

# A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



October 28—November 6, 2010

Hosted by: Harris Creek Baptist Church



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**Thursday, October 28**      **Departure**

We begin our Holy Land Experience by departing from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

**Friday, October 29**      **Tel Aviv – Netanya**



Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. Drive through the agricultural stretches of the Sharon Plain, carpeted with orange groves and persimmon trees, to Netanya, located along the western coast of Israel on

the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner and overnight in Netanya at the Blue Bay Hotel.

**Saturday, October 30**      **Netanya – The Galilee**

Drive north along the seacoast to Caesarea Maritima, with its magnificent harbor, theater and aqueduct constructed during the reign of Herod. It was here that Peter explained the way of salvation to Cornelius. Continue to Mount Carmel, where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal. Follow the Via Maris (Way of the Sea) to Megiddo, the city that dominated this strategic trade route from Egypt to Mesopotamia. Explore its extensive excavations, including Ahab's stables, a grain silo, and an ancient underground water system. Drive to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth and visit Nazareth Village, which represents life as it might have been during Jesus' time. A special presentation will be offered, including a biblical lunch. View the present day city from Mount Precipice, the southern rim of the Nazareth ridge where the townsfolk wanted to throw Jesus off the cliff. Stop at Mary's Well and the Church of Annunciation, believed to be built over the home of Mary. Dinner and overnight at the Mount of Beatitudes Guest House.

**Sunday, October 31**      **Sea of Galilee Area**

Spend time this morning on the Mount of Beatitudes before departing for the Man in Galilee Museum to see the "Jesus Boat." Found buried under an exposed section of the lakebed during a drought in 1986, the boat is now displayed in a museum at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. From here, depart on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, with time for meditation on the sea. Disembark at Capernaum, the town used as a base by Christ during his ministry. See the remains of the fourth-century synagogue and the nearby house of St. Peter. Drive to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy at the northwestern shore of the lake, an area intense with Christian memories. Drive to Yardenit, the traditional baptismal site located where the Sea of Galilee runs into the Jordan River. Return to Mount of Beatitudes Guest House for dinner and overnight.



**Monday, November 1**      **The Galilee – Jerusalem**

Drive to Beth Shean (aka Scythopolis) to hear the story of Saul and survey the magnificent Roman and



Byzantine ruins: theatre, bathhouses, ancient rest rooms, market areas, colonnaded streets. Drive south through the Jordan Valley, viewing the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan across the Jordan River. Stop at Jericho to visit

the tel of this oldest city, and view the traditional mountain of Jesus' temptation. Finally, from the top of the Mount of Olives, behold the majestic Holy City of Jerusalem lying before you. After viewing the Golden Gate, follow the traditional Palm Sunday route to the church known as Dominus Flevit ("the Lord weeps"). See the Church of Pater Noster, where you can see the Lord's Prayer inscribed in over 100 languages. Continue downhill to Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations (also known as the Church of the Agony). Drive to the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**Tuesday, November 2**      **Jerusalem**



Enter the Old City through the Dung Gate to pray at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the southern steps, where Jesus spoke to His disciples. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, where additional portions of the wall, as well as other structures beneath it, have been excavated. Ascend to the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site of Islam, located on

the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. Drive to the "New City," passing by the Knesset en route to the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Visit the model of Jerusalem, representing how the city looked on the eve of the Jewish revolt, 36 years after the Passion of Jesus. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent at the Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem. Return to the Ambassador Hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Wednesday, November 3**      **Jerusalem**

Explore the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, walking along the Roman Cardo Maximus, the reconstructed main street of Roman Jerusalem. Stop to see the replica of the 6th century Madaba map of the Old City, and visit the Wohl Museum and Burnt House. See the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, with its excellent acoustics. Follow the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.

**Thursday, November 4**      **Jerusalem / Dead Sea Area**

Depart Jerusalem this morning, driving south along the Dead Sea to Masada. Take the cable car to the top, visiting Herod's mountain bunker and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome (66-73 AD). Stop at the nature reserve at En



Gedi, the region where David fled from King Saul and cut off a part of his robe in a cave. Enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea, where it is almost impossible to sink, because of the high salt density! Continue through the Judean desert to Qumran. View Cave # 4, which contained the greatest quantity of Dead Sea scrolls. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**Friday, November 5                      Jerusalem / Bethlehem**

Drive to Mt. Zion this morning to the grounds of the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, which affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. Here, the Assumptionist Fathers propose, was the house where the High Priest Caiaphas interrogated Jesus. Also visit the Cenaculum (Upper Room), the proposed location of the Last Supper.



