

PILGRIMAGE OF A LIFETIME TO

THE HOLY LAND - ISRAEL

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FROM DAN TO BEER SHEVA

11 DAYS ITINERARY

December 28, 2008 to Jan. 7, 2009

Your Hosts:



Dr. Boatman



Dr. Lowery

General Information Highlights

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS: A check deposit of \$300 per person, an insurance form, and a signed Passenger Reservation Form Contract are required to secure a reservation. There are no telephone reservations. Reservations are taken on a first come - first served basis. Trip cost is based on minimum number of passengers, as is specified in the trip itinerary. FULL payment for tour must be received at Jerusalem Tours International, so as to reach us no later than 90 days prior to departure date of the tour.

TOUR PRICES: The prices reflect a 3% discount for purchases made with cash or checks. There are no discounts for sales made on any credit cards. PLEASE NOTE in case of human or computer error, Jerusalem Tours International reserves the right to re invoice for the correct price or service.

ROOMS: Prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost as stated on individual itineraries.

TAXES: Airport Departure Tax is not included in the price of the tour. Please see individual itineraries for prices.

TIPPING: The price of the tour includes tips. Tipping is recommended to the Tour Guide, Motor Coach Driver and hotel staff, approximately \$9 per person per day. Meals gratuities are not included.

INSURANCE: Insurance is not included in the tour price. We strongly recommend that you purchase the travel insurance package, which is offered.

CANCELLATION: All cancellations must be in writing to us and must be signed by the person who made the original reservation. Cancellations are only effective from the day they are actually received by us. Postmark prevails.

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

46 days or more

45 days to 21 days

Three (3) week or less
(including airport cancellations
and no-shows)

All cancellation fees will be added to any penalties applied by airlines, hotels and tour operators.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: ALL PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT.

NOTE: The sequence of activities in the itinerary may change or be reversed but none will be omitted except for circumstances beyond our control.

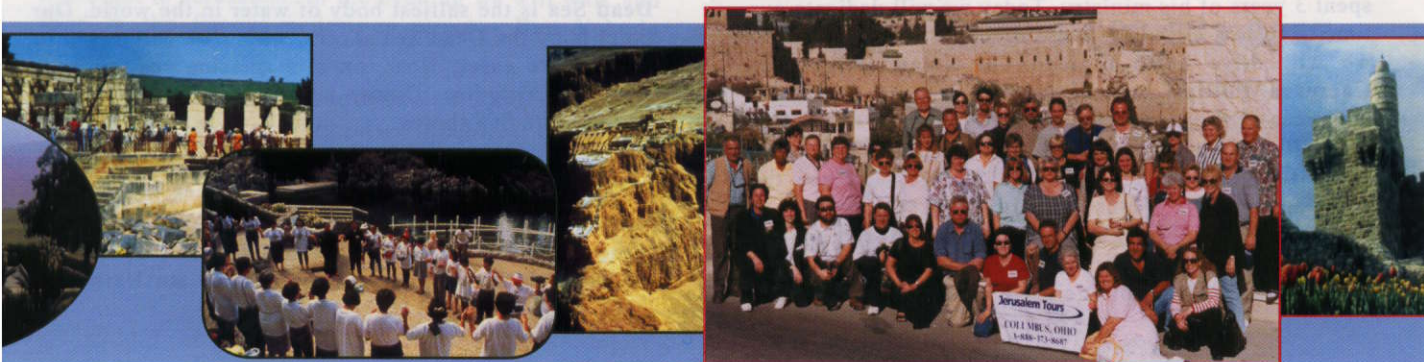
FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE REGISTRATION FORMS.

CANCELLATION FEES per person

\$100.00 or 10% of any payments,
whichever is higher.

\$250.00 or 10% of any payments,
whichever is higher.

NO REFUND !



Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - EN ROUTE

Depart the USA. to Tel Aviv, Israel. Enjoy a hot dinner served aboard the airplane.

Day 2 - Arrive TEL AVIV

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, our representative will meet the group by the luggage carousel and assist us on the way out through customs. You will then be transferred to your Mediterranean Sea side hotel for Dinner and overnight.

