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Treasures of the Holy Land

May 2-14, 2020 (13 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Jodi Magness

"The breadth and depth of our itinerary was amazing. We were busy without being tired. I would not change a thing!"

- Deborah, California



Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.

Archaeological Institute of America Study Leader



Jodi Magness is the President of the Archaeological Institute of America. Since 2002, she has been the Kenan Distinguished Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Magness received her B.A. in Archaeology and History from the Hebrew University of

Jerusalem, and her Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. She has authored or edited ten books, two of which have won awards, and dozens of articles in journals and edited volumes. Her newest book, *Masada: From Jewish revolt to modern myth* (Princeton University Press) is due to appear in May 2019. Professor Magness' research focuses on the archaeology of Palestine in the Roman, Byzantine, and early Islamic periods, and Diaspora Judaism in the Roman world. She has participated on over 20 excavations in Israel and Greece, including co-directing the 1995 excavations in the Roman siege works at Masada. Since 2011, Professor Magness has been directing excavations in the Roman-Byzantine village and synagogue of Huqoq (www.huqoq.org) in Israel's Galilee. In June 2012, excavations reached the synagogue's floor and revealed that it is paved with stunning mosaics which are still coming to light. This is her fourth time accompanying our AIA tour of Israel since 2016.

“Jodi Magness’s enthusiastic lectures really led us into her realm!”
- Jan, Massachusetts



ISRAEL

of Hotel Nights
● Overnight stops
● Itinerary stops
✈ Flights

Discover the kaleidoscope of Israel's archaeological riches, left behind by Canaanites, Israelites, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Crusaders, Ottomans, and others. Dr. Jodi Magness has excavated at sites all over the Holy Land, and looks forward to introducing you to a variety of fascinating sites in springtime.

Highlights include:

- Iconic ancient and religious sites, including five that are inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list: the spectacular, tragic fortress of King Herod at **Masada**; the Biblical Tel (settlement mound) of **Megiddo**; a view of Haifa's **Bahá'í Gardens** from Mt. Carmel; the Jewish necropolis of **Beit Shearim**; and **Bethlehem**, with its 4th-century Church of the Nativity.
- Six nights based in **Jerusalem**, exploring in-depth its archaeological sites, outstanding museums, and major Christian, Jewish, and Islamic holy places.
- The impressive ancient trading port of **Caesarea Maritima**; and **Qumran**, overlooking the Dead Sea, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden for nearly 2,000 years.
- A boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee** and a visit to Jerusalem's open-air market of **Mahane Yehuda**.
- Limited to a **maximum of just 16 guests!**

Cover: Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem

Left: Entrance of the Old City of Jerusalem via the Damascus Gate

ITINERARY

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Saturday, May 2, 2020: Depart Home

Today board your international flight for Israel.

Sunday, May 3: Arrive Tel Aviv, ISRAEL

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport (TLV), located just outside of the dynamic, seaside city of Tel Aviv, where you will be met by a local representative, helped through customs, and transferred to our luxurious hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Carlton Hotel](#) (deluxe sea view rooms).* (D)

Monday, May 4: Caesarea Maritima | Haifa | Welcome dinner

After breakfast depart Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coastal road to the major ancient trading port of Caesarea Maritima. Originally a Phoenician settlement, it was re-built in the 1st century B.C. by Herod the Great as a naval base, with an impressive artificial harbor. Visit the ruins of the theater, Herod's palace, hippodrome, Crusader city, and aqueduct. Continue north along the coast to Haifa for a magnificent view of Galilee from Mt. Carmel, including a view of the Bahá'í Gardens, a religious site of the Bahá'í faith on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites. Check into our luxurious hotel, freshen up, and gather for a welcome dinner. *Overnight for two nights at the 5-star [Dan Carmel Haifa](#) (deluxe bay view rooms).* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 5: Megiddo | Beit Shearim | Haifa

Begin the day with a visit to Megiddo, a Biblical tel (settlement mound) inscribed on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites. Excavations at Megiddo, which was in a very strategic location, have revealed evidence of up to 27 layers of habitation from between 4,000 B.C. and 450 B.C. Continue on to Beit Shearim, an ancient city and Jewish necropolis that also served as the seat of the Sanhedrin (official Jewish council under the Romans) in the 2nd century A.D., where there are the ruins of a 2nd-century A.D. synagogue and 31 catacombs, whose sarcophagi bear inscriptions in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. Return to our hotel in Haifa in time for dinner. (B,D)

