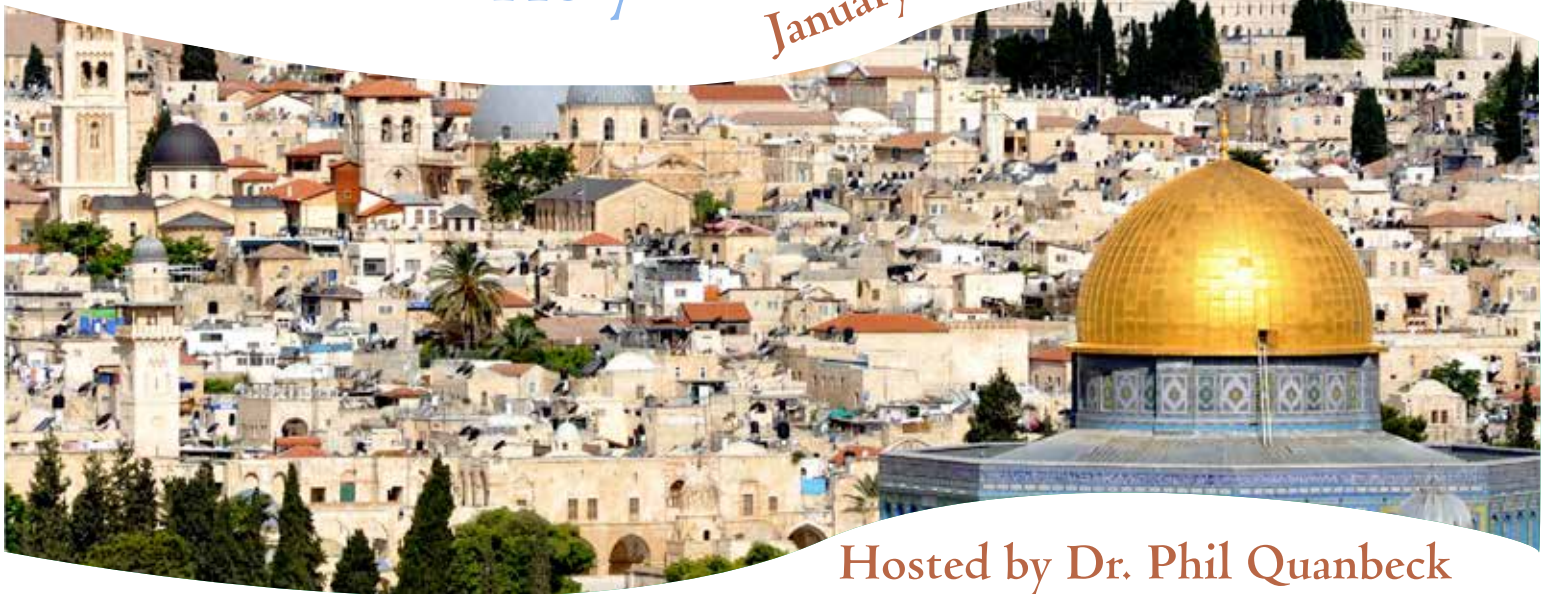


Journey to the Holy Land: Past, Present & People

January 4 - 17, 2016



Hosted by Dr. Phil Quanbeck
and Dr. Ruth Johnson

Program Highlights and Inclusions

Experience enrichment traveling with a community of travelers under the leadership and teaching of Dr. Phil Quanbeck and Dr. Ruth Johnson.



Be inspired on this customized and comprehensive travel experience visiting biblical places of the Older and New Testament.



Stay two nights in Bethlehem where along with the biblical sites meet and dialogue with local community leaders and learn about the ministry of the International Center of Bethlehem.



Visit Jordan with two nights at Petra featuring explorations of Madaba, Mt. Nebo, the ancient city of Petra and the recently opened baptismal site on the Jordan River.



Travel on international flights from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Tel Aviv on Delta Air Lines including current fuel surcharge and taxes.



Twelve nights of accommodations in combination of Superior Tourist Class, Moderate First Class and Superior First Class hotels, as described in the itinerary and based on shared occupancy. Supplement for single accommodations.



Savor local cuisine with 22 meals included of buffet breakfast daily and 11 dinners.



Be insured with included group travel insurance through Cultural Insurance Services International.

Hospitality and services of a professional, licensed Christian Palestinian tour manager/guide throughout Israel and Palestine and a professional, licensed Jordanian tour manager/guide during visit to Jordan.