Day 3 - To the GALILEE

We will wake up to the first day of the Holy Land. After a rich, Israeli breakfast, we will leave the hotel and drive north along the famous highway, biblically known as the 'way of the sea'. We will arrive at **Caesarea**, where we will explore the ruins of the Roman and the **Crusader City**. We will see the reconstructed Roman city, the walls from the times of the Crusaders and the prison where St. Paul was held in captivity before being sent to Rome. This was also the place where the first gentile was converted to Christianity. As we leave the beautiful walls and moat, we will pass the remains of the Roman horse racing theater the Hippodrome. We will stop at the amazing remains of the **Roman Aqueduct**, which has been beautifully preserved under the sand dunes for 2000 years. We will continue to **Mount Carmel** and visit the **Mukhraka** the site where the Prophet Elijah debated the 450 prophets of Baal. From here there is a breathtaking view over the whole **Valley of Jezreel**, better known as the **Valley of Armageddon**. After a complimentary Falafel lunch at a Druz village, we will drive through **Haifa** and view the magnificent **Bahai Hanging Gardens**. The largest hanging gardens in the world. On to **Acre (Akko)**, where we will visit the Crusaders City excavations. We will drive east through the upper Galilee to the **Sea of Galilee**. Arrival at our hotel on the shores of the beautiful Lake of Galilee. Dinner and overnight. Evening we stroll the streets of **Tiberias**.

Day 4 - GALILEE

Wake up to a beautiful morning in the area where Jesus spent 3 years of his ministry. Today we will dedicate our time to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. After breakfast, we will drive north through the **Golan Heights** to **Caesarea Philipi** and the **Banias**, one of the water resources of the Jordan River. Continue back to the **Sea of Galilee** to visit **Capernaum**, 'the Town of Jesus', walk along the ruins of this Biblical Village, and see the Synagogue where Jesus preached and the house of Peter's mother-in-law. Drive up to the **Mount of the Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. On to a visit of ancient **Khorazim** and continue

for a visit of the beautiful mosaic floor at **Tabgha** - the site of the miracle of the multiplication. We will visit the "**Jesus Boat**" at Kibbutz Ginosar, which is a 2000 years old wooden fishing boat and **sail in a replica boat across the Sea of Galilee**. Then we have the famous **St. Peter's fish** for lunch in a restaurant on the lake shore. We finish the day with a visit to **Yardenit** to see the **Jordan River**. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 - GALILEE

Today, after breakfast, we will drive to **Zippori** and visit the excavation and the beautiful mosaic floors of the city where Jesus grandmother lived. On to the **Biblical Village (Nazareth Village)** where we will learn about the daily life in a reconstructed village from Jesus time. We continue across the Valley and view **Mount Tabor** the traditional site of the 'Transfiguration'. We arrive in **Nazareth** where we visit the **Church of the Annunciation** and the Synagogue where Jesus learned to read the Bible. On the way we pass **Cana of Galilee**, the village where Jesus performed his first miracle - the miracle at the wedding. We will drive via Afula to the famous "**Tel Megiddo**", the archaeological mound, which inspired James Michener's book, "The Source". Here we can see remains of King Solomon's Stables, an altar from the time of Abraham (4000 years old), and a magnificent water tunnel. On to **Gideon Springs** and **Beit Alpha**. We will visit the excavations of this ancient place and drive back to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - GALILEE to DEAD SEA

Today, after breakfast, we will drive south to **Beit Sheaan**, the largest Archeological site in Israel. We will explore the ancient **Roman City** with the **Amphitheater** and reconstructed streets. Continue south through the **Jordan Valley to Jericho** (Should conditions allow it. Otherwise we will take the way by the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea). We will visit the excavations of ancient Jericho and view **Mt. of Temptations**. We will drive through the **Qumaran Caves** area, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found and on to the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. 1300 feet below sea level, the **Dead Sea** is the saltiest body of water in the world. Our hotel is by the Dead Sea shores, where we will swim, or to be more exact, float, on this amazing sea - a non-swimmers paradise. Dinner and Overnight at our hotel on the Dead Sea shores.

Day 7 - MASADA and DEAD SEA

Today, after breakfast, we will visit **Masada** - the site of the Zealots last stand against the Romans, which was originally built as a magnificent palace for Herod the

Great. At this great fortress we will visit the bathhouse, the storage rooms, the mosaics and the **Byzantine Church**. After descending by walking along the Ramp built by the Romans, we will drive to a **Bedouin camp** and enjoy a special visit with Middle Eastern BBQ hospitality called "Hafla". Continue to Arad and on to **Beer Sheva**, the "Capital" of the Negev. This is the city where Abraham dug the seven water wells. We will observe **Tel Arad**, the Cananite city conquered by Joshua. Continue via the **Negev Desert** to the **Ela Valley**, site of the famous battle between David and Goliath. We continue our ascent to Jerusalem, 2400 feet above sea level, via **Beit Shemes** and **Emmaus**. At the entrance to the **Holy City** we will celebrate with a traditional blessing, while overlooking the walls of the City of the Lord. Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**.

