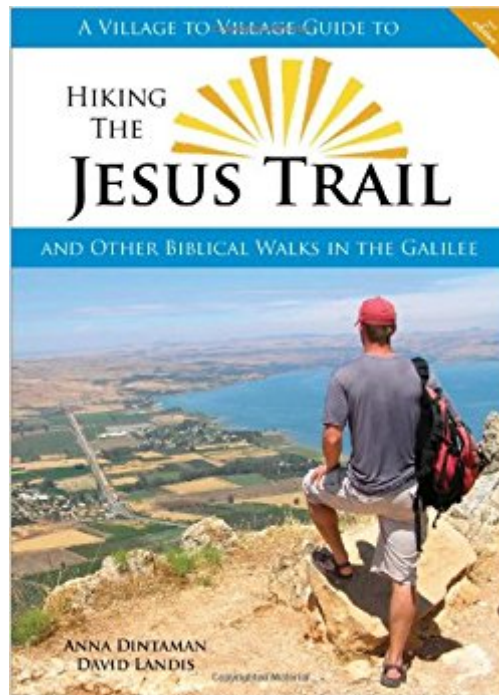




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# Hiking The Jesus Trail And Other Biblical Walks In The Galilee



## Synopsis

From epic cliffs to gentle fields, from bustling towns to the peaceful lake shores of Galilee, take a journey on the Jesus Trail and watch the Bible and history come to life. Hiking the Jesus Trail contains all the information you need to independently walk the 65-kilometer (40-mile) Jesus Trail and over 220 kilometers of additional trails connecting New Testament sites in the Galilee region of Israel. Literally walk in the footsteps of Jesus between sites such as Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Mount Tabor, and dozens of other sacred historical sites. This book includes: \*over 50 detailed full-color stage maps, city maps and historical maps; \*suggested itineraries for walks ranging from one day to two weeks; \*practical information about travel, accommodation, food, gear, and more; \*historical information about the 1st century context of Jesus and overviews of dozens of historical and biblical sites; \*ecological information about the Galilee region, including flora and fauna, nature reserves and national parks, and the Israeli hiking trail network; \*over 250 full-color pages with over 200 photos and illustrations; \*integrated website with free GPS tracks of all routes covered in the book and updated trail conditions.

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My wife and I (age 55) just completed Nazareth - Capernaum, and Yardenit - Nazareth. guidebook is indispensable. So well done i have no suggestions to make it better. Although we took the Israel topo map (but i cant read Hebrew) we never needed the topo. Very well done. Jesus Trail handled all accommodations and transfers and did a great job. I recommend them highly. And we're Jewish, we loved the trail and meeting all the Christians / Muslims / Jews. A great trip! go for it! --.comThe pocket-sized Israel guidebook Hiking the Jesus Trail and Other Biblical Walks in the Galilee;

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abandoned village to the history of a kibbutz. The book is set up so that you can hike continuously for a couple of weeks on the trails it describes without having to buy any other maps; and you'll have some reading material for your breaks so you can learn about the places you're walking through. It's very visually attractive, with plenty of photos and a straightforward layout and organization by day or half-day sections. Having hiked all or almost all of the routes in this book, and countless other trails in Israel (including the Israel National Trail) I can easily say this is the best hiking guidebook available for Israeli trails. Of course, the book only covers the lower Galilee. But that's in the nature of what it is, and you can hike for several weeks straight with this as your only map and guide. In my case, it helped me learn the ropes of hiking here before I started using topographical maps to trek around the rest of the country. Incidentally, the Jesus Trail is meant to be both a pilgrimage route, a form of alternative tourism, and an experience of inter-religious and inter-cultural encounters; if the name brings to mind a touristy product intended only for evangelical Christians, you couldn't be further from the truth. I think just about anyone who enjoys hiking and learning about new places and people would enjoy the trail and this book. Highly recommended. --.com

David Landis designed and cofounded the Jesus Trail in 2007.Â David is an experienced outdoor adventure specialist whose hiking repertoire includes trails as varied as Everest Base Camp and other trails in the Himalayas, Camino de Santiago in Spain, the Saint Paul Trail in Turkey, the Inca Trail in Peru, Torres del Paine in Patagonia and the Israel Trail. In 2004, he embarked on a round-the-world trip that took him to over 40 countries on four continents. He has also led a group of young adults on a bicycle trip across the continental USA. When he is not traveling or bicycling, he works with web development and communications projects. David cofounded the Jesus trail in 2007 along with his Israeli friend and business partner, Maoz Inon. Anna Dintaman has lived, worked and traveled in South America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and beyond. She studied religion and anthropology, as well as NGO management, and has worked in non-profit development and responsible tourism initiatives. Anna's trekking experience includes Torres del Paine in Patagonia and the Camino de Santiago in Spain, though her favorite outdoor adventure spot is still her home area in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. David and Anna have been working together with the Jesus trail since 2007. Their research for the book involved hiking thousands of kilometers in the Galilee, visiting countless historical and religious sites, holing up in libraries surrounded by a fort of research materials and walking the 800-km length of the Camino Frances in Spain in order to learn more about pilgrimage. They were married in May 2010 and continue to work with the Jesus trail and other pilgrimage trails in the region.

Covers all the bases. Great guidance. Nice job on accommodations along the trail. Addresses the concern for trail safety realistically, Written in a business-like manner but communicates a love for the land and its historical and spiritual traditions with great sensitivity to all who would be using the trail.

It gives a comprehensive overview of the trail. Beyond that there are many specific hints for traveling to Israel. A very helpful book to cope with the peculiarities of the trail.

One of the associate ministers at my church is planning a trip to Israel and is including hiking from Nazareth to Capernaum. She gave me her copy of this book and I saw fit to buy my own. I am enjoying reading and rereading the section we will hike as well as all the others we won't be able to do due to time constraints.

If you like the idea of hiking around Israel, this book is for you. They did a superb job of showing routes and stopping places. I can't say enough good things about it. Through no fault of the book there are a couple of things that I wanted to see in the holy land and it turns out they are in Palestine.

After reading about the Jesus Trail in a magazine article, I ordered a copy of this book. Now I've got three copies. My husband and I hiked the trail in April 2013, taking a copy of this book in one of our backpacks everywhere we went. It's an excellent tool for trip planning in the Galilee area. We left a copy behind with family so they could read along in the U.S. as we hiked from Nazareth to Cana. Helpful sections include a phrasebook (Hebrew & Arabic), wonderful maps, many (!) photos, and my favorite -- Biblical References by Location (i.e. Tiberias - John 6:1, 23; 21:1). Even if you aren't considering a trip to the Galilee area of Israel, this is an excellent and easy read about the area.

This is a must have for anyone who is going to hike the Jesus Trail. I plan to hike it next month.

Not very useful as a guide for anyone intending to walk the trail.

Great guide for walking/biking the areas where Jesus is believed to have walked. Good, helpful

hints, photos and historical notes. Book is compact enough to fit in a purse or backpack. Highly recommended!!

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