

Excursion to Israel, the Holy Land – A Spiritually Edifying Experience

Led by Gene Schultz

March 9-18, 2011

March 9, 2011, Day 1

Depart from Chicago(O'Hare) on the flight to Israel.

March 10, Day 2

Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv where our guide will greet us, assist with customs procedures and provide a brief introduction to the Holy Land. We then bus to the Valley of Armageddon to view Mount Carmel where the prophet Elijah confronted the pagan priests and then we continue on to the Galilee.

Dinner and overnight in Galilee

March 11, Day 3

This morning we visit Capernaum, Bethsaida and the Mount of Beatitudes. After a St. Peter's fish lunch, we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and bus to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation, built on the site of the Virgin Mary's home. We also visit Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle. *Dinner and overnight in Galilee*

March 12, Day 4

Today's visits include the Golan Heights, Dan, Caesarea Philippi where Peter confessed Jesus as the Messiah; Mt. Hermon, the headwater of the Jordan River and possible site of Jesus transfiguration; and Bashan referred to in *Amos 4:1,2* *Dinner and overnight in Galilee.*

March 13, Day 5

Today we tour Beth-Shean, important center of Roman Palestine, and travel to the Megiddo Archaeological site. We visit the Roman Theatre, Aqueduct and Crusader ruins after which we go up to Jerusalem. *Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem*

March 14, Day 6

After breakfast we drive to the Mt. of Olives and Gethsemane and on to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, Manger Square, the beautiful Shepherds' Fields, the Herodium and the Garden Tomb where Jesus was buried. *Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem*

March 15, Day 7 We begin the day by walking the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; then visit the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Armenian quarters in the Old City. We view the Western Wall of the Temple Mount, enter the underground tunnel to see recent excavations and travel to the new Citadel Museum. Then we walk to Mt. Zion to see David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper, the Dormition Abby and Gallicantu. Lastly we visit the Holocaust Memorial and the Ella Valley where David killed Goliath. (1 Samuel 17) *Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem*

March 16, Day 8 Our journey today takes us to Shiloh, location of the Tabernacle for 369 years; Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal, Israelite headquarters during Joshua's leadership. *Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem*

March 17, Day 9 Our tour this morning takes us to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, for an optional float on the salty water. Then we take a cable car up to Massada, site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Romans. We continue on to the Qumran caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, visit the tel at Jericho (PLO permitting) and travel back to Jerusalem via Arad archaeology site. *Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.*

March 18, Day 10 This morning we rise very early to travel to Tel Aviv to catch our 6 AM flight back to the U.S. We expect to land at Chicago, O'Hare around mid-afternoon on the same day.

After you have strolled under the ancient, gnarled olive trees where Jesus often went to pray, sat in the synagogue in Capernaum where Jesus preached, and entered the Garden Tomb where Jesus was buried; your reading and hearing the Gospel will be enriched beyond measure.

Pricing and Information

Package Price Per Person - \$2912 **
Single occupancy supplement - \$425
Early-Bird Discount - \$100 per person when initial deposit
is remitted by 8/1/10

PRICE INCLUDES

- * Round trip airfare Chicago/Tel Aviv
- * Airlines departure taxes and fuel surcharge ***
 - * All transfers in Israel
- * Accommodations in first class hotels
- * Luggage handling and hotel service charges
 - * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Fish lunch and boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- * Farewell dinner on last evening in Israel
- * Sightseeing with a private guide in air conditioned private transportation
 - * Entrance fees to sites per itinerary

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- * Gratuities to guide, driver and hotel staff (suggested \$90 total)
- ** Package price is based on a minimum of 15 paying people and based on 2 people sharing a double room at hotels.
- *** Airlines reserve the right to raise or lower taxes/surcharges before tickets are purchased.

For information regarding passports, airport security and luggage restrictions, currency exchange, insurance, down payment and cancellation options, and what to wear in March please contact:

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