

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church – Las Vegas and
Missional Leadership Academy – Grand Canyon Synod ELCA

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS: A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

June 7-18, 2012 12 Days

Hosted by Rev. Rick Rouse, Beth Lewis and Rev. Ryan Rouse

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

THU 07 JUN

Depart U.S.A.

Your journey of faith and discovery begins today. Meet at JFK Airport for the transatlantic, overnight flight to Paris via Air France. (Meals in-flight)

FRI 08 JUN

Arrive Tel Aviv/Bethlehem

Connect in Paris this morning with the continuing flight to Tel Aviv. Upon afternoon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you will be met by your guide and driver. After hotel check-in and time to refresh, gather for a welcome dinner at Il Illiyeh Restaurant, located in the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB). Grand Hotel (Meals in-flight, D)

SAT 09 JUN

Bethlehem

Meet with staff at the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB) to learn of various ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Learn how the world's only Arabic-speaking Lutheran church ministers faithfully in a unique context during visits to the Dar al Kalima Schools and Dar al Kalima Health and Wellness Center. Drive to Hebron to visit Il Ibrahimi Mosque and the Tombs of the Patriarchs, then a Hebron glass factory. Pass by Solomon's Pools, tiered cisterns that have collected spring water for two millennia, and continue to Kanda Gift Shop. Here you will get an up close view of the Separation Wall. This concrete wall was built around Palestinian villages, towns and farms by the Israeli government. In some cases, farmers cannot reach their fields because the wall stands in between. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. Grand Hotel (B, D)

SUN 10 JUN

Bethlehem

Start the day with Sunday worship (in Arabic) at Christmas Lutheran Church, and join the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb and the congregation for fellowship following the service. This afternoon take a guided walking tour of the Old City, including a visit to Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Drive to Shepherds' Fields in nearby Beit Sahour (which means Place of the Night Watch). This is the best place to view Bethlehem, as it would have been seen by nearby shepherds during the time of the birth of Jesus. Grand Hotel (B, D)

MON 11 JUN

Bethlehem/Jerusalem

After breakfast, travel to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea. Take the cable car up to Masada.



You are invited to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and explore the lands of the Bible up close and personal with seasoned tour hosts and guides. There is no more spiritually uplifting experience than to visit the site of Jesus' baptism and share communion at the site of the Empty Tomb. You will be inspired and amazed as you take in the sights and sounds of the Holy Land – ancient and



modern. Join us for a special pilgrimage of faith that may well be for you the opportunity of a lifetime.

— Rev. Rick Rouse, Beth Lewis and Rev. Ryan Rouse

Rev. Rick Rouse has led inspirational group study tours to the Holy Land and to Europe for over 25 years. He has served as a Lutheran pastor to congregations in California, Oregon, Washington and Arizona; and he was on the staff of Pacific Lutheran University for over ten years. His wife, Beth Lewis, is the President and CEO of Augsburg Fortress Publishers. His son, Ryan, is a pastor of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On this rocky plateau, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors. Later visit Qumran to see the actual caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Travel north to ancient Jericho, and see where Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus as he passed through the town (Luke 19:1-4). Continue to Jerusalem to visit the Israeli Museum to see the actual Biblical fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book and also the fascinating model depicting Jerusalem during the Second Temple period. Check-in at your historic hotel, which is built into the Old City walls. Knights Palace (B, D)

TUE 12 JUN

Jerusalem

Begin the day with communion at the Garden Tomb. Then visit St. Anne's Church and the Pools of Bethesda near the Lion's Gate of the Old City. Walk the Via Dolorosa to experience the Stations of the Cross. Along the route see the pavement from Jesus' time that has been excavated beneath the Ecce Homo/Sisters of Zion Church. View the last few Stations of the Cross located inside the amazing Church of the Holy Sepulchre before visiting the 12th century Mosque of Omar across the courtyard. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon for shopping or exploring. Knights Palace (B, D)

