



# A Journey to the Holy Land

## Israel Familiarization Tour

*January 18 - 28, 2011*

### **Tuesday, January 18, 2011 • Depart USA**

### **Wednesday, January 19, 2011 • Tel Aviv**

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's **Ben Gurion Airport**, our Israeli host assists us with customs and immigration, along with the transfer of our luggage. We then board a motor coach, meet our guide, and drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to our hotel. We enjoy dinner and stay the night in **Tel Aviv. D**

### **Thursday, January 20, 2011 • Sea of Galilee**

Following a very special Israeli breakfast, which we enjoy each morning, our first day of sightseeing begins with a ride north up the coast to **Caesarea**, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. We visit the **Roman Theater**, the **Roman Aqueduct**, and the **Herodian Port**. The day continues with a trip to **Megiddo**, the Chariot City for Solomon and Ahab, where we explore the vast archaeological remains of this ancient city. It is then a short ride to **Mount Carmel** and the **Mukhraka**, where Elijah faced the prophets of Baal and brought down the fire of God. This affords us a magnificent panorama view of the mountains of Samaria, Gilboa, Gilead, and the entire Jezreel Valley. A late afternoon trip is planned at the **Kibbutz Maagan** along the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**. We end the day at the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. **B/D**

### **Friday, January 21, 2011 • Sea of Galilee**

Today's program begins with a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee, where we participate in song, Scripture readings, and prayer on the water before arriving at the shore for a ride to **Tabgha**, the site of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fish and Peter's primacy. Next, we visit the **Mount of the Beatitudes**, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. Then we drive to **Capernaum**, where Jesus lived during most of His years of ministry and where He chose His first disciples: James, Simon, John, and Andrew. We visit the remains of an ancient synagogue whose foundations date back to the time of Jesus, as well as Peter's house. Our tour also takes us to **Nazareth** via **Cana**. This evening we relax with dinner and overnight by the Sea of Galilee. **B/D**

### **Saturday, January 22, 2011 • Jerusalem**

The day begins along the road to Damascus and includes a visit to **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter made his great confession of faith and where Jesus told of His coming death and resurrection. A visit is then planned for the **Golan Heights**, the scene of bitter fighting during the Six Day War. We also enjoy the view of the snowcapped peak of **Mount Hermon**, the highest mountain in the Middle East. We stop at **Yardenit**, the famous baptismal site at the headwaters of the Jordan River, where we will be invited to touch the water. Next we are on to **Beth-Shean** where we visit the biggest archaeological excavations in Israel today. We conclude the day by driving to **Jerusalem** where we enjoy dinner and overnight. **B/D**

### **Sunday, January 23, 2011 • Jerusalem**

We drive to the top of the **Mount of Olives** where we enjoy a breath taking panoramic view of the Old City and the Kidron Valley. Then it's a short walk down along the **Palm Sunday Way** to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We cross the **Kidron Valley** and drive to the top of **Mount Zion** for a visit to the **room of the Last Supper** (Cenaculum) and the traditional **tomb of King David**. We walk along the **Armenian** and the **Jewish Quarter** to the **Western (Wailing) Wall**, Judaism's most holy site. In the afternoon, we have a special meeting with the Mayor of Jerusalem or one of his representatives. Before ending our day, we spend some time at **Yad Vashem** (Holocaust Museum) with the resolution of never allowing something like this to happen again. **B/D**

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### Monday, January 24, 2011 • Jerusalem

Today we begin with a drive along the shore of the **Dead Sea** to **Massada**, the winter fortress of King Herod the Great. After ascending the mountain by cable car, we see the excavated storehouses, baths, and homes of this biblical society which make up one of Israel's great archaeological treasures. We hear the story of the Jewish Zealots who, in 73 A.D., fought against the Roman legions and their commander, Flavius Silva, and how 965 men, women, and children chose to die rather than submit to the advancing Roman army. Departing Massada, we drive along **Ein Gedi**, where David had his famed meeting with King Saul. Finally, we visit **Qumran**, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1974. If weather permits, you may want to **float** in the special waters of the Dead Sea. The day concludes with a drive along the ancient pilgrim's route into Jerusalem. **B/D**

### Tuesday, January 25, 2011 • Jerusalem

Today's program brings us to the Old City of Jerusalem for a visit to the **Sisters of Zion Monastery** and **Ecce Homo** (site of Jesus' scourging) where we see authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following visits to **Saint Anne's Church** and the **Pool of Bethesda**, a walk is planned through the colorful **Arab Bazaar** where the sounds and smells of the Middle East come alive. We walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Our next stop is at the Israel Museum where we see the **Scale Model** of the Ancient City of Jerusalem giving us an idea of the layout of the city as it appeared in biblical times. We also see the **Menorah** at the **Knesset gates**. We end the day at **Calvary** and the **Garden Tomb**. This evening includes a very special communion service, a closing session and a farewell dinner. **B/D**

### Wednesday, January 26, 2011 • Return to USA

We say goodbye and board our flight back home.

Abbreviations for Meals: **B**=breakfast **D**=dinner



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**Please call for  
a registration form.**

**Tour Price: \$1,639\* per person**

*\*based on a minimum of 10 participants  
plus estimated taxes at \$490*

**Single Supplement \$300** (subject availability)

#### Your FAM Includes:

- **Round trip air** from Newark to Tel Aviv
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout the tour
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** for services provided

#### Your FAM Does Not Include:

- Roundtrip connecting **Airfare** to Newark
- Airport taxes, airlines taxes and fuel charges
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees  
(*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, cancellation and baggage  
(*This insurance is available and highly recommended.*)

**Payment Schedule:** A deposit of \$200 is due with FAM reservation. Final Payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. *Early registration is encouraged.*

**Refund/Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be in writing. The date of post-mark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 100 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$100 cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines will be assessed. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive no refund. *Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.*

**\*If you choose to travel with a group of 15 or more participants from your church in the future your subsequent tour will be free**

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