

Holy Land and Jordan Pilgrimage

March 3-14, 2012

Hosted by: Rev. Jim Aderman



This tour of the Holy Land is Pastor Jim Aderman's fifth journey to Israel and the surrounding countries. In addition to leading groups to Israel, he has led tours to Greece and Germany. He and his wife, Sharon, have also traveled to the Bahamas, England, Wales and Scotland as well as to many places in the United States. Pastor Aderman has served Fairview Evangelical Lutheran Church in Milwaukee since 1987, is a published author, and a photography enthusiast.



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Saturday, March 3 Departure

Depart late evening from Chicago O'Hare Airport on a transatlantic flight.

Sunday, March 4 Tel Aviv

After changing planes in Istanbul, arrive in Tel Aviv at Ben Gurion Airport early this evening. Drive through the agricultural stretches of the Sharon Plain, carpeted with orange groves and persimmon trees, to Netanya, along the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. Dinner and overnight at the Blue Bay Hotel.



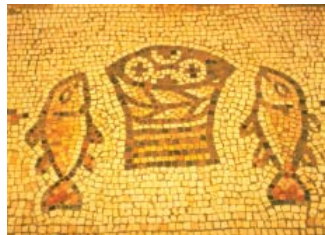
Monday, March 5 Netanya – The Galilee

This morning drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima with its magnificent harbor, theater and aqueduct constructed during the reign of Herod. It was here that Paul testified to the Roman governor that Jesus is the Savior. Ascend Mt. Carmel, site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal. Drive to the mound of Megiddo, *har megiddo* in Hebrew, which gave its name to Armageddon. Visit the Church of the Annunciation in Jesus' home town of Nazareth. Stop at Mt. Precipice, where the town folk tried to throw Jesus off the cliff. Take taxis through a series of switchbacks to the peak of Mount Tabor, which Christians have long identified as the "high mountain" of Matthew 17:1, the site of the Transfiguration. Continue to Kibbutz Ma'agan Holiday Village for dinner and overnight.



Tuesday, March 6 The Galilee

Drive to Kibbutz Nof Ginosar for a visit to the Yigal Museum displaying the ancient boat found buried under an exposed section of the lake bed during a drought in 1986. Follow the paths of Jesus' ministry, beginning on the



Mount of Beatitudes. Walk down the hill to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy at the northwestern shore of the lake. Continue to Capernaum to visit the synagogue and the place where early Christians remembered Peter's house. Drive north to Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas), a source of the Jordan at the foot of Mount Hermon—where Peter confessed his recognition of Jesus as the Christ. Sail across the Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat, pausing on the lake to consider the teachings and miracles of Jesus. Dinner and overnight at Ma'agan Holiday Village.

Wednesday, March 7 The Galilee – Amman

Begin the day at Yardinit, a popular baptism site where the water flows into the Jordan River, eventually flowing

into the Dead Sea. Drive to Beit Shean, the place where King Saul's body was displayed after his defeat at nearby Mt. Gilboa. Cross over into Jordan and stop at Jerash, site of the Decapolis city where Christians of Jerusalem took refuge during the first Jewish revolt against Rome. Attend the production of RACE, a chariot race show with a Roman legion of 40 men, 10 gladiators, and a stable of 20 horses. It is masterfully researched and dramatized in the Jerash hippodrome. Cross the Jabbok River, where Jacob wrestled with God. End the day in Amman, touring the ancient part of the city (citadel, museum, and Roman theater), with an overview of modern Amman. Dinner and overnight in Amman at the Regency Palace.



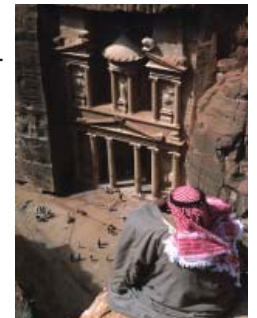
Thursday, March 8 Petra

Drive to Mount Nebo, from which God showed Moses the Promised Land. Visit nearby Madaba, with a mosaic floor from the 6th century showing a map of the Holy Land as Christian pilgrims knew it. Visit Bethany-Beyond-the-Jordan, where it is believed John the Baptist preached and possibly baptized Jesus. Experience Petra by night. Follow a path lit by 1,800 candles while enjoying Bedouin music at the Treasury. An out-of-this-world experience! Dinner and overnight at the Petra Panorama.



Friday, March 9 Petra

Enjoy the day exploring Petra. For hundreds of years, Petra was forgotten until it was rediscovered in 1812, and it must be entered on foot, camel, horse or donkey cart. The Nabateans carved breathtaking temples and monuments, 800 in number, out of the multi-colored sandstone. See the 3,000-seat theater, the Palace Tomb, the Monastery (Deir), and the Treasury, the most famous monument appearing dramatically at the end of the siq. Drive north to the Dead Sea Spa for dinner and overnight.



