



ISRAEL, PALESTINE & PETRA: JOURNEY PAST TO PRESENT

May 27 – June 7, 2017 12 Days

Optional extension to Jordan: June 7-10

Hosted by Prof. Phil Quanbeck and Dr. Ruth Johnson

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

SAT 27 MAY

Depart USA

Your meaningful journey to the Holy Land begins today. Depart Minneapolis/St. Paul and connect at JFK with the overnight, transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv aboard Delta Air Lines. (Meals in-flight)

SUN 28 MAY

Arrive Tel Aviv/Netanya

Upon late afternoon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you will be met by your guide and driver. Transfer to a hotel at Netanya for dinner and overnight. (Meals in-flight, D)

MON 29 MAY

Netanya/Galilee

On the Mediterranean coast tour the site of Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor from where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Lunch in Caesarea at the Port Café. Proceed into the valley of Megiddo. See the shaft and tunnel made by one of the twenty civilizations that built cities on this land. Drive to your hotel on the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. Scots Hotel (B, L, D) www.scotshotels.co.il

TUE 30 MAY

Galilee

Visit the "Jesus Boat" followed by a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. See the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum; this is where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and others. Drive along the shore to Tabgha for visits to the Church of Multiplication, built on the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee. Continue north to Caesarea Philippi, Mt. Hermon and the Golan Heights. Scots Hotel (B, D)

WED 31 MAY

Galilee

Morning departure for Nazareth. Stop at the precipice overlooking Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. See the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Then tour Nazareth Village, a living history farm and village that presents the life, times and teachings of Jesus. Visit the archaeological site at Bet She'an where excavations have revealed ruins of major archaeological significance; the history of the site goes back into the 4th millennium B.C.E., through King Saul's time, the Roman era and right up to the 21st Century. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Scots Hotel (B, D)

THU 01 JUN

Galilee/Bethlehem

Travel to Bethlehem and upon 9:30A arrival meet for an introduction to Diyar Ministries with Angus Saba, and tour the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB) and Christmas Lutheran Church, then visit Dar al-Kalima University College and Dar Al-Kalima Health and Wellness Center. Meet with Pastor Mitri Raheb (subject to availability) to learn about the varied ministries of the Diyar Consortium and how the church empowers Palestinians by fostering training for employment, and creativity among local children. This afternoon visit Herodion – the hilltop castle and tomb built by Herod the Great. Drive to Hebron to visit the Tombs of the Patriarchs (traditional burial site of Abraham and Sarah) at the Ibrahimi Mosque. Hotel check-in and dinner. St. Gabriel Hotel (B, D) www.st-gabrielhotel.com

FRI 02 JUN

Bethlehem

This morning meet with a settler at Efrat Israeli Settlement and visit Deheishe Refugee Camp. Visit Shepherds' Fields at Beit Sahour where you will view Bethlehem as the might have on the night of Jesus' birth. Return to Bethlehem for a walking tour of the Old City, including a visit to the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. St. Gabriel Hotel (B, D)

You are invited on a Holy Lands journey that will bring the Bible alive and also encounter the lives of people now living in Israel/Palestine. We will visit places associated with the Old and New Testaments, the life of Jesus and the early church from Galilee to Jerusalem and more. Along with the biblical stories, with close attention to history and archaeology, we will also engage people: Jews, Christians and Muslims, working to find paths to peace in Israel/Palestine. An added distinction in this journey will be spending time in Bethlehem visiting not only the Church of



the Nativity but meeting Palestinian Christians and learning about their work and witness to peace and justice. Your leaders are Ruth Johnson, MD, of Mayo Clinic and Phil Quanbeck, Ph.D., religion professor at Augsburg College. Phil's doctoral studies in Old and New Testaments at Princeton Theological Seminary enrich his ability to deal with the texts and contexts of the Bible.

Both Dr. Ruth and Dr. Phil have a love and a passion for these lands of the Bible and for the living witness of the people of faith who live there today. We would like to have you join us for this meaningful and timely journey.

SAT 03 JUN

Bethlehem

Travel through the Jordan Valley to ancient Jericho to view the Mount of Temptation and the site of the oldest city in the world. In Jericho see where Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus as he passed through the town (Luke 19:1-4). Drive to Masada and take the cable car to the top. On this rocky plateau, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors. Visit the Dead Sea - there will be time for an optional float in this unique body of water at the Ein Gedi spa. Stop at Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Conclude your day with a relaxing Bedouin-style dinner before returning to Bethlehem for overnight. St. Gabriel Hotel (B, D)

SUN 04 JUN

Bethlehem/Jerusalem

View the Separation Wall as you travel through the checkpoint to Jerusalem. Attend the English language worship service at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem followed by fellowship. Embark on a walking tour of the Old City along the Via Dolorosa to experience the Stations of the Cross, viewing the last few Stations located inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. End the day in the tranquil surroundings of the Garden Tomb. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Notre Dame Center (B, D) www.notredamecenter.org/?page_id=188

MON 05 JUN

Jerusalem

This morning visit the Temple Mount/Haram al Sharif and see the golden Dome of the Rock, an important symbol of the Muslim faith (inside visits not permitted). Walk through the Jewish quarter to see the Roman cardo and the Western Wall, considered to be one of the holiest sites in Jewish tradition. This evening there will be a presentation by a representative of the Parents' Circle of both Israeli and Palestinian bereaved parents. Notre Dame Center (B, D)