Wednesday, May 6: Sepphoris | Magdala | Tzaelon Beach

Continue our tour of Galilee with a visit to Sepphoris (Zippori), the capital of Galilee in the 1st century A.D., with restored buildings and beautiful mosaics including the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee." Cross Galilee to Lake Kinnereth (the Sea of Galilee) and visit the site of Magdala, hometown of Mary Magdalene, where a 1st-century town has been discovered, including the only known 1st-century synagogue on the Sea of Galilee. Continue on to Tzaelon Beach, on the eastern shore of Lake Kinnereth, where we check-in to our luxurious hotel and have dinner. *Overnight for two nights at the 5-star [Setai Sea of Galilee Hotel](#).* (B,D)

Thursday, May 7: Tabgha | Capernaum | Lake Kinnereth | Hamat Tiberias National Park

This morning we visit Tabgha ("The Seven Springs"), where a church commemorates the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, believed to have taken place on this spot. Continue on to nearby Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. We will see a monumental ancient synagogue in the village and a nearby church built over the site venerated as the house of St. Peter. Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Kinnereth (the Sea of Galilee), followed by lunch. This afternoon, visit Hamat Tiberias National Park, overlooking the city of Tiberias, where the remains of a 4th-century A.D. synagogue include a beautiful zodiac mosaic. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 8: Beit Shean | Beit Alpha | Jerusalem

Begin the day with a visit to Beit Shean (Roman Scythopolis), one of the cities of the Roman Decapolis (a league of Greek cities formed after the Roman conquest in the first century B.C.). Extensive excavations at the site have revealed a highly developed Roman city that was destroyed by an earthquake. Continue to Beit Alpha, the site of an ancient synagogue with a beautiful and unusual mosaic floor. Drive south, following the Jordan River, and begin the ascent to Jerusalem.

End the day with a magnificent panoramic view of Jerusalem, a city sacred to the three Abrahamic faiths.

Check in to our luxurious hotel, where we have dinner this evening.

Overnight for six nights at the 5-star [Waldorf Astoria](#). (B,L,D)



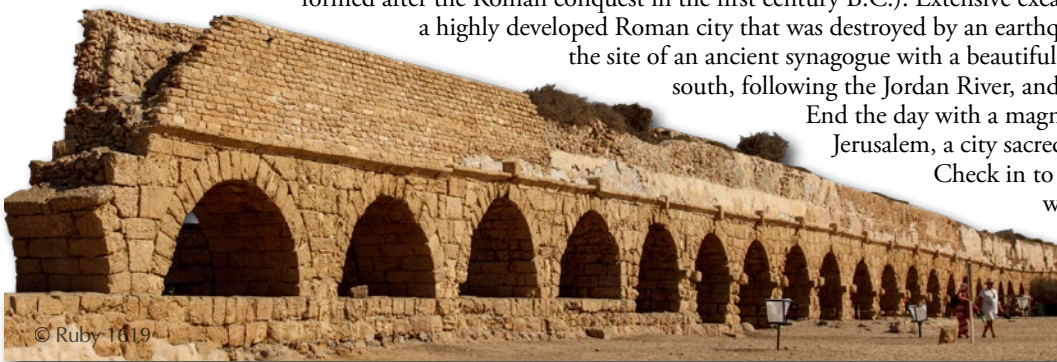
Tel Megiddo, a UNESCO World Heritage site



The "Mona Lisa of the Galilee" mosaic at Sepphoris



Ruins of the ancient synagogue at Capernaum



A Roman aqueduct at Caesarea



Jerusalem's Western Wall with the Dome of the Rock (left) and Al-Aqsa Mosque (right)

Saturday, May 9: Jerusalem: East Jerusalem to The Old City | PM at leisure

Begin today with a morning visit to the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, housed in an historic building in East Jerusalem, north of the Old City. From there we will set out on a walking tour, following Jerusalem's "Third Wall" from the grounds of the Albright Institute south to the Damascus Gate, where we enter the Old City. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Sisters of Zion and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest site in the Christian world. After lunch, the balance of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Sunday, May 10: Jerusalem: City of David and Southern Steps | PM at leisure