Saturday, March 10 Dead Sea – Jerusalem

Drive to the Allenby Bridge, crossing back into Israel. Stop at Jericho to visit the tel of this oldest city and view the traditional mountain of Jesus' temptation. Continue to Qumran to view Cave #4, which contained the greatest quantity of Dead Sea scrolls. Drive along the eastern shore of the Dead Sea to Ein Gedi, where David fled from King Saul and cut off a part of his robe. Enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea (weather permitting), where it is impossible to sink because of the high salt den-



sity. Take a cable car to the top of Masada, Herod's mountain bunker and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome. Finally, from the top of Mt. Scopus, behold the majestic Holy City of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem.

Sunday, March 11 Jerusalem

Begin the day on the Mt. of Olives for a breath-taking view of the Old City. Visit the Monastery of Pater Noster, where you can see the Lord's Prayer inscribed in 100 languages. Follow the traditional Palm Sunday route to the church known as Dominus Flevit ("the Lord weeps"). Walk downhill to Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Ascend to the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site of Islam, located on the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. See the Pool of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church before walking along the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the excavations on the Southern Steps. Overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.



Monday, March 12 Jerusalem / Bethlehem

Begin the day at Herodium, a mountain fortress built by Herod, where his tomb was discovered in 2007. Drive to Beit Sahour to see the Shepherd's Fields, and visit Solomon's Pools, Jerusalem's main source of water for almost 2000 years. Continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity. The remainder of the day will be spent at the International Center of Bethlehem, including time to meet with Mitri Raheb (if available), pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church. Enjoy dinner with local Christians at the restaurant at the International Center of Bethlehem. Overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.



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Tuesday, March 13 Jerusalem

Drive to Mt. Zion to see the Upper Room, possible site of the Last Supper. See the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu ("cock crow"), believed to be the site of Caiaphas' house where Jesus was tried and kept overnight. Continue to the New City to see the Model of Jerusalem, representing how the city looked on the eve of the Jewish revolt, 36 years after the Passion of Jesus. Visit the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Spend time at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial built to document the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, including the hall of Remembrance and the Children's Memorial. Worship at the Garden Tomb, a possible site of Jesus' resurrection. A special Middle Eastern farewell dinner will be prepared this evening by the chef at the Ambassador Hotel, which will include many of the foods commonly enjoyed by the people of the Holy Land. *Saha wa afiah—Hope you enjoy it!* Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.



Wednesday, March 14 Return to Chicago

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport early this morning for your flight home, arriving in Chicago late in the afternoon. Shalom!

Tour Price: \$3,549 per person, based on double occupancy

Single Room Supplement: \$650

Optional Group Insurance: \$210 per person (non-refundable)

Note: This tour price reflects special group rates. Deposits received after November 25, 2011, will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

Tour Price Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Chicago O'Hare Airport
- Accommodations as listed in itinerary, or similar
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary
- English-speaking guides throughout
- Driver and transportation in air-conditioned motor coaches
- Hotel service charges and local taxes
- Tips to guides, drivers and hotel staff (\$170)
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges (currently \$435; subject to change)

Tour Features and 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 IATA 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 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges of \$435, 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 or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge of \$650. 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 will be provided daily. Opportunity will be given for participants to purchase lunches on their own. 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 motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. 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 motor coach 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, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to XXXX Airport and return is not included. Checked luggage fee(s) charged by the airline.

Deposit and Payment: Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$500 per person. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due January 3, 2012.

MTS Cancellation Conditions: Refund of full deposit (less \$100 administrative fee) will be made up to November 25, 2011. If cancellation occurs between November 25, 2011 and February 2, 2012, a fee of \$500 will be charged plus unrecoverable airline, hotel and tour operator payments. There is no refund after February 2, 2012, or for unused tour services.

Protect Your Investment: MTS TRAVEL strongly recommends purchasing this primary insurance coverage. If you purchase the protection plan within 21 days or your deposit, 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. Certain conditions, exclusions and limitations apply as set out in the Evidence of Coverage and Confirmation of Coverage, which you will receive upon receipt of deposit. You will have ten days to review coverage and cancel your policy.

Following is a brief description of 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.
- Medical Evacuation: \$250,000
- Medical Expenses: \$25,000
- Baggage loss/delay: \$1,500/\$250

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 September 15, 2012. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens. A group visa for Jordan will be obtained for U.S. citizens at no extra charge, provided that a copy of the photo page of your passport is received in our office no later than January 3, 2012. Copies received after this date will incur an additional fee of \$100 for visa procurement.

All rates and fares are based on current information and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 22 persons traveling together.

Deviations: Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred.

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.

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Please reserve space as follows: Enclosed is my deposit check of \$_____ (\$500 per person.)

Please make check payable to MTS TRAVEL or complete the credit card payment information below.

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Passport Copies: Please provide a clear photocopy of the photo and signature page of your passport. This is required for all international tours.

Room Type: Twin/Double
 Single

Rooming With: _____

Travel Protection Insurance—Check One:

I/we wish to be covered by cancellation insurance.

(Include \$210 per person with your deposit check. The \$210 is not refundable.)

I/we do NOT wish to be covered by the cancellation insurance.

Credit Card Information:

Please Charge: My Deposit of \$_____ + \$_____ Travel Insurance = \$_____ Total Charge

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Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ Security Code: _____

I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein.

Signature: _____