

ISRAEL

THE JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION...



Logistics

Where: Israel

Date: November 4-14, 2017

Cost: \$3.995

(\$3,895 if registered before April 4)

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Maximum Number: 35

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Overview:

We will journey into the scriptures as we walk where Jesus walked and performed many of his miracles. During the course of our ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, you will experience the text of the Bible literally leap off the page as we read the stories in the places they happened, and engage the world of the Bible in historical and cultural contexts.

Ideal for:

Those who are hungry to see the words of the Bible come alive as they fall deeper in love with Jesus. **Cost:** \$3,995

This amount includes everything: airfare from McAllen to Israel, all lodging and meals while in Israel. It also covers all travel and sight-seeing throughout Israel. A \$500.00 deposit is due once your application has been accepted. The remaining balance will be divided up into four payments. *See payment plan.

How to sign up:

You may pick up an application at a kiosk or fill out one online. Due to the nature of the trip, space is limited. There will be several pre-trip meetings prior to departure. These meetings will be geared to help us gain the most from our journey to Israel.

Shema

Shema Israel, Adonai elohenu, Adonai echad, Ve'ahavta et Adonai eloeikah, b'khol levavkah, uve'khol naphshekah, uve'khol m'odekah. Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone, love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might!











Trip Itinerary

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday: Depart from McAllen

Sunday: Arrive in Tel Aviv

DEPOSIT

(MARCH 5)

\$500

Bet Gurvin, Caves of Adulum, Shepherds Cave

Monday: Wilderness // Shephelah - Gezer, Bet Shemesh, Azekah, Maresha,

APRIL 4 \$1,250

Tuesday: Wilderness // Negev - Wilderness of Zin, Camel Ride & Bedouin Hospitality, Masada Dead Sea

JULY 16 \$750 Wednesday: Wilderness // Negev -, Ein Gedi, Qumran Caves, Sea of Galilee

August 20

Thursday: Galilee // Mt. Arbel, Tabgha, Areamos Topos, Capernaum, Chorazin

\$750

Friday: Galilee // Caesarea Philippi, Qatzrin, Jordan River

SEPTEMBER 25 \$745 Saturday: Jerusalem // Bet Shean, Herodium, Bethlehem

\$100 EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT FOR REGISTRATIONS PRIOR TO APRIL 4, 2017 Sunday: **Jerusalem** // Mt. Of Olives, St. Anne's, Bethesda, Church of Sepulcher, City Model

Monday: **Jerusalem** // Temple Mount, Western Wall, Rabbinic Tunnels, Sadducee's House, Old City, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Citadel of David

Tuesday: Depart Israel // Arrive in McAllen

*Note: The above itinerary is meant to provide a framework for the various places we will be visiting. There may be slight changes to the specific places listed above.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it Safe to Travel to Israel?

Although it is impossible to promise 100% safety, travel in Israel is currently safe. We will always be traveling with an Israeli guide, who will serve to assist us during our journeys. He is very aware of what's going on in the country. If there is even a hint of potential danger, we will simply avoid the area. We will not take chances. Overall, the likelihood of any kind of danger is very, very slim. We won't go anywhere I wouldn't take my kids!

What can I Expect on a Typical Day?

A normal day will begin with a wake up call at 6:00 a.m., breakfast at 6:30, devotions at 7:00 and by 7:10 we're on our way! In order to accomplish what God sets out for us to experience, the majority of our days will involve some moderate hiking. We will travel to the various sites by bus where our hikes will begin. It is during these hikes and at these sites, where God's word is studied in its historical, cultural, geographical, and Jewish contexts. Lunch will be served on location. At the end of a long day, we will have a great meal and a much needed night's rest. The hotels will be quite accommodating.

Are There any Physical Requirements?

There is no level ground in Israel and we'll be hiking about 5-miles each day of the trip. If physical exercise is not currently part of your weekly rhythm, it is recommended you begin. This can't be emphasized enough. The first thing that goes when you become physically tired is your mind. The more physically prepared you are, the better your mind will be. The trip will be more meaningful, educational and fun if you prepare in advance for the activity level you will experience. It is recommend to engage some physical training that includes cardio and strength training. Stair climbing (actual stairs or machine), lunges, bike riding, running, and long walks are all very good. Additionally, hiking and climbing stairs with a backpack (including your Bible, notes, water bottles, etc.) is good practice for the body to recognize the additional weight it needs to carry on the trip.

I realize this information on the physical demands may be intimidating. Please don't be overwhelmed by this. I trust that if you begin intentionally preparing yourself spiritually, mentally and physically, by next November you will be more than ready for the adventure. We'll work together and we'll all get through it. The point is not the destination, but the journey. So get in the best shape you can, and then let the group carry you along.

You should consult your physician concerning these requirements and any medications or conditions which may have an impact on your ability to participate fully. Prescription drugs you anticipate using during the trip should be packed both in your suitcase and your carry-on. We suggest you bring along a written prescription as well, just in case of emergency. Please contact your health provider to check your coverage when traveling outside the United States. Traveling to the lands of the Bible requires no immunizations though you'll want to be sure your tetanus shot is current.