

Pilgrimage to the **HOLY LAND**

Trinity Lutheran - Long Lake

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DAILY ITINERARY
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Day 1, Oct 9: Departure from the USA

Depart Minneapolis, MN. for your overnight flight to the Holy Land. Meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Oct 10: Arrival, Tel Aviv

We arrive at Ben Gurion airport and depart northward to our hotel for one night in the coastal area near Tel Aviv to start off the journey of visiting the Holy Land. The remainder of the day is free to walk along the Mediterranean, relax and dine in our hotel in Tel Aviv.

Day 3, Oct 11: Mt. Carmel, Caesarea – Nazareth – Cana – Tiberias

After breakfast, we will travel by private motor coach along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where the Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre and aqueduct. Visit Mount Carmel, Muhraqa the Place of Fire, and consider the contest between the Prophet Elijah and the false prophets of Baal (I Kings 18), discussing the reasons why the Prophet chose that place for the contest, and the lessons we learn from the story. Afterward, we will go to Nazareth where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, we will also visit the Church of St. Joseph. We end our day with a visit to Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first miracle, Drive to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Oct 12: Caesarea Philippi – Golan Heights – Mt. Arbel – Valley of Doves – Sea of Galilee.

We will start our day with a visit to Caesarea Philippi at the sources of the river Jordan where Peter confessed that Jesus is the Messiah, then we would return to the Sea of Galilee via the Golan Heights with a stop overlooking the Road to Damascus. On to Mount Arbel lookout overlooking the ancient road from Nazareth to Galilee with a possible hike on a part of Jesus Trail. We will then carry on to the Valley of the Doves and travel along the ancient road that leads from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee along the Via Maris. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 5, Oct 13: Sea of Galilee – Magdala - Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes

We will start the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, followed by a visit to the Ancient Boar Museum that houses a 2000-year-old fishing boat found buried in mud on the shores of Galilee. The boat provides a good example of how fishing boats looked like during the time of Jesus. Then we will visit Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene, and see the 1st-century synagogue, which is the oldest synagogue discovered on the shores of Galilee with a stone-carved replica of the Temple and Menorah. We will then take a short drive to Capernaum, the biblical village and hometown of Jesus. Capernaum is closely associated with Jesus and His ministry as described in the Synoptic Gospels. There we will see the house of the mother-in-law of Peter and an ancient synagogue that dates back to the time of Jesus and where much of His teaching took place. St. Peter's fish At noon, we will drive to Tabgha on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. We will then visit the site known as "Peter's Primacy" where Jesus appeared to His disciples for the third time after His Resurrection. Later we will continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, the scene of Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount. We will enjoy the view of the enchanting gardens and reflect on Jesus' sermon. We will also have time for prayer and reflection (Worship Service) Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 6, Oct 14: Jordan Valley - Beit Shaeen - Jacobs Well – Shepherds Field - Bethlehem - Visit Dar Alkalemeh

After breakfast, we will drive through the Jordan valley, on to Nablus, visit ancient Shechem saddled between Mt Ebal and Mt Gerizim, and visit the ruins of the city dating back to the time of Jacob and Joshua where we see the high place of the city and the city gates. Nearby we visit Jacobs well where Jesus encountered the Samaritan women. Drive to Bethlehem to visit Shepherd's fields where the angels appeared to the shepherds announcing the birth of Our Lord. These fields are also the setting of the Book of Ruth. After lunch, we will travel to the Church of the Nativity and view the place where Our Lord was born. check-in at our hotel, dinner, and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 7, Oct 15: Augusta Victoria Hospital, LWF - Mt. of Olives – Mt. Zion- Sunday Worship

We will start our day with Augusta Victoria to witness the work of the Lutheran World Federation in health and education. Later we will enjoy a panoramic view from the top of Mount of Olives then we continue to the Church of the Ascension and the Church of the Pater Noster, and down to Dominus Flevit and St. Magdalene Church. Pray at the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations. In the afternoon, we visit St. Peter in Gallicantu where Jesus was denied by St. Peter. Then we will visit the Upper Room, the place of the Last Supper, and King David's Tomb. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8, Oct 16: ST George Monastery” - Baptismal site - Qumran - Dead Sea - Masada

