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# Holy Land Preview Tour

February 14-22, 2011



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Monday, February 14 Depart the USA

Depart late today from New York's JFK International Airport on a transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv.

Tuesday, February 15 Tel Aviv

Arrive in Tel Aviv this afternoon and transfer to Netanya's King Solomon Hotel for dinner and overnight. Along the way, stop in Jaffa (Joppa) and recount the stories of Jonah and Peter's vision of the white sheet at the home of Simon the Tanner.



Wednesday, February 16 The Galilee

Travel along the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea Maritima to explore this Roman port which became the springboard for the spread of the Gospel. See its magnificent harbor, theater and aqueduct constructed during the reign of Herod. Drive to the mound of Megiddo, *har Megiddo* in Hebrew, which gives it name to Armageddon. After surveying the Plain of Jezreel, proceed to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, built over the home of Mary. View Nazareth and the surrounding area from Mt. Precipice, from which the angry mob attempted to cast Christ to His death following His teaching in the synagogue. Tour Nazareth Village, a reconstruction of the village as it might have been during the time of Jesus with re-enactors demonstrating daily life. Dinner and overnight in the Galilee area.



Thursday, February 17 The Galilee

Begin the day at Nof Ginnosar's Yigal Allon museum to see the "Jesus Boat," a first-century vessel discovered in the exposed lakebed of the Galilee during a period of drought. Sail on the Galilee in a boat modeled after ones from the time of Christ. Ascend the Mt. of Beatitudes and listen to the teachings of Jesus. Walk downhill to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of St. Peter's



Primacy. Continue to Capernaum, visiting the ruins of an ancient synagogue and the spot remembered as being the location of Peter's home. Some may wish to partake of a luncheon of St. Peter's Fish (at own expense). Drive to Tel Dan along an ancient trade route, passing Hazor before arriving at Dan for a nature walk and a visit to the high place where Jeroboam, son of Nebat, set up a golden calf. Continue to Baniyas (Caesarea Philippi) where Peter answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Dinner and overnight along the Sea of Galilee.



Friday, February 18 To Jerusalem

The morning begins with a stop at Yardenit, the traditional baptismal site located where the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee runs into the Jordan River. Drive to the mound of Beth Shean to hear the story of Saul and how he and his sons were defeated, their bodies hung on the walls of this city. Continue to Jericho, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of Israel. Finally, from the Mount of Olives, behold the majestic city of Jerusalem! Take the Palm Sunday route to the Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem.

Saturday, February 19 Jerusalem

Today is spent in Jerusalem, beginning with a visit to Hezekiah's Tunnel which leads from the Gihon Spring to the Pool of Siloam and where one may discover an engineering feat from the time of King Hezekiah by walking through the tunnel as it brings water to the city (some may prefer to walk the dry Canaanite Tunnel instead). Drive to Mount Zion and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu ("the cock crows") for the best view of what was early Jerusalem.



Visit the Upper Room, the possible site of the Last Supper. Continue to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. Visit the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the lame man. Nearby are the Church of St. Anne and the beginning of the Via Dolorosa. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.



Sunday, February 20 Dead Sea Area

Depart Jerusalem to head into the Dead Sea region to visit Qumran and view Cave #4 where the largest quantities of Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Continue to Masada, Herod's mountain fortress and the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots against the Roman army. Take a cable car to the top of the mountain to explore the ruins. On the drive back to Jerusalem, stop for a swim in the Dead Sea where the mineral rich waters make it impossible to sink. Upon arrival in Jerusalem, visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.



Monday, February 21 Jerusalem

Begin the day with a visit to the Shrine of the Book where many of the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept. See the Jerusalem Model, a scale model of what Jerusalem would have looked like during the time of Christ. Travel outside

Jerusalem to Bethlehem, stopping at the Shepherd's Fields where opportunity is given to enjoy lunch at a Bedouin tent. In Bethlehem, visit the Church of the Nativity and enjoy free time for shopping for olive wood products. Return to Jerusalem for a special farewell dinner at the Ambassador Hotel and to prepare for a late night departure for Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport for the return trip home.

Tuesday, February 22 USA

Arrive in the US with memories that will enrich your personal Bible study as well as experiences to prepare you to sell the excitement of this journey to family and friends and return to Israel as their host. This Preview Tour will well equip you to talk to others about the advantages of travel to the Holy Land!

Tour Price:

Pastor/ Event Coordinator: \$1,699 per person, based on double occupancy

Single Room Supplement: \$360

Tour Price Includes:

- Airfare from JFK
- Accommodations
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Services of experienced, English-speaking licensed guides
- Airport transfers in Israel
- Sightseeing and entrance fees
- Service charges and local taxes
- Tips to guides, drivers & hotel staff (approximately \$110)
- Airline taxes and Fuel surcharges (currently \$472, subject to change, passenger responsible for increase)

**Not Included:**

- Travel protection insurance
- Lunches

For further information, contact:

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# Tour Features & Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

**Air Transportation:** Air transportation is restricted to the services of any El Al Airlines carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price does not include current airline taxes and fuel surcharges (currently \$472), which are subject to change until ticketed. Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.

**Accommodations:** Based on two persons sharing a room with private facilities, including service charges and taxes. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge of \$360. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.