Drive south out of Jerusalem, stopping at Solomon's Pools, Jerusalem's main source of water for almost 2000 years. Continue to Beit Sahour to see the Shepherds' Fields before continuing to Bethlehem to the Church of the Nativity, built over the site believed to be the place of Jesus' birth. Bethlehem is also an excellent place to buy items that are hand carved from olive wood. Return to Jerusalem, ending the day at the Western Wall at sunset to see the welcoming in of Shabbat. Continue to the Garden Tomb for Communion. Enjoy a special Middle Eastern farewell dinner at the Ambassador Hotel before transferring to Ben Gurion Airport for your late-night departure.

**Saturday, November 6                      USA**

Arrive in the U.S. with memories that will enhance your Bible study for years to come, because you have walked where Jesus walked.

**Tour Price from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport: \$2,795, based on double occupancy**

**Single Room Supplement: \$495**

**Group Travel Insurance (optional): \$195 (nonrefundable)**

**This tour price reflects special group rates. Deposits received after July 23, 2010, will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.**

**TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Round trip air fare from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport
- Current airline taxes and fuel surcharges (\$506)
- Accommodations in hotels listed in the itinerary, or similar
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Biblical lunch at Nazareth Village
- Services of experienced, English-speaking licensed guide
- Sightseeing and entrance fees
- Service charges and local taxes
- Tips to guides, drivers and hotel staff (\$115)



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# Tour Features and Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully.

Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

**Air Transportation:** Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATAN carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Tickets will be issued 30–60 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges of \$506, which are subject to change until ticketed. *Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.*

**Accommodations:** Based on two persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar, with private facilities, including service charges and taxes. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge of \$495. *If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.*

**Meals:** In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily. Opportunity will be given for lunches to be secured by tour members, at their own expense. Beverages with lunches and dinners are not included.

**Transfers and Baggage:** Transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. *Due to limited luggage storage space on motorcoaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.*

**Sightseeing and Entrance Fees:** Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motorcoach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

**Tips and Taxes:** Service charges and taxes on accommodations are included. Tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included and are at tour member's own expense.

**Not Included:** Airline taxes and fuel surcharges, tips, passport fee, travel protection insurance, meals not listed on itinerary, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and vice versa is not included.

**Deposit and Payment:** Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$500 per person. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due August 27, 2010.

**MTS Cancellation Conditions:** Refund of full deposit (less \$100 administrative fee) will be made up to July 23, 2010. If cancellation occurs between July 24 and September 28, 2010, a fee of \$500 will be charged, plus unrecoverable airline, hotel and tour operator payments. There is no refund after September 28, 2010 or for unused tour services.

**Protect Your Investment:** MTS TRAVEL strongly recommends purchasing this primary insurance coverage. If you purchase the protection plan upon enrollment with your deposit, any restriction on pre-existing conditions is waived. If protection plan is purchased after the deposit is received, all coverage is subject to exclusion of pre-existing conditions. Certain conditions, exclusions and limitations apply as set out in the Evidence of Coverage and Confirmation of Coverage, which you will receive upon receipt of deposit. You will have ten days to review coverage and cancel your policy.

### Following is a brief description of coverage:

- This protection plan will cover you for cancellation fees if you need to cancel because of death, injury or illness to you, your traveling companion or your immediate family member.
- Medical Evacuation: \$250,000
- Medical Expenses: \$25,000
- Baggage loss/delay: \$1,500/\$250

**A valid passport is required.** If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining a passport will be provided upon receipt of deposit. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until June 7, 2011. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens.

**All rates and fares are based on current information and are subject to change.** Rates are based on a minimum of 15 persons traveling together.

**Deviations:** Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred.

**The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program.** However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

**In the ever-changing world situation,** MTS TRAVEL recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit [www.mtstravel.com](http://www.mtstravel.com) and click "U.S. State Department Travel Warnings" in the middle of our home page.

**Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions** should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

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**Reservation Form**  
**A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

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**To be assured of reservations, please complete and mail this registration form to  
MTS TRAVEL, 124 E. Main St., 4th Fl., Ephrata, PA 17522, along with your deposit of \$500 per person.**

**Please reserve space as follows on A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
with Harris Creek Baptist Church, October 28–November 6, 2010**

**Enclosed is my deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person.)  
Please make check payable to MTS TRAVEL OR pay by credit card below.**

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Name 1 (as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Group Insurance:**

**I/we wish to be covered by travel protection insurance as follows: \$195 per person** (Please include this payment for travel insurance along with your deposit payment.) **Insurance payments are not refundable.**

**I DO NOT wish** to be covered by travel insurance. **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Information:**

**Please Charge:**  My Deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ + \$\_\_\_\_\_ Travel Insurance = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Charge

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*I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_