

# ISRAEL

10-day Inspirational Tour February 25 – March 6, 2014

# A Life-Changing Experience



# Day I: Departure from US

Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight...Tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

Day 2: Arrive Israel

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where we will be met by our Israeli guide who will accompany us during our entire stay in Israel. We immediately set out for Jaffa, the oldest port in the world. Jonah set sail from Tarshish from Jaffa but was swallowed by a large fish. Jaffa was also the home of Tabitha, who was raised from the dead by Peter. Peter had his vision here while lodging in the home of Simon the Tanner. We then travel northward to our hotel for one night in the coastal area in Tel Aviv. The remainder of the day is free to walk along the Mediterranean, relax, and have dinner. The time is right for a personal devotional with the sunset over the "Great Sea." Enjoy a time of prayer of thanks for safety and the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of this land, and a good night's rest.

# Day 3: Caesarea, Megiddo & Nazareth

After breakfast, we travel by private motor coach along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre and aqueduct, and then journey on to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah hid from King Ahab. Next we travel through the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the

Armageddon Battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We continue with a brief trail walk just outside the town of Nain before driving through the area of Cana and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit the Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides. We will have dinner and overnight lodging for the next two nights in the Tiberais area.

# Day 4: Capernaum & Mount of Beatitudes, Jordan Baptism

Following breakfast, we view an ancient Fisherman Boat at an operating Kibbutz, known as the Jesus boat. Next, we enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Sea of Galilee. A brief scripture reading and devotional on board brings to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples beginning a wonderful day of touring. Docking in Capernaum we will visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue and Peter's home. Then we travel on to the site of the multiplication of loaves and

fishes and the Mount of the Beatitudes overlooking the Sea. We end this site with a walk to the bottom of the hill to St. Peter's Primacy. We finish out the day at the Yardenit Baptismal site with a memorial service. We return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. This evening we have a gathering for discussion and devotion.

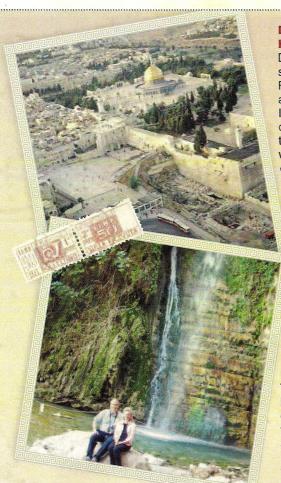
# Day 5: Golan Heights, Tel Dan, Beth Shean & Dead Sea

We begin our day with a trip atop Golan Heights, for a visit to the Bentel outpost overlooking Syria and Mt Hermon. We then travel to nearby Tel Dan, a valuable northern site emphasizing the loss of God's blessing on Israel. Dan is where the children of Israel fell to the depths of pagan worship. Upon returning to the Galilee we take in a wonderful view of the sea from the Decapolis. Next we travel southward to Beit-Shean/Scythopolis, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys. Like Jericho, it has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beit-Shean. (1 Sam 31:10-12) During the intertestamental period, the city was renamed the "Scythopolis". Archaeologists have uncovered a huge number of ruins of the Roman/Byzantine Scythopolis. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis -a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley, your guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey," the Kibbuzt system and Israel's intricate irrigation development. We follow the road south past the ancient city of Jericho, view from a distance this city famed as the oldest in the world, before coming to our lodging for the evening at the Dead Sea the lowest place on earth. Spend time in the special spa and enjoy a dip in the Dead Sea for a relaxing float before din-

# Day 6: Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls

Our day begins with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of Masada. Here our quide will treat us to the





history of the famous zealot stand. Afterwards we proceed to Ein Gedi, "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we visit Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We spend some time at Qumran to explore the gift shop housing a wealth of Israeli treasures. We precede to the "Golden City," Jerusalem our location for the next four days. As we travel up to Jerusalem we stop at a Jericho overlook, addressing the passage of the "Good Samaritan." We have dinner this evening at our Jerusalem Hotel.