Comfort in traveling in private, deluxe motorcoaches for all transfers and touring throughout the program itinerary and including baggage handling of one piece at hotels.



Gratuities for tour manager/guides, motorcoach drivers and hotel and restaurant staff along with border taxes and visa processing for visit to Jordan.

Your Program Hosts

Phil Quanbeck II, Ph.D., is a religion professor at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minnesota and his wife, Ruth Johnson, MD, is a physician at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. Together they have led adult study tours to Israel and Palestine and to Greece and Turkey. Dr. Quanbeck is an academic with a Ph.D. in New Testament and is an ordained Lutheran minister. **Dr. Ruth Johnson** practices internal medicine and chairs the Mayo Spirituality in Healthcare Committee.

Highlights include a visit with the Christian community in Bethlehem, an exploration of the spectacular ancient ruins at Petra, and a meeting with representatives of the Parents' Grief Circle, Palestinian and Israeli parents who have lost a family member in the conflict. Prior to departing on this special journey, there will be opportunities for study and preparation with fellow travelers.

Customized Program Itinerary

Monday, January 4 MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL DEPARTURE. Depart this evening on a Delta Air Lines flight to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport.

Tuesday, January 5 TEL AVIV ARRIVAL. Flight arrival this morning in Paris with connection to Air France flight to Tel Aviv airport. Upon late afternoon arrival in the Holy Land, receive a greeting of shalom and salaam from your tour manager/guide along with an awaiting private motorcoach for transfer to **DAN PANORAMA HOTEL** in Tel Aviv for dinner and a night's rest. (D)

Wednesday, January 6 TEL AVIV/GALILEE. This morning leave Tel Aviv traveling northward through the Sharon Plain to Caesarea and discover the city built by Herod and where Apostle Paul was imprisoned. Continue to the archeological site of ancient **Megiddo** to walk among the remains and take in a spectacular panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley. Descend to the shore of the Sea of Galilee, about 600 feet below sea level, to **KIBBUTZ NOF GINOSAR** to begin a three-night stay at this famous guesthouse. Dinner this evening at the kibbutz. (B,D)

Thursday, January 7 GALILEE. This morning enjoy a beautiful panoramic view over the sea at the **Mount of Beatitudes**, site of Sermon on the Mount. Travel into the Upper Galilee to the springs of **Banias Nature Reserve**, the location of Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou are Christ." Continue to **Tel Dan National Park**, to discover the remains the capital of the ancient northern kingdom. The Dan River, one of the sources of the Jordan River, flows through the reserve. Return to the shores of the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Friday, January 8 GALILEE. Drive into the Galilean hills this morning to Nazareth for visits to the Synagogue Church where it is believed Jesus first learned, prayed and preached and the Basilica of Annunciation. Return to shores of the Sea of Galilee and the area of Tabgha for visits to the Church of the Multiplication commemorating the miracle of loaves and fishes and along the shore the place believed to be where Jesus appeared and ate with His disciples after resurrection. Explore the excavations of the city of **Capernaum**, where Jesus began preaching. End the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight at guesthouse. (B,D)

Saturday, January 9 GALILEE/PETRA. Leave the Galilee traveling south into the Jordan River Valley. Arrive into Jordan at the Sheikh Hussein crossing, allowing time for border formalities. An awaiting Jordanian tour manager/guide and motorcoach provides the travel southward to Petra. En route visit the **new baptismal site** along the Jordan River and stop at Mt. Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Continue to the **PETRA MARIOTT HOTEL** for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Sunday, January 10 PETRA. A day of discovery at **Petra**, a vast Nabataean city carved into the sheer red-rock 2,000 years ago. Enter through the Siq, a narrow gorge flanked by high cliffs to the treasury. Walk among hundreds of elaborate rock-cut tombs with intricate carvings, a Roman-style theatre, obelisks, temples and colonnaded streets. Overlooking the valley is a monastery accessible via 800 stairs and time is provided for an optional climb. Dinner and overnight at Petra hotel. (B,D)

Monday, January 11 PETRA/BETHLEHEM. Leave Petra early this morning returning to Israel crossing over the King Hussein/Allenby Bridge, with time allowed again for border formalities. Time permitting, perhaps a lunch break in Jericho. Ascend to almost

3,000 feet above sea level into the hills around Jerusalem. Proceed into nearby Bethlehem for a two-night stay. Dinner and overnight at **ST. GABRIEL HOTEL** in Bethlehem. (B,D)