**Meals:** In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and Dinner daily. Opportunity will be given for lunches which are not included to be secured by tour members, at their own expense. Beverages with dinners are not included.

**Transfers and Baggage:** Transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. Due to limited luggage storage space on motorcoaches, it is **important** that each person bring only **ONE piece** of checked baggage, even though the airlines allow two. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.

**Sightseeing and Entrance Fees:** Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motorcoach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

**Tips and Taxes:** Service charges and taxes on accommodations are included. Tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included and are at tour member's own expense.

**Not Included:** Passport fee, travel protection insurance, meals not listed on itinerary, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to John F. Kennedy International Airport and vice versa is not included. Airline taxes and fuel surcharges are not included.

**Deposit and Payment:** Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$300 per person. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due December 16, 2010.

**MTS Cancellation Conditions:** Refund of full deposit (less \$100 administrative fee) will be made up to December 31, 2010. If cancellation occurs January 1, 2011 or later, there is no refund, and there is no refund for unused tour services.

**Protect Your Investment:** Upon receipt of your deposit, MTS Travel will send you information on purchasing travel protection, along with a tour confirmation. If you purchase the protection plan within 21 days of the date of your confirmation, any restriction on pre-existing conditions is waived. If protection plan is purchased after the 21 days, all coverage is subject to exclusion of pre-existing conditions. After purchasing travel protection, you will receive a detailed description of the protection plan, which you will have ten days to review. Certain conditions, exclusions and limitations apply as set out in the Evidence of Coverage and Confirmation of Coverage. Following is a brief description of travel protection coverage:

- This protection plan will cover you for cancellation fees if you need to cancel because of death, injury or illness to you, your traveling companion or your immediate family member.
- Trip Interruption or Delay
- Medical Evacuation
- Medical Expenses
- Lost, stolen or damaged baggage

**A valid passport is required.** If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining a passport will be provided upon receipt of deposit. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until August 23, 2011.

**All rates and fares are based on current information and are subject to change.** Rates are based on a minimum of 15 persons traveling together. Charges will be incurred for individual deviations or special requests apart from the group itinerary.

**The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program.** However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

**In the ever-changing world situation,** MTS TRAVEL recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit [www.mtstravel.com](http://www.mtstravel.com) and click "U.S. State Department Travel Warnings" in the middle of our home page.

**Photographs:** MTS TRAVEL reserves all rights to publish in printed media or the web ([mtstravel.com](http://mtstravel.com)) photographs taken during the tour. By participating in the tour you agree to grant permission to MTS TRAVEL to use photographs in which you may appear.

**Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions** should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

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## Preview Tour Questionnaire

(Both sides of this form must be completed to qualify for the Preview Tour)

If your group travels to the Preview Destination within 18 months of this tour, the Preview Tour price (Pastor/ Event Coordinator) is refundable.

Note: All Questions MUST be answered to qualify for Preview Tour.

1. Name of organization.

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2. Size of current active membership.

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3. Your position in the church.

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4. Does your group travel internationally?

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5. Have you hosted an international tour before?

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6. If yes, to what destination?

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7. Have you been to Israel before?  Yes  No If so, when?

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Please understand:

1. Space for this Preview tour is limited by suppliers and is offered only to Pastors and Event Coordinators. A copy of your Ordination Certificate or proof of leadership is required.
2. Deviations are not permitted during the Preview Tour. Tour participants must travel with the group while in Israel, and agree to participate in group tour activities.
3. This tour is designed to be an overview of the area and not a complete tour. This is an opportunity for you to preview the destination before you take your group.
4. Applications are subject to acceptance by suppliers and MTS TRAVEL.

### A Good Faith Commitment

I would like my application to be considered for travel on this Preview Tour departing February 14, 2011. I understand that this is a promotional tour designed only for prospective tour leaders, and that the tour is subsidized by El Al Airlines, NET Jerusalem and MTS TRAVEL. If I become a part of the tour, I will make a good faith commitment to promote and host a group of at least 15 paying passengers, with the help of MTS TRAVEL, to travel within 18 months of my return. I have read the contents of this application form, completed the form in its entirety, and have read the Tour Features and Conditions on the brochure, and I agree to them.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Holy Land Preview Tour Reservation Form

*All information must be completed on both sides of this form and all questions must be answered in order to qualify for the Preview Tour.*

Please complete and mail this application form with deposit of \$300 per person to Paige Vogie, MTS TRAVEL, 124 E. Main St., 4th Fl., Ephrata, PA 17522.

Please reserve space as follows on the  
Holy Land Preview Tour  
with MTS TRAVEL, February 14–22, 2011

Enclosed is my deposit check of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$300 per person.)  
Please make check payable to MTS TRAVEL.

*(Please Print)*

Name 1 (as it appears on passport):

\_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (evening) \_\_\_\_\_ (days) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Copies:** Please provide a clear photocopy of the photo and signature page of your passport. This is required for all international tours. If you do not have a current passport please provide your Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type:  Twin/Double Rooming With: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Single (Enclose add'l \$360 with deposit for a total deposit of \$660.)

## Credit Card Information:

Mastercard  Visa  Discover  American Express

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete BOTH SIDES of this form.**

➡ Detach and mail to Paige Vogie, MTS TRAVEL, 124 E. Main St., 4th FL, Ephrata, PA 17522