

Israel

TREASURES OF THE HOLY LAND

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

- Deborah, California

March 6-17, 2021
(12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Jodi Magness



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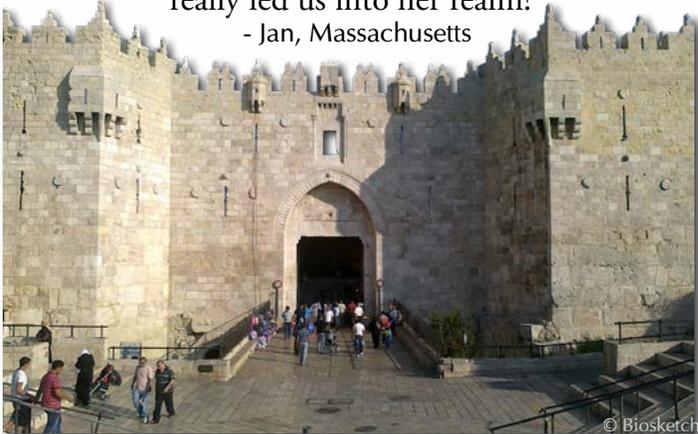


Jodi Magness is the immediate past President of the Archaeological Institute of America and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Since 2002, she has been the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She 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. For her engaging teaching, Professor Magness won the Archaeological Institute of America's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Her other honors include a Fulbright Lecturing Award from the United States-Israel Educational Foundation, and fellowships from institutions including the American Council of Learned Societies and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Professor Magness is the author of numerous scholarly books on the archaeology of the Holy Land. Among them are *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls*, which won the 2003 Biblical Archaeology Society's Award for Best Popular Book in Archaeology, and *The Archaeology of the Early Islamic Settlement in Palestine*, which won the Irene Levi-Sala Book Prize. Her most recent book, *Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth* (Princeton University Press, 2019) was selected as a finalist for the 2019 National Jewish Book Award. 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' excavations at Huqoq in Galilee have been bringing to light a Late Roman synagogue paved with stunning mosaics (www.huqoq.org). 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

- # Overnight stays
- 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 places.

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.
- Five 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.
- Limited to a **maximum of just 16 guests!**

Cover: Masada

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

ITINERARY

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Saturday, March 6, 2021: Depart Home

Today board your international flight for Israel.

Sunday, March 7: 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, March 8: 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-in to 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, March 9: 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 4000 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, March 10: Sepphoris | Magdala | Rosh Pina

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 our hotel in Rosh Pina, just north of Lake Kinnereth, where we check-in to our hotel and have dinner. *Overnight for two nights at the 5-star [Mitzpe Hayamim Hotel](#).* (B,D)

Thursday, March 11: Tabgha | Capernaum | Lake Kinnereth | Hamat Tiberias National Park | Rosh Pina

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's 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. Return to our hotel in Rosh Pina and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Friday, March 12: 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 1st 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.

A Roman aqueduct at Caesarea



Tel Megiddo, a UNESCO World Heritage site



The "Mona Lisa of the Galilee" mosaic at Sepphoris



Ruins of the ancient synagogue at Capernaum



© Ruby, 1619



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

"The best thing about the trip was Jodi Magness. Her in depth knowledge is extraordinary." - Maria, New York

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 five nights at the 5-star [Waldorf Astoria Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

Saturday, March 13: 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 our afternoon 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)

Sunday, March 14: Jerusalem: City of David and Southern Steps | Bethlehem | Jerusalem

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 view the "Southern Steps," at the base of the steps leading up to the Temple Mount, and the Hulda Gate. After lunch we drive to 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 Jerusalem, where dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

Monday, March 15: Jerusalem walking tour: East Jerusalem to The Old City and along the Cardo

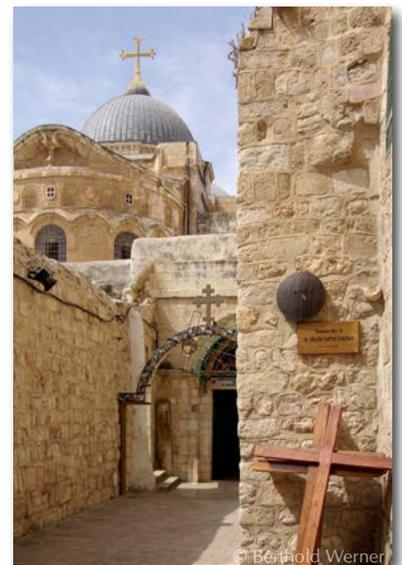
Begin today with a morning visit to the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, housed in a historic building in East Jerusalem, north of the Old City. From there we will set out on a walking tour, following Jerusalem's "Third Wall" from the grounds of the Albright Institute south to the 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 Sepulcher, venerated by many Christians as the site of Jesus's crucifixion and burial. After lunch, walk along the Cardo, the main street of Roman Jerusalem. Visit the excavated homes of the wealthy priestly families of the Temple. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

Tuesday, March 16: Jerusalem: Israel Museum, PM at leisure | Farewell dinner

Today visit the Israel Museum (including the Shrine of the Book, which houses some of the Dead Sea Scrolls) with its large scale model of Jerusalem, depicting the city at the time of the Second Temple. After lunch we return to our hotel for some time at leisure to relax, do some last-minute shopping, or pack. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, March 17: Jerusalem | Tel Aviv | Fly home

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



Station IX of the Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem



Qumran



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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 or stand 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. The weather in March is usually quite pleasant, with temperatures ranging from the low 60s to mid 70s F in the daytime and in the mid 40s F at night. The likelihood that we could see some rain also means that the landscape will be green and wildflowers should be on display in Galilee. *Complete pre-departure details, such as what to take with you and more of what to expect, will be sent to participants.*

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Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem
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