Tuesday, January 12 BETHLEHEM. Morning visit to the Church of the Nativity built over the traditional site where Jesus is believed to have been born. Conversation with a Palestinian community leader at Dheisheh, a refugee camp established in 1949. Visit to the **International Center of Bethlehem** and **Christmas Lutheran Church** and possible meeting this afternoon with Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, pastor, author and president of Dar al-Kalima University. Rev. Raheb's most recent book is Faith in the Face of Empire: The Bible Through Palestinian Eyes. End the day in the Fields of the Shepherds and some shopping time at the Gloria store in Beit Sahour. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Bethlehem. (B,D)

Wednesday, January 13 BETHLEHEM/JERUSALEM. Leave Bethlehem early this morning for Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. Enjoy a memorable panoramic introduction of Jerusalem before walking the Palm Sunday Road to Garden of Gethsemane. Continue into West Jerusalem for a reflective visit of **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust museum and memorial. Discover more about the city's history from a magnificent **scale model of Jerusalem** during Jesus' lifetime at the Israel Museum and see the Dead Sea Scrolls on display in the Shrine of the Book. Return to hotel for an early evening meeting with two members of the Palestinian-Israeli bereavement group, **Parents Circle-Families Forum**, an organization promoting reconciliation. Later dinner this evening and overnight at **OLIVE TREE HOTEL** in Jerusalem. (B,D)

Thursday, January 14 JERUSALEM OLD CITY. Explore Jerusalem's Old City visiting the Western Wall and the **Southern Wall excavations**. View the Temple Mount upon which the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa Mosque are located. Visit the Pool of Bethesda and nearby St. Anne's Church. Trace some of the Way of the Cross through the bazaars. Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the site of crucifixion. End the day at the Church of the Redeemer with a greeting from the pastor of the English-speaking ministry and perhaps take the climb up the church's tower for a spectacular view of the Old City. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Jerusalem. (B,D)

Friday, January 15 JERUSALEM/DEAD SEA VISIT. Full day excursion to the Dead Sea area today. In just over an hour, descend from 3,000 feet above sea level to 1,200 feet below, the lowest place on earth. View the caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Ride the cable car to the top of **Masada** where Herod built a palace and the Jewish Zealots resisted the Romans. Try a float in the Dead Sea at the Ein Gedi spa. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,D)

Saturday, January 16 JERUSALEM. Leisure time today to explore the city on own and prepare for tomorrow's early morning departure. Optional small group visit this morning to Augusta Victoria Hospital, located at top Mount Scopus and managed by the Lutheran World Federation (additional cost for taxi). Final group dinner at hotel. (B,D)

Sunday, January 17 JERUSALEM DEPARTURE. Very early morning transfer to airport for departure on KLM Airlines Royal Dutch Airlines flight for Amsterdam. Connection to a Delta Air Lines

*Included meals: B=breakfast, D=dinner
Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.
Click hotel names or other sites in blue for website link.*

Passport, Visa, Health, and Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html. No vaccinations are required for U.S. citizens to enter Israel/Palestine. U.S. citizens require a visa for entry into Jordan, which is processed by Seminars International.

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and any visa requirements for the countries visited and need to travel with a permanent resident card or other proper documentation to enter back into the U.S. Without proper documents for any part of this program, entry could be denied at participant's expense. For international travel information including country specific background, travel alerts and travel warnings, refer to the website of the U.S. State Department: www.travel.state.gov/travel/.

This travel program requires walking on uneven surfaces, steps and inclines for significant distances and periods during some days in the itinerary. All tours and visits in the Old City of Jerusalem are by foot. Consult with Seminars International or your tour leadership if you have concerns or questions about the amount and level of walking in order to fully participate in the travel program.

Websites for additional travel and destination information:

Israel Ministry of Tourism
www.goisrael.com
Palestine Travel Information
www.visitpalestine.ps
Petra National Trust
www.petranationaltrust.org

Program Cost

\$4,725 from Minneapolis/St. Paul

Supplement for single accommodations - \$885

Limited availability of single accommodations.

This comprehensive cost includes airline ticket taxes/fuel surcharge of \$748, gratuities and CISI group insurance (approx. \$75 value).

These costs are often not packaged into other travel programs and instead mentioned as additional costs in the fine print.

Program cost based on a group size of 27 and will increase if group size is smaller.

Registration

For your registration confirmation, you must complete the enrollment form and make your deposit payment. You need your passport details (unless you are in the process of applying for a passport) and information for an emergency contact to properly fill out the enrollment form.

