive either before or after the recommended group departure/arrival time, or if your flight is delayed beyond a reasonable waiting period, or if you elect to divert or add-on additional days to the trip, then it is understood that you will arrive at the hotel or to the airport at your own expense. We will more than happy to assist you with these arrangements
- **Refunds (Land):** The following refunds for the **land portion** of the price will apply for **non-insured travelers only:** Your balance less a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per person, which is transferable or can be applied to future tours if cancelled 90+ calendar days before departure. 75% refund of balance less a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per person if cancelled 89-60 days before departure. 50% of balance less a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per person refund if cancelled 59-30 days before departure. 0% refund if cancelled 29 or less days before departure.
- **Refunds (Group Air):** Per group contract with airline. Typically, there is a \$100 non-refundable fee up to 3 months before departure and 100% non-refundable 30 or less days before departure. Most airlines will, however, allow you to postpone your travel dates for a re-ticketing or name transfer fee.
- **Force Majeure:** If Samson Tours decides to postpone the tour do to political unrest or for any reason beyond our company's control that could compromise your security, then your balance will carry over to the new tour dates. Depending on the new dates, there may be an increase in costs for tours that are rescheduled within 1 year. If you are unable to join the new tour dates, then you will be entitled to a refund, less the cancellation fee (see Deposits) and any other non-refundable deposits that may be imposed on us by suppliers such as airlines and hotels. The deposit and/or balances amount can also be applied to any future tour or may be transferable to a third party.
- **Travel Insurance** – Samson Tours does not require travel insurance. It is, however, strongly advised that **all travelers** equip themselves with a comprehensive travel insurance plan through Travel Guard. You can obtain an individual travel insurance quote, by visiting our [Insurance page](#) and clicking on any of the 'Get a Quote' links that refer you to the Travel Guard website. Travel Insurance coverage begins ONLY from the time you have purchased travel insurance. It is advisable only to purchase travel insurance when you have made non-refundable payments that exceed the amount of travel insurance purchased.
- **Add-ons** once you have registered for a tour you can select from a variety of add-ons in your My Account area you may select or deselect any of these add-ons (extension tour, hotels, late fees, etc.) until 30 days before your tour.



- **Your Health:** All participants should be in good health and walking condition. This program is active and involves a lot of walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be accessible for the disabled. Having a disability does not disqualify you from joining any tour. However, be advised that you may have to forgo portions of the said itinerary by waiting on the bus or in a safe location until the main group has returned. If you require special accommodation, please report this at the time of your reservation so that we can better serve you.
- **Single Supplement:** For single travelers, a single supplement fee for the hotels is required. This usually amounts to around 85%-90% of the Double Room cost. If a person has ordered a double room and his or her roommate cancels his or her tour, then the individual holding a double room must find a new roommate or pay the single supplement.
- **Exchange Rate:** Samson Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a supplement to the price if the dollar falls below the 3.5 threshold. To date, we have never yet had to charge an exchange rate surcharge.
- **Government Imposed VAT or taxes:** Currently there are no VAT taxes for foreign on tour land packages to Israel. Should such a tax be imposed before the start of the tour, even after 'final payment' has been made, Samson Tours will notify all of its participants in writing. In order to participate in the tour, you will be required to pay all such taxes before the start of the tour. If you are an Israeli Citizen you will be asked to pay VAT at the time of your final payment.
- **Responsibility** - Samson Tours, Inc., its agents, suppliers, guides, leaders and representatives shall be, in no way, liable or responsible for any personal or property loss, damage or injury howsoever caused. The company shall also not be responsible for penalties for privately-booked flight tickets if purchased before the minimum is reached.
- **Update** – These policies may be updated from time to time. Upon update, you will be notified by Samson Tours, Inc. or its group leader.



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### 1 About you

Name(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(1) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Best time of day to phone: Morning  Afternoon  Evening  or Specific \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Degree of Interest

I'm definite! Attached is my **\$500.00** (per person) **check or cash deposit**

For sure! I'll pay by **debit/credit card**  (see the Credit Card form)

I will submit payment via another means. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I'm sitting on the fence (will decide later)

### 3 Travel Information

Travel information is required 3 months before departure. If you do not know this information now, leave blank and we will contact you at a later time.

- Ⓧ What kind of room are you requesting? SINGLE  DOUBLE  TRIPLE
- Ⓧ If you are in a DOUBLE room, would you like a TWIN/SPLIT  QUEEN-size  bed?
- Ⓧ I'd like to share a DOUBLE room with \_\_\_\_\_
- Ⓧ I'd like to share a TRIPLE room with \_\_\_\_\_
- & \_\_\_\_\_
- Ⓧ Do you have any medical conditions or limitations? YES  NO
- Ⓧ Medical Notes or Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 Passport Information

This information (along with a copy of your passport) is required 3 months before departure. Please print your name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport.

Passport Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Name (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5 Your Signature

Ⓧ \_\_\_\_\_

(By signing, you have read and agree to the **Policies** for this tour.)

**Please submit this form to the tour leader or fax us directly, along with your credit card form, to 352-835-0885.**



**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM**  
(Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex)

**1** *Credit Card Details*

\*Type of Card: Visa  - MasterCard  - Discover  - Amex

\*Name(s) on card \_\_\_\_\_

\*Card number \_\_\_\_\_

\*Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

\*Security Code (see image to right) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_


Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Billing Address for credit card \_\_\_\_\_



**2** *Payment Schedule*

- Please process my **deposit** payment now **and** my **final payment** later with this card. Note: we will process your final payment 4 months before departure.
- Please process my **deposit payment only** with this card. I will pay the balance later via another means.  \_\_\_\_\_
- Please process my deposit payment and set up a **payment plan** for the balance. I will pay the deposit now and you can automatically bill my credit card the remaining balance over 3  4  5  6  payments.

**3** *Your Signature*  \_\_\_\_\_

(By signing, you agree to let Samson Tours, Inc. and/or its agents to process your payments with the details provided above.)