TUE 06 JUN

Jerusalem/Departure

Ascend to the Mount of Olives to visit Augusta Victoria Hospital and learn about the healing work provided to Palestinians by this arm of Lutheran World Federation. Enjoy a breathtaking view of Jerusalem before walking down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of all Nations. Visit with the English-speaking pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and learn about the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). There will be a bit of time for last minute shopping. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening. Note that hotel rooms will be available until departure. After dinner transfer to the airport for flight check-in and departure after midnight. Those going on the optional extension will remain overnight at the hotel. Notre Dame Center (B, D)

WED 07 JUN

Return to USA

Connect this morning at JFK with the continuing flight to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Arrive home this same day enriched with your many discoveries in the Holy Land. Or depart on the optional extension to Jordan. (Meals in-flight)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.
Speakers subject to availability.

JORDAN EXTENSION

WED 07 JUN

Jerusalem/Petra

This morning transfer to the Allenby Bridge crossing to Jordan and meet your Jordanian guide, driver and coach. Drive to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land and enjoy the dramatic view of the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond. Then visit the village of Madeba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land. Continue through the vast desert to the village of Wadi Musa, which embraces the entrance to Petra – one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World. Petra Guesthouse (B, D) www.guesthouse-petra.com

THU 08 JUN

Petra

Two thousand years ago the Nabateans carved a city out of rose red rock and it was rediscovered in 1812. Today you will discover the formerly lost city of Petra during a guided tour. Begin by walking through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon that opens upon the Treasury, El Khazneh, one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures. Enjoy a full day of touring this amazing, once-hidden world. Petra Guesthouse (B, D)

FRI 09 JUN Petra/Amman/Tel Aviv/Departure

Depart on the northbound journey to the Jordanian capital city of Amman. Meet with members of the local Lutheran church. Then visit Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan, which has received recognition as the likely site where John baptized Jesus. Nearby visit the new Lutheran chapel. Cross the Allenby Bridge and meet a local guide and driver. Stop for dinner en route to the airport. Arrive at Ben Gurion for flight check-in and departure after midnight. (B, D, Meals in-flight)

SAT 10 JUN

Arrive USA

Connect this morning at JFK with the continuing flight to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Arrive home this same day enriched with a new understanding of the ancient world and the Bible. (Meals in-flight)

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due January 20, 2017. Final payment is due March 23, 2017. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to January 19, 2017 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; January 20 - May 12, 2017 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 13, 2017 or after - No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than January 20, 2017. A minimum fee of \$175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ☒ **AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul via Delta Air Lines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ☒ **ACCOMMODATION:** Ten nights accommodation in five star hotels and four star Christian guesthouse, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- ☒ **MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily with one lunch as outlined in the itinerary.
- ☒ **GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- ☒ **SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- ☒ **PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- ☒ **EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- ☒ **GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$132 per person has been included).
- ☒ **TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$699 per person).
- ☒ **ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

COST SUMMARY

\$4799

From Minneapolis/St. Paul

Tour Gratuities (\$132).....Included
Airport /Departures Taxes (\$699).....Included
Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room.....\$899
In addition to base tour cost. Limited availability.

Extension to Jordan.....\$849

Includes: Two nights in superior tourist class hotel, double occupancy; breakfast/dinner daily; transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach; entrance fees; luggage handling of one piece per person; experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Jordan to departure from Jordan plus assistance in Israel; gratuities to drivers and guides; entry visa for Jordan; border taxes. Single Room Supplement = \$119.

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of June 2016, a minimum of 22 travelers (12 on the optional extension), and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only. *Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.*

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens visiting Israel/Palestine; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#170514 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

1. _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ ☐ I will pay the supplement for a single room. ☐ Sign me/us up for the extension to Jordan.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- ☐ I/We will take the group flights from Mpls/St. Paul.
- ☐ I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- ☐ I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.

Please contact GTD for land-only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$_____ \$673 per person **inclusive of travel protection** for the main tour only.
- \$_____ \$720 per person **inclusive of travel protection** for the main tour and extension to Jordan.
- \$_____ \$400 per person **without travel protection.**
- I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Form of Payment

- ☐ Check
- ☐ Charge my deposit(s) to
- Credit Card # _____
- Exp _____
- Security Code _____
- Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#170514

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION

Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174. Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

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| Trip Cancellation..... | up to Tour Cost* |
| Trip Interruption..... | up to 150% of Tour Cost** |
| Travel Delay..... | \$750 |
| Missed Connection..... | \$300 |
| Baggage..... | \$1,000 |
| Baggage Delay..... | \$200 |
| Medical Expense..... | \$50,000 |
| Evacuation/Repatriation..... | \$500,000 |
| Accidental Death..... | \$10,000 |
| Political Emergency Evacuation..... | \$100,000 |
| ID Theft Resolution Services..... | included |
| Assistance Service..... | included |

* a maximum of \$5000 per person

** a maximum of \$7500 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$273 per person (\$320 with the optional extension). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.

This document contains highlights of the plan. The Plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. Fairmont Specialty and Crum & Forster are registered trademarks of United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2015. The Plan also contains non insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization, OnCall International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.

EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>

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