# Day 7: Around Jerusalem, Bible Times, Holocaust Museum

Depending on the political environment we start with a trip atop the Temple Mount. Following our time there an interesting and educational afternoon awaits us at the Israeli Museum. Walk through collections of centuries old Israeli artifacts including the Dead Sea Scrolls, and a then a guided walk through an accurately detailed model of Biblical Jerusalem will help to prepare you for what you will experience in the following days. We then take a trip over to "Joseph's Storehouse," a Messianic Humanitarian Mission Center, to meet some of the individuals involved in this ministry and learn of the current events in Israel. We conclude the day with a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum, for a needed reminder of what the Jews have suffered as a people. We have another gathering for discussion and devotion this evening following dinner at the hotel.

Day 8: Jesus' Steps, the Last Days

Today we walk where Jesus walked; beginning the day with a panoramic view of the city, Mount Moriah and the Dome of the Rock from atop the Mount of Olives and then the Garden of Gethsemane. How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice if only for a moment? To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Jesus' prayer and take time for personal reflection is important here. We enter the Old City, through Stephen's Gate for a visit to the Pool of Bethesda, and St. Ann's Church. We have a visit to the location of Antonio's Fortress and the pit where Christ may have been housed. As we exit we walk the Via Dolorosa, and are reminded of His way of suffering. We arrive at the Wailing Wall and then the fascinating Rabbinical Tunnels leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. We return to the hotel for dinner and overnight after a full touring day.

# Day 9: City of David, Pentecost, Garden Tomb

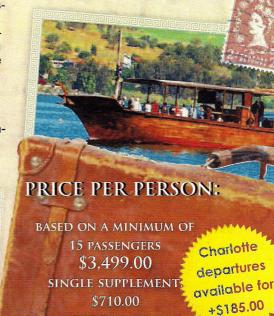
This morning following breakfast we visit the House of Caiaphas where Jesus was beaten and spit upon. See a pit where he may have been held for the evening and the ancient hillside steps he walked as he was taken to be condemned. We enter the nearby City of David for a historical account of the early city of Jerusalem under David's Rule. Before diving into the site we have short film highlighting the history and significance of this are. We view the Pool of Salom and travel through Hezekiah's Tunnel. (Weather Permitting) This afternoon we visit the Southern Wall Excavations. This southern side of The Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place that Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost. The climax of the day is the Garden Tomb, where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. We will enjoy a challenge from God's word and a song before returning to the hotel for dinner and a time to freshen up before traveling to the airport

# Day 10: Arrive Home

We arrive home early this morning.

Itinerary may be subject to change while touring for the best interest of the group.





DEPOSIT DUE BY NOVEMBER 18, 2013 FINAL PAYMENT DUE DECEMBER 20, 2013

## RESERVATIONS

A \$300 deposit and completed reservation form are required to secure a reservation for your tour due November 18, 2013. Please complete the reservation form (payable to "Pilgrim Tours") and mail to: P.O. Box 268, Morgantown PA 19543. .

## **FINAL PAYMENT**

Final payment is due December 20, 2013. Payment can be made by check, Visa or MasterCard. Payments not received on time will result in reservation cancellation without refund. (An additional 3% of total bill will be incurred when paying with credit card.)

# **MEMBER NATIONAL TOUR ASSOCIATION**

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### CANCELLATION

Cancellation in writing must be received by Pilgrim Tours for appropriate refund minus the following fees and any nonrefundable services purchased. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time of ticket issue.

- 91+ Days Prior: \$100 per person lost
- 90-61 Days Prior: Deposit amount lost (\$300)
- · 60-46 Days Prior: 40% of tour cost lost
- 45-31 Days Prior: 65% of tour cost lost
- · 30-8 Days Prior: 85% of tour cost lost
- 7 Days Prior or less: 100% of tour cost lost

Travel Insurance is nonrefundable.

Quoted tour prices include planning, handling and operational charges and are based on the current rate of exchange and tariffs. In the event of a marked change in foreign exchange rates, fuel costs or tariff rates, tour costs are subject to revision. Such increases will be added to the client final billing. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right to vary itineraries and prices, and to substitute facilities and hotels of equal or better quality if necessary.