WED 13 JUN

Jerusalem

Start your day atop the Mount of Olives and meet with Rev. Mark Brown (LWF regional representative). Visit Augusta Victoria Hospital, and hear the story of the work being done there. From the Mount of Olives enjoy a stunning panoramic view of Jerusalem, then walk the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. Visit the Church of All Nations and continue across the Kidron Valley to the Old City. Walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall, considered to be one of the holiest sites in the Jewish tradition. End your day on Mount Zion with a visit to the Upper Room, where Jesus initiated the Last Supper. Knights Palace (B, D)

THU 14 JUN

Jerusalem/Galilee

Depart Jerusalem this morning, and travel along the Mediterranean Coast to visit 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. Proceed past Megiddo, one of Solomon's chariot cities, which is called Armageddon in the New Testament. Stop in Jesus' boyhood town of Nazareth for a visit to the Church of the Annunciation. Transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight. Pilgerhaus (B, D)

FRI 15 JUN

Galilee

Sail on a peaceful boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. On the north shore of the Galilee, visit the Ancient Synagogue and Peter's House at Capernaum; this is where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and others. Drive along the shore to the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful sites in the Galilee, and walk down the hill to Tabgha to see the Church of the Multiplication and Chapel of the Primacy of Peter. Take time to feel the presence of Jesus along the shores of this body of water. Pilgerhaus (B, D)

SAT 16 JUN

Galilee/Wadi Musa

Depart the Galilee, and travel to the Israel/Jordan border where you will cross the Sheikh Hussein Bridge and meet your Jordanian guide and driver. Visit Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan, the recently opened site that is thought to be the location of Jesus' baptism by John. Continue to Mount Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land. From there you will also see the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Dead Sea. Visit the remains of a Byzantine church with a mosaic floor. If time permits, stop in Madaba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land. Journey through the desert to the village of Wadi Musa, which nestles around the entrance to Petra. Check into the hotel for dinner and overnight. Beit Zaman (B, D)

SUN 17 JUN

Wadi Musa/Departure

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 half-day 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. It's no wonder that Petra was recently named one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World! Following your tour of Petra, travel north to the Jordan Valley Marriott Resort and Spa, Dead Sea for a farewell dinner with the group. Transfer to the Amman Airport and board your homebound flight, which departs after midnight. (B, D)

MON 18 JUL

Arrive U.S.A.

Depart at 1:35AM this morning and connect in Paris with the continuing flight to JFK. Arrive home today enriched with amazing discoveries of faith, friendship and biblical lands. (Meals in-flight)

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

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 February 6, 2012. Final payment is due April 6, 2012. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

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 February 5, 2012 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; February 6 - May 24, 2012 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 25, 2012 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 February 6, 2012. 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 JFK via Delta Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in Christian guesthouses and superior tourist class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily.
- 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:** Experienced English-speaking tour guides from arrival in Amman through departure from Tel Aviv.
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure and border taxes (currently \$634 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including handy high visibility bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

Items Not Included

- Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$132 per person will be billed).
- Jordanian visa (fee currently \$60 per person) is required for U.S. citizens; GTD will assist with processing.
- 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 insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required. No visa is required for US citizens visiting Israel/Palestine; non-U.S. citizens may require a visa.

COST SUMMARY

***\$3999**

Group Flights From JFK

Airport Taxes (\$634).....Included
 Tour Gratuities (\$132).....Extra
 Jordanian Visa (\$60).....Extra
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Add-on fares from other cities available on request

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room*.....\$475
 *In addition to base tour cost. Very limited availability on request basis. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from JFK (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of January 2011, a minimum of 30 total travelers, 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. Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when insurance is purchased at the time of reservation / deposit. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#120601 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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(Name as it appears 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.

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 JFK.
- 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 INSURANCE (please check one)

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

\$ _____ \$593 per person **inclusive of travel insurance for the land portion of the tour.**

\$ _____ \$400 per person **without travel insurance.**

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 # _____

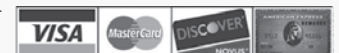
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- Security Code _____
- Name as it appears on credit card:

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#120601

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 INSURANCE

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, e.g., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS

- 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 \$4000 per person
 ** a maximum of \$6000 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is \$193 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies, etc. If any such events 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/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html

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