Day 8 - JERUSALEM

Today will be one of spiritual uplifting. We will begin the morning after breakfast, with a magnificent view of the **Old City** from the **Mount of Olives**. We will drive down to the **Kidron Valley** and enter the **Garden of Gethsemane**, the **Church of All Nations** where we can view the Basilica of Agony. In this area are the oldest Olive trees in the Holy Land, dating back to ancient times - a living witness to Jesus's arrest by the Romans. We continue along the Kidron Valley, viewing the **Tomb of Zachariah** as well as the **Tomb of Absalom** - King David's son. We will enter the Old City via the **Dung Gate**, then proceed to the **Wailing Wall** - the remnant of Solomon's Temple, the holiest Jewish site - and touch its ancient stones. If time permits, we will visit the **Davidson Center** museum near the Southern Steps. We will ascend the **Temple Mount**, where we will view the Dome of the Rock. We will continue to the famous **Tunnels from the Hasmonai era** and out to the **Via Dolorosa** and the Arab Market - the Shuk, with it's hundreds of stores selling many types of artifacts. We will visit the **Holy Sepulchre** - the largest Church in Jerusalem. On to the **Jewish Quarter**, where we will see the renovated **Cardo** and the **Burnt House**, which is a priest house from second Temple era. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. In the evening we will walk and shop in the famous pedestrian street - **Ben Yehuda Street**.

Day 9 - JERUSALEM and BETHLEHEM

We will start the morning, after breakfast, by visiting **Yad Vashem**, the **Holocaust Memorial**. Then we continue to the **Israel Museum** and the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls can be seen. We will visit the **Temple Institute** and see replicas of utensils from second Temple era. We will also visit

Chaiaphas' House, where Jesus was kept and more. The afternoon will be dedicated to visiting the birth place of Jesus - **Bethlehem** (if it is open). We will cross the "border" and visit the **Church of Nativity** and the **Shepherds' Fields**. We will end the day with a special Communion Service at the **Garden Tomb**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10 - JERUSALEM

Today is a free leisure day, pursuing personal interests, or revisiting some sites and shopping. In the evening we will celebrate with a **Banquet Farewell dinner** with presentation of Pilgrimage Certificates. Late evening transfer to airport for flight back to USA.

Day 11 - RETURN TO USA

Arrive back home.

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES: Round trip coach airfare to Tel Aviv, Israel, accommodation in superior tourist hotels with private bath, full Israeli breakfast and dinner daily, sightseeing per itinerary with a tour guide, deluxe motorcoach transportation. Tips.

NOT INCLUDING: Airport tax, Travel insurance and Meals not included in itinerary, drinks and items of personal nature.

Price based on a minimum of 30 Passengers.

* Prices adjusted for less than specified number of passengers.

* Prices are subject to change and based on airline and hotels availability.

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Bonus Highlights

- Complete sightseeing in **Galilee, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Mt. Carmel, Acre, Zippori, Chorazim, Megiddo, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Beer Sheva, Ela Valley** and more per itinerary. Visit the **Jordan River**.
- Sea of Galilee **boat sail + St. Peter Fish Lunch**.
- Walking tour in the **Old City of Jerusalem**.
- Cable ride to **Masada** and an opportunity to dip in the **Dead Sea**. Visit **Qumaran**.
- Visit **Yad Vashem**.
- Visit the **Hasmonai Tunnels**.
- **All entrance fees & transfers** are included.
- **Round Trip Chicago, IL.-Tel Aviv Israel**, other cities available.
- **Israeli breakfast & dinner daily + 4 lunches. Farewell dinner Banquet**.
- **7 Full tour days** with a certified **English speaking guide** in Israel.
- **Jordan or Egypt extensions** are available at an additional cost.
- **Superior class tourist hotels** on double occupancy.
- **Deluxe air-conditioned tourist buses**.
- Personal **FREE gifts package** for every passenger.

Dear Friends,

"The trip of a life time", "better than a year in seminary", "something that I have always wanted to do". These are only some of the expressions that could be used to describe a trip to Israel. If you have not been there, words cannot adequately describe the emotions, feelings and insights, you will "feel and touch" from a trip to God's "Holy Land".

Standing on Mt. Carmel where Elijah called down the fire of God, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before He was crucified and riding on the Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat, are just some of the things we will be doing on our trip.

We will walk where Jesus walked, pray where Jesus prayed and feel the power of His Spirit as we encounter the places where Jesus lived and died.

Deluxe accommodations have been secured at an excellent price. We hope you can join Dr. Boatman and me for this exciting trip that is sure to increase our spiritual growth and create memories for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Lowery

ISRAEL



SPECIAL

Cost \$2,529 pp. (from Chicago, IL. including tips)
NOT Including Airport tax and Insurance

(Single room suppl.: Israel \$499)
 (Departures from other cities available)

Space is Limited

