

# 12 Day Classical Holy Land tour of Israel

## Sponsored by Bishop Kenneth & Margarita White

### October 23 – November 3, 2017

### \$4,186.00 per person

DAY 1 (Mon. Oct. 23): We leave the States for a journey to the land where the Bible will unfold before our eyes. We will walk, see, feel and touch the roots of our faith, encounter the divine and sense His presence.

DAY 2 (Tue. Oct. 24): Flying over the Atlantic Ocean and over Europe, we reach the shores of God's land. Upon our arrival to the Ben Gurion airport, we will be met by our guide and set off to **Tel-Aviv**. After a short city tour we will head to **Joppa**, where Peter raised Tabitha from the Dead (Acts 9:36) and where he had the vision of the clean and unclean things coming down from Heaven (Acts 10:11). We will view the beautiful ancient port from which Jonah tried to flee (Jonah 1) before checking in to our hotel, located on the **coast of the Mediterranean**.

DAY 3 (Wed. Oct. 25): COASTAL PLAIN

After a rich Israeli breakfast we will begin our tour of Israel at **Caesarea**, city of Cornelius the Centurion, the first Gentile to convert (Acts 10). We will visit the Roman theatre, walk on the pier used by the apostle Paul on his way to Rome and see the impressive water aqueduct built by Herod the Great. Leaving the Mediterranean, we will travel north to **Mt. Carmel**, where Elijah held the contest with 450 prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). At noon, a memorable experience is awaiting for us, as we stop for a typical **Falafel Meal** at the Druze village of **Daliat El-Carmel**. The afternoon will be dedicated to a trip through the **Valley of Jezreel**. At **Megido** we will view the excavations of 21 superimposed cities, the remains from Solomon's days (I Kings 9). At the end of the day we will drive through **Nazareth**, where Jesus spent most of His life. We will make a stop at **Mt. of Precipice** (Luke 4) for a wondrous view of Nazareth and the Valley of Armagedon. We will drive by **Cana of Galilee** where Jesus performed His first miracle at the wedding feast (John 2) and continue to our hotel in the beautiful region of Galilee.

DAY 4 (Thur. Oct. 26): AREA OF THE TRIBE OF DAN

Today is dedicated to the spectacular northern part of Israel. Following the accounts described in the Gospel of Luke chapter 9, we will drive through the **Hula Valley** to reach **Mt. Hermon**, where the miracle of Transfiguration occurred. We will visit the **Banias**, one of the headwaters of the **Jordan River** and site of **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter confessed Christ's divinity. From there, we will continue to the **Dan Nature Reserve**. After a refreshing walk through the beautiful reserve and a taste from the cool water, we will discover Jeroboam's Altar (I Kings 12). We will also see a city gate from the time of Abraham the Patriarch and learn about the importance of the gate in the social life of the city in the Old Testament times.

DAY 5 (Fri. Oct. 27): AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Today we will be visiting the places where Jesus spent most of his public life and the sites you have read about all of your life. Using a replica of the wooden fishing boat from the disciples' time, we will sail on the **Sea of Galilee** and recall Jesus' experiences with the fishermen. Our first stop will be at **Capernaum**, where Jesus taught in the synagogue and spent much of His ministry (Matthew 4). Then we will continue to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where Christ preached the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Driving around the lake we will visit **Tabgha** place of the feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14). In the afternoon we will stop by the **Jordan River** for a **Baptism service** in the same water Jesus was baptized in.

DAY 6 (Sat. Oct. 28): JORDAN VALLEY TO JERUSALEM

Before leaving the beautiful Galilee area we will drive by **Mt. Gilboah**, where King Saul fell on his sword and found his death (I Samuel 31). Our first stop will be at the **Spring of Harod**, the site where Gideon received the 300 men to fight the Midianites (Judges 7). From there, we will head down south to **Beth Shean** (I Sam. 31), a Decapolis Capital mentioned in the Gospels. Here, we will walk on the ancient streets, view the Roman steam baths, the theatre, coliseum, market and temples. We will continue down the **Jordan Valley** passing by **Jericho**, the oldest city in the world and a beautiful oasis (Joshua 3). Towards the end of the day we will take a road parallel to the old **Jericho Road**, used in Christ times (Luke 10) and start ascending to the Golden City of the Mighty King: **JERUSALEM**.

DAY 7 (Sun. Oct. 29): MT. OF OLIVES - BETHLEHEM

We begin the day at the **Mt. of Olives** with a magnificent overview of Jerusalem and an explanation of its history. Then, walk down the **Palm Sunday road** to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, site of Jesus' betrayal (Luke 22). In the afternoon we will visit **Bethlehem**, the birth place of Jesus and the **Church of Nativity**. We will continue to the pastoral **Shepherds' Fields**, where David raised his sheep and where the Good News about Jesus' birth was received (Luke 2).