Step 1: \$600 deposit due immediately to secure registration, based on availability. Make check payable to Seminars International Inc. and mail to Seminars International Inc., 55 E. Monroe, Suite 2870, Chicago, IL 60603. Please add **Tour# 4728** to the memo portion of your check

Payment is available by credit card at <http://www.semint.com/payments.html> or by calling 800.541.7506.

A 3% service fee is added to all credit card transactions.

Step 2: If this is an electronic brochure, click below to fill out the enrollment form per person. Your **T# is 4728**. Deposit payment must arrive within 10 days of completing enrollment form to maintain your registration. A letter of confirmation is emailed when deposit is received. The enrollment form may also be provided by contacting Jeaneen Lincoln at 800-541-7506 or jeaneen@semint.com.

Passport Name: Check your passport and complete this form with your **full name exactly as it appears on your passport**. Include your middle name or initial plus any suffix (Jr., Sr., or III) exactly as printed on your passport. If you do not have a passport at this time, please enter your name exactly as it will appear on the passport. Name change fees apply if you submit incorrect information.

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Further Information

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Statement of Conditions

Program cost and minimum number group size: \$4,725, based on a group size of 27 participants. \$4,895, based on a group size of 22-26 participants. Program cost will increase if group size is smaller. *Program cost based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of May 6, 2015 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%.*

Air transportation included in cost: From Minneapolis/St. Paul to Tel Aviv on currently confirmed airfare by Delta Air Lines, subject to restrictions and cancellation penalties by the airline; current taxes and surcharges of \$748 are included and subject to change until ticketed.

Surface travel and transfers: By private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring plus handling of one piece of baggage in/out of hotels.

Accommodations and meals: Shared occupancy at hotels as indicated or similar with buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Single accommodations supplement is \$885. Upon request, Seminars International Inc. and tour host assists participants traveling as a single to arrange for a roommate. If no roommate is secured, the single supplement is assessed.

Program arrangements: Professional, licensed English-speaking tour manager/guides throughout itinerary; inside visits include entrance fees or donations as needed; audio headsets in Israel and Palestine; current Israel and Jordan border taxes and processing of visa for entry into Jordan; speaker honorariums; gratuities for tour manager/guides, motorcoach drivers, and hotel/restaurant wait staff. **Note:** Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Handicap accessibility varies significantly from country to country

Deposit and payment schedule: \$600 per participant due to secure enrollment no later than **September 6, 2015 as long space is available.** A waiting list is maintained when registrations exceed 27. **Full payment due October 29, 2015.** Upon receipt of enrollment and deposit, a confirmation of registration is sent by Seminars International, Inc via email. Any payments by credit card incur an additional 3% to cover merchant fees. Invoices are sent in advance of final payment.

Group insurance: The following Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance coverage is included for each participant. **This insurance does not include individual trip cancellation and pre-existing medical condition coverage and consideration for additional insurance is highly recommended.** Schedule of Benefits Policy # GLM N0496486A

Coverage and Services Maximum Limits:

- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Per Insured Person \$10,000
- Medical expenses (per Covered Accident or Sickness):
- Deductible zero
- Basic Medical \$100,000 at 100%
- Home Country Coverage Limit \$10,000
- Emergency Medical Reunion \$3,000
- Team Assist Plan (TAP): 24/7 medical, travel, technical assistance
- Emergency Medical Evacuation 100% of Covered Expenses
- Repatriation/Return of Mortal Remains 100% of Covered Expenses
- Security Evacuation (Comprehensive) \$100,000

Refer to <http://www.semint.com/pdf/CISI.pdf> for further information regarding your group plan.

Cancellation and refund policy: Should cancellation occur prior to 120 days before departure, the initial deposit will be refunded less a \$100 fee per person. The following specified costs are non-refundable: 120-90 days: half of deposit, 89-60 days: full deposit; 59-46 days: 50% of program price; 45-15 days: recoverable costs only (possible forfeiture of entire program cost); **cancellations received less than 15 days from departure will receive no refund. Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date**

such notification is received by Seminars International, Inc. is the cancellation date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

The person(s) identified as leader or host is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Seminars International. Should unlikely circumstances occur and require a change in leadership, a program leader of similar background will be selected and the travel program will continue to operate

Exclusions: Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; baggage handling at airports or border crossings; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; cancellation insurance; non tour related gratuities; departure taxes not included on air ticket; passport fees; increases in air ticket taxes or fuel surcharge; increases in VAT or increases in border taxes or Jordan visa fee.