Spend the morning exploring the origins of Jerusalem in the "City of David" area – the original Jebusite city chosen by King David as the capital of Israel. The City of David is today an archaeological park that includes the ruins of large houses and a defensive tower. Also visit the "Southern Steps," at the base of the steps leading up to the Temple Mount through the Hulda Gate. After lunch, the balance of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Monday, May 11: Jerusalem: Old City walk along the Cardo | PM at leisure

Begin the day by entering the Old City of Jerusalem through Jaffa Gate, by David's citadel (the area of Herod's palace). Walk along the Cardo, the main street of Roman Jerusalem. Visit the excavated homes of the wealthy priestly families of the Temple, and visit the remains of a home that burned as the Temple itself was destroyed. After lunch, the balance of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Tuesday, May 12: Masada | Dead Sea | Qumran | Jerusalem

Today we depart Jerusalem and drive to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Masada. Built by Herod as a fortified palace, Masada later was the site of a famous "last stand" by almost 1,000 Jews, following the Roman conquest of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. At a resort in Ein Boqueq, south of Masada, we will have lunch and you may take a dip, if you wish, in the Dead Sea—the lowest point on Earth. End the day at Qumran, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden for nearly 2,000 years, and then return to Jerusalem. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)



Station IX of the Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem



St. Catherine's Church, Bethlehem

Wednesday, May 13: Israel Museum | Mahane Yehuda | Bethlehem | Jerusalem | Farewell dinner

Today visit the Israel Museum (including the Shrine of the Book, which houses some of the Dead Sea Scrolls) with its very large scale model of Jerusalem, depicting the city at the time of the Second Temple. Continue to the center of town to visit Mahane Yehuda, an open-air market where you can view (and sample) fresh produce and spices. After lunch we visit Bethlehem, with its Church (Basilica) of the Nativity—the world's oldest continuously operating church, established in A.D. 326, and today a UNESCO World Heritage site—and

St. Catherine's Church next door. Return to our hotel, and gather for a farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 14: Jerusalem | Tel Aviv | Home

Transfer to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) for your homeward flight. (B)



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Qumran

"This was my first AIA trip...It was worth every dollar."
- Leslie, California



What to Expect

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. Participants who are not able to walk unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. In May, daytime temperatures tend to range from the low 60s to the low 90s Fahrenheit. *Complete pre-departure details, such as what to take with you and more of what to expect, will be sent to participants.*

Air Arrangements & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Individual transfers in Tel Aviv (TLV) on arrival and departure will be provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice from our office you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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DOUBLE Occupancy (15 to 16 participants).....	\$9,345
DOUBLE Occupancy (10 to 14 participants)	\$9,995
SINGLE Supplement (limited availability)	\$2,945

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- AIA study leader **Jodi Magness** and an English-speaking guide and tour manager
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- **Individual transfers** on arrival and departure dates
- Surface transportation by **air-conditioned motor coach**, with bottled water provided
- **All excursions** and entrance fees as per the itinerary
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- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including a suggested reading guide, travel guide, and packing list

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Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-Passenger Account-AIA Israel5/20." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

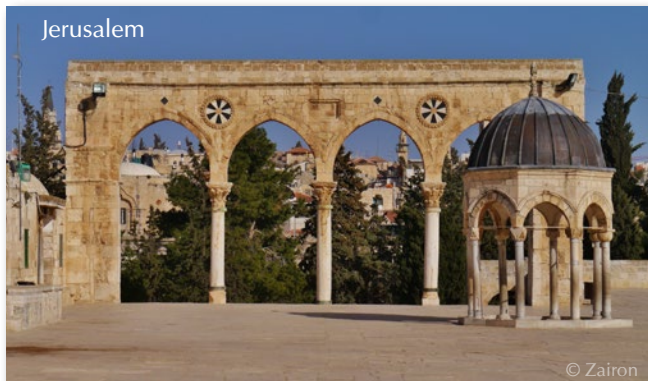
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Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other _____

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(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single

☐ I will be sharing with: _____

☐ Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker

☐ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

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