DAY 8 (Mon. Oct. 30): CITY OF DAVID - NEW JERUSALEM

In the morning, we will visit the **City of David**, **Hezekiah's Tunnel** and the **Pool of Siloam**, where Jesus healed the blind man, (John 9). We will continue to the **Israel Museum**. Here we will have a chance to visit the **Model of Jerusalem** during Jesus' time to obtain an excellent perspective of the city at His time. We will visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and view the ossuary of Caiphaz and Pontius Pilatus stone. Finally, at **Yad Vashem**, the museum of the Holocaust, we will better understand the miracle of Israel's revival and return to the Land, as promised by God.

**DAY 9 (Tue. Oct. 31): OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM - AFTERNOON FREE**

After a quiet moment of prayer at the **Wailing Wall**, we will visit the **Ophel** digs. We will walk on the First century Street, used by pilgrims for centuries, while viewing the remains of the Temple and the steps used by Jesus when entering it (Luke 19, Matthew 21). We will continue to the **Jewish Quarter**, to visit the extensive area uncovered by archaeologists, including the **Burnt House** at the **Herodian Quarter**, where we will see the interior of houses from Jesus' time with ashes indicating Jerusalem's destruction. We will walk through the **Cardo** and **Hezekiah's Wall**, towards the **Arab Market** and bazaar and leave the Old City through the **Jaffa Gate**. The rest of the day will be free. This will allow us to rest and absorb in much of the information we have come to obtain. You may want to use this day to re-visit a certain site, to stroll on your own or to do some shopping. Our tour bus will function as a shuttle bus and different activities will be suggested.

**DAY 10 (Wed. Nov. 1): DEAD SEA AREA**

Today we will leave Jerusalem and descend towards the **Dead Sea**, located in the lowest place in the world, 1300 ft. below sea level! Our first stop will be at **Ein Gedi**, where David wrote some of his beautiful psalms. After a short hike we will reach the waterfall where David cut off Saul's skirt (I Samuel 24). We will continue to the astonishing ruins of **Massada**. Using a cable car we will reach Herod's magnificent fortress, site of the Zealots' stand against Rome. Well preserved storehouses, cisterns and palaces will be among the features to visit. At noon time we will stop at **Ein Bokek** for lunch and a float on the salty sea. Before returning to Jerusalem, we will visit **Qumran**, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery.

**DAY 11 (Thur. Nov. 2): JERUSALEM'S CHRISTIAN SITES**

We will begin our last tour day in the city by retracing Jesus' last steps in Jerusalem. First, we will visit the **Temple Mount** and the impressive **Dome of the Rock**. After a visit to the **Upper Room** we will enter **St. Stephen's Gate** and come to the **Pool of Bethesda**, where Jesus healed the lame man (John 5). After a time of singing in **St. Anne's Church**, we will view the remains of the **Antonia Fortress**, site of Jesus' trial (Matthew 27). We then will follow the **Way of the Cross** out of the **Damascus Gate** to the **Garden Tomb**, the site of the crucifixion and culminate our tour with a communion at **Calvary**.

**DAY 12 (Fri. Nov. 3):** Early departure for home, after fulfilling a lifetime dream of seeing, touching and breathing the very places we have only read about until now. Arriving home our Bible will never be the same, for it will be alive in front of our eyes and in our hearts forever.

***The itinerary is as described but is subject to local conditions at the time of the tour. Itinerary may change at the discretion of the tour director(s) or land operators.***

**INCLUDES:** Round-trip airfare from EWR. Round-trip transfers between Airport and Hotels, Hotel Accommodations, 9 -Day Tour of Israel with Guide, Breakfast and Dinner Daily, 3 Lunches, Falafel Fish & Lot Dead Sea. All Entrance Fees, Medical Insurance while in Israel (must be under 86 years of age and does not cover while in Bethlehem), All Hotel Taxes, Current Airport Taxes which are subject to change until ticketed, All Gratuities, Personalized Name Badge, Document Case with Luggage Tags and Baggage Strap.

**HOTELS:** 1 night Crowne Plaza, Tel Aviv / 3 nights Leonardo Plaza, Tiberias / 6 nights Dan Panorama, Jerusalem.

**PRICE:** \$4,186.00 per person based on double occupancy from EWR. Tour is based on a minimum of 20 passengers on the bus. Single Supplement is an additional \$1,005.00 and limited. \*Any increase in airfare and ground cost due to inflation, fuel surcharge, VAT tax. If tour falls under specified number, dollar devaluation will be pro-rated and passed onto tour members.

**PAYMENT:** Deposit of \$500.00 per person is due immediately to hold your space, as SPACE IS LIMITED! Please deposit prior to second payment date. A second payment of \$1,000.00 per person is due April 23, 2017. Final payment is due on or before August 23, 2017. Checks only please, they are also your receipt.

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