# **INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE**

Roundtrip air from Newark, NJ including air taxes, 8 nights lodging in 4 star hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, full time English speaking Israel tour guide, porterage (1 Bag), tips to drivers, guides, and hotel staff, services of long distance deluxe motorcoach as appear on itinerary, all guides, entrances and transportation as appear on itinerary

# NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

Lunches, optional travel insurance, optional credit card payments (additional 3% of total bill).

# **INSURANCE**

Pilgrim Tours strongly suggests purchasing Trip Cancellation Insurance. Be sure to check with your healthcare provider as most US medical coverage will not cover you outside of the country. Insurance costs are based on the total tour cost, including air taxes and charges listed under "Not Included." These charges are added to the final billing. Approximate amounts can be given at time of reservation in order to purchase the appropriate amount of insurance.

## **AIR TRANSPORTATION**

Pilgrim tours will arrange for the best-priced airfare available at the time of booking. Passengers wishing to cancel or change their air reservation may be subject to cancellation penalties. Airlines involved in tours are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for unforeseen flight delays, charges due to changes required during political unrest, or schedule changes imposed by the airlines. Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline. When purchasing air transportation from Pilgrim Tours, fuel charges and security fees are not guaranteed until tickets are issued. Such fees are subject to change and any increase will be added to your final payment invoice.

Please Note: We do not have the ability to assign seating for flights. Seat Assignments will be done at airport check in. All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change based on the ticket-

# **AIRLINE SECURITY**

It is the passenger's responsibility to provide positive identification in the form of a passport or other required identification at the time of airport check-in.

# PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT, VISA & MINOR CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

Minors traveling with either one parent or no parents must have a certified letter of permission from the parent or parents who is/are not traveling. This letter must be presented at airport check-in. All international tours require a current passport. Entrance to Israel requires your passport be valid for 6 months after your return date. Your passport number must be recorded by a Pilgrim Tours agent when making your reservation. Names on airline tickets must appear as shown on passport. Photocopies are not acceptable forms of identification. Non U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill appropriate entry requirements of the destination country. Contact the local Consulate for information.

### **TOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Tour membership is available to all travelers and will not be withheld if the Tour Operator can furnish special requirements that an individual may need. Should meeting these requirements materially add to the Tour Operator's cost, the Tour Member would be expected to pay these additional costs. The Tour Director retains the right to terminate the membership of any member displaying disruptive behavior, endangering fellow members or interfering with the Operations of the tour.

# RESPONSIBILITIES

These tour programs are operated by Pilgrim Tours and Travel, Inc., 3821 Main Street, Morgantown, Pennsylvania 19543. In common with other companies, Pilgrim acts only as an agent for tour members in arranging room accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, admissions and restaurants. Pilgrim reserves the right in its sole discretion to make changes in the itinerary and is not responsible for expenses, loss of time, money or other incidents resulting from a change of tour scheduling made for tour members, including any rescheduling due to political unrest. Pilgrim is not responsible for any losses or damages of personal property, injuries or unforeseen expenses incurred by any tour member.

# **Travel Guard Travel Insurance**

# Plan Cost Per Person

6% of tour cost

Regular Coverage Cancel For Work Reasons 6.5% of tour cost

# TRAVEL/CANCELLATION INSURANCE WHY PURCHASE THIS PLAN?

Special Pilgrim Benefit - In addition to the normal benefits listed, Pilgrim has also added coverage for clients who have flight delays or miss flight connections and need to catch up with the tour upon arrival in the destination country. Whenever you arrive, arrangements will be made for private transfer in order for you to miss as little as possible. For specific questions regarding "TRAVEL GUARD" Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Toll Free: 1.866.476.6698 Refer to product # 008760.

"Plan Cost" includes the following package of benefits with coverage amounts

Benefits Included	Amount of Coverage
Trip Cancellation	Tour Cost
Trip Interruption	Tour Cost
Trip Delay:(\$100 Max per da	ay) \$1,000
Baggage and Personal Effect	s: \$1,500
Baggage Delay:	\$500
Missed Connection:	\$500
Medical Expense:	\$50,000
Emergency Medical Transpor	tation: \$1,000,000
Death & Dismemberment:	\$25,000

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions: Included. (Subject to purchase of insurance at time of booking.)