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ISRAEL: THE HOLY LAND
A JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TOUR
May 20 - 29, 2014

$4,389.00 pp. from Cleveland, OH

Including: taxes and fuel charges (currently $750, subject to change by airline)

Not Included: tips ($100), Travel insurance ($305), Drinks and items of personal nature.

Join us on this tour of the Holy Land, where you will develop a deeper understanding of Judeo-Christian faith and history. We will visit places of historical significance from the Bible, traveling from the Galilee in the north to Beer Sheva in the south. Caesarea, Megiddo, Nazareth, Golan Heights, Tiberias, the Dead Sea, Masada and Jerusalem. Experience a camel ride, sail a boat on the Sea of Galilee, float in the Dead Sea, enjoy Bedouin hospitality, walk through a 20 year old water tunnel and pray while touching the 2000 year old stones at the Wailing Wall.

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Day 1 – Tuesday, May 20, 2014 - EN ROUTE
Depart the USA. to Tel Aviv, Israel. Enjoy a hot dinner served aboard the airplane.

Day 2 - Wednesday, May 21, 2014 - Arrive TEL AVIV
Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, our representative will meet the group. We will then step back in history as we tour Old Jaffa (Joppa) by the Mediterranean. From Joppa, we will transfer to our seaside hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

Day 3 - Thursday, May 22, 2014 - To the GALILEE
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 Romans and the Crusader City. We will see the reconstructed Roman city and Theatre, 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 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. We invite you to your first lunch in Israel, a typical falafel, in a Druze Village. We continue to Tel Megiddo, the archeological mound, which inspired James Michener’s book, The Source. Here we can see the remains of King Solomon’s Stables, an altar from the time of Abraham (4000 years old), and the magnificent Water Tunnel. Drive to Nazareth and see the Church of the Annunciation, where Mary had a vision that she would give birth to the Messiah. Continue to Galilee for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 4 – Friday, May 23, 2014 - Saturday - GALILEE
Wake up to a beautiful morning. Today, we will visit the ancient village of Capernaum with the impressive ruins of the 2000 years old Synagogue. We will continue north to the Hula Valley. There we will visit the Kabala City of Safed, stroll between the narrow alleys with many Judaica galleries. Next we visit the ancient synagogues of Rabbi Joseph Karo and Haari. After we drive to the Jordan River and visit the site of Baptism at Yardenit. Continue to the Golan Heights to see a former Syrian position, and view the highest mount in the region - Mount Hermon. Return to the hotel in Galilee. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 5 - Saturday, May 24, 2014 - GALILEE to DEAD SEA
Today, after a full breakfast, we drive south to Beit Shean, the largest Archeological site in Israel. We will explore the ancient Roman City with the Amphitheater, complete with steam baths and reconstructed streets. Continue south through the Jordan Valley. View the world oldest settlement, Jericho and Mt. of Temptations (where Jesus was tempted.). We will drive to Qumran and visit the remains of the village of the Essenes, the ones who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls, found in 1947 in the caves around Qumran. Drive along the Dead Sea shore, the lowest and saltiest body of water in the world, (1300 feet below sea level). Stop at Ein Gedi Oasis, where in one of the caves, David hid from King Saul. Hike to the beautiful waterfall enjoying the wild nature and scenery. Drive to our hotel by the Dead Sea shores, where we will swim, or to be more exact, float, on the amazing waters, a non-swimmer's paradise. Dinner and overnight in Dead Sea. (B, D)

Day 6 - Sunday, May 25, 2014 - MASADA to JERUSALEM
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. We will ascend by cable car to observe the impressive construction of the palace, a bathhouse, the storage halls, a Byzantine Church and the synagogue. We will descend from the Ramp built by the Jewish slaves. We will drive to a Bedouin Camp and enjoy an authentic Middle Eastern hospitality. Continue to Beer Sheva, the capital of the Negev. This is the city where Abraham dug the seven wells. We will observe Tel Arad, the Canaanite city conquered by Joshua. Continue via the Negev to the Elah Valley, site of the famous battle between David and Goliath. We continue our ascent to Jerusalem, 2400 feet above sea level, passing on our way Bet Shemesh. At the entrance to the Holy City we will celebrate with the traditional Jewish blessing of “Shehanu”. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, L, D)

Day 7 - Monday, May 26, 2014 - JERUSALEM
We will begin our pilgrimage after breakfast with a spectacular panoramic view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives. Walk downhill to the Kidron Valley and enter the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of All Nations, also called the Basilica of Agony. Then continue viewing the Tomb of Zechariah and the Tomb of Absalom – King David’s son. We will enter the Old City through one of its ancient gates, then proceed to the Wailing Wall – the remnant of Solomon’s Temple – and touch its ancient stones. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnels to the Via Dolorosa and the Arab Market. Continue to the Holy Sepulcher – the largest Church in Jerusalem. We will go on to the Jewish Quarter, along the renovated Cardo (once the main north-south colonnaded Roman Street). Later we will exit the Old City to Mount Zion where we will visit the Upper Room and King David’s Tomb. In the evening, we will enjoy the fascinating Sound & Light at the Tower of David. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

Day 8 - Tuesday, May 27, 2014 - JERUSALEM and BETHELHEM
After breakfast, we will visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial. We will continue to the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls can be seen. We will then visit the Model of Jerusalem showing the city as it was 2000 years ago. We next drive to Bethlehem, to visit the birthplace of Jesus at the Nativity Church. Dinner & overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

Day 9 - Wednesday, May 28, 2014 - JERUSALEM
This morning we will visit a Yeshivah near the Western Wall and meet an American student. Rest of the day will be free for pursuing personal interests or revisiting some sites and shopping... In the evening, we will celebrate with a Banquet Farewell Dinner. Pilgrimage Certificates will be provided to those who want them. There will be a late evening transfer to the airport for our flight back to US (B, D)

Day 10 – Thursday, May 29, 2014 - RETURN TO USA
Arrive back home.