Management and responsibility: Seminars International (SI) acts only as an agent and neither SI nor any employee or appointee nor any other person, party or organization or agency collaborating with it is or shall be responsible or liable for any injury or loss, accident or damage, delay or deviation or curtailment, howsoever caused or arising or the consequences thereof, which may occur during any part of the travel or program or during such free time as the members may elect to spend independently on program. The airlines or commercial carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contracts in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, will constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this program and/or passenger.

Deviations policy: Some participants may wish to extend their stay, originate or deplane from different cities or purchase the land only program. Early departures are not permitted. Every effort will be made to assist program participants who require deviations in the group air and/or land arrangements for a \$100 per person service charge, plus any additional charges levied by the airline or other supplier. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Please note you are purchasing a group program and any deviation from the program arrangements requires staff time not calculated in the program cost. No refund may be granted to participants who wish to omit portions of the itinerary. **All deviation requests must be submitted in writing no later than September 26, 2015.**

Seminars International

Seminars International, with over four decades of experience crafting faith-based, educational, performing arts and special interest programs on seven continents, is proud of a proven record in providing attention to detail, safety, security, creativity and value. Our services allow faith-based leaders to focus on the spiritual and educational goals of their program while we take care of the travel logistics, providing peace of mind and 24/7 support from beginning to end.

Custom Design - We design customized faith-based international programs sensitive to the needs and interests of a group while focusing on value and affordability.

Pre-Departure - Our services include customized participant travel e-packets and tour literature focusing on being prepared and responsible travelers.

While Abroad - Our network of on-the-ground international partners, along with our Chicago-based team, stand ready 24/7 to support and assistance while on tour, particularly with an emergency situation.

Program Evaluation - Upon return we invite you to complete an evaluation to share feedback on how we may enhance your experience in the future.

Israel/Palestine and Jordan Travel Conditions, Travel Warning and Travel Insurance

Seminars International, Inc. has recently arranged and operated travel programs to Israel/Palestine and Jordan and is in regular communication with the U.S. Department of State and our in-country partners for current updates. Israel, the West Bank and Gaza have been under a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning since October of 2000. The current travel warning, updated February 18, 2015, is available at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html>. Be assured we are constantly monitoring the conditions.

There is currently no Travel Warning for Jordan.

If the conditions for travel would change and the U.S. Department of State updates the warning informing U.S. citizens that travel to Israel/Palestine or Jordan should be deferred or Seminars International has information that safe travel was compromised, the tour would be adjusted, postponed or cancelled depending on the circumstances. This itinerary does not include any visits to the Gaza Strip and has been planned with every safety measure in mind from its inception. If any safety concerns would develop during your time in Israel/Palestine or Jordan, adjustments will be made with the itinerary to avoid any areas that could be considered unsafe.

All participants must read the travel warning and agree to the travel warning release waiver found on the online enrollment form.

Financial risk should tour cancel:

If any political/civil unrest would change the travel conditions and Seminars International, Inc. and the tour leadership has information the group could be in danger, the tour will be adjusted, postponed or possibly canceled. In the case of the program being cancelled for this reason, all in-country land costs associated with the tour will be refunded to each participant less a \$200 administrative fee.

Depending on the specifics of the situation, the airline may or may not reimburse each participant for their airline ticket. If the airline cancels flights, then the airfare is reimbursed. If flights are not cancelled and Seminars International and tour leadership, cancels the program due to a change in travel conditions, there is a risk the airline will not refund the airfare but allow you to use the value towards other flights within a 12 month period of time. There is no guarantee about the airline policy as it depends on the specifics of the situation and decisions made at the time. The airfare for this program is approximately \$1,500 per ticket including taxes and fuel surcharges. Please be advised of this financial risk. For those purchasing your own airline tickets, be aware the tour could be altered, postponed or cancelled due to a change in travel conditions and you would be responsible for requesting a refund or changing your own airline ticket.

Travel insurance:

CISI group insurance included in program cost covers evacuation and major medical as described under the Statement of Conditions. Comprehensive travel cancellation insurance and coverage for preexisting medical conditions is not included. Travel cancellation insurance is highly recommended for health situations that may prevent you from traveling or interrupt your travels. Seminars International recommends Travel Guard as a reliable provider of travel cancellation insurance. You may access information on insurance coverage options and premium costs using this link to [Travel Guard](#) and completing a simple worksheet with your own personal details. For specific questions about coverage, call Travel Guard at 800-826-4919 and use agency referral number 14847980 for Seminars International. When purchasing travel insurance, carefully and thoroughly read the coverage to ensure it meets your individual needs. Purchasing travel insurance within 15 days of enrollment may waive pre-existing medical conditions.

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