This morning we depart Bethlehem, traveling along the Judean wilderness where Jesus fasted for 40 days, along the ancient road passing the good Samaritan inn. Reaching Wadi Qelt we enjoy a view of St George's Monastery nestled in the wilderness. Carry on along the ancient road reaching Jericho passing along Herod's Winter Palace where the infamous King died in the year 4 BC and probably was the background setting for the parable of the prodigal son. Prior to visiting Jericho, we head to visit Bet Arabah where John baptized Jesus. The site is also known as the "Place of Crossing". The Israelites. From Bethabara we will drive to the city of Jericho. We will see Tel Jericho, the old town of Joshua, and see the excavations of the ancient city, view the Mount of Temptation will also be in sight. We will then drive to Qumran and visit the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were accidentally found and the buildings that formed the public center of the Essenes. Then we will proceed to the Dead Sea where we can enjoy a dip in the relaxing and healing waters of the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 9, Oct 17: Temple Mt – Pool of Bethesda – Jerusalem - Yad Vashem

This morning after breakfast, drive to visit the Temple Mount, where the Jewish temple stood until its destruction in 70 A.D, and see the Dome of the Rock, a possible location of the Holy of Holies. On to visit St Anne's church and a visit to nearby Pools of Bethesda where the healing at the pool took place. Next, We will visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum, for a needed reminder of what the Jews suffered during WWII. dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10, Oct 18: Via Dolorosa – Holy Sepulcher – Jewish Quarter – Wailing Wall – Davidson Center

We will walk the Via Dolorosa, the traditional path that Jesus walked from the Antonia Fortress to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher visiting Golgotha and the Empty Tomb. We will visit the Jewish Quarter and go to the Western Wall, a section of the Western retaining wall of the Temple Mount, and Judaism's holiest site. we visit the Southern Wall Excavation The southern western. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11, Oct 19: Departure Tel Aviv to the US.

- Departure checks out and departs our hotel for our return home. We will arrive on the same day.

NOTE: The schedule is subject to change, due to various factors, and at your Tour Leaders and Guide's discretion.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$300.00 per person with registration to secure space. An additional payment of \$1,000.00 per person is due on or before **May 20, 2023**. The final payment due on or before **August 20, 2023** Payment can be made by personal check or money order.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel Insurance is not included in the purchase price.

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FARE INCLUSIVE: Roundtrip air transportation from Minneapolis, MN, Airport as indicated on the registration form. (9) nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four and a half star hotels. All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B) and dinners at the hotel (D). Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Israeli departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maitre d', table waiter, etc.) are Not included. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

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HOTELS: Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$890.00

BAGGAGE: You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to \$100.00.

Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Elias Tours for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

DISABILITIES: Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Elias Tours reserves the right to refuse pas- sage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking and some sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

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PASSPORT: A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

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Trip date:

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Package Price: \$4,390.00
Single supplement(Private Room): \$990.00

Package price includes the following:

- Meet & Assist at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrivals and departures.
- 9 nights' accommodation in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner.
- 11 days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus.
- English speaking government licensed Christian guide on duty.
- All entrance fees.
- Lunch

Package does not include the following:

- All Personal Expenses.
- Travel Insurance.
- Gratuities for Guide and driver

I agree to the conditions as stated above

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notes:

All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive



RESERVATION APPLICATION

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Group Reference Code:
TLC-HL 2023

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport): Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:		
Passport number:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:	
Country of citizenship:	Date of birth:	
Street address: City: State: Zipcode:		
Home phone:	Work phone:	
Mobile phone:	Email address:	

ROOM ASSIGNMENT

Please check one: Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$890.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:
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Please enclose a copy of passport and a deposit of \$300.00 per person made payable to
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