

# *The Holy Land Experience*

*The Trip of a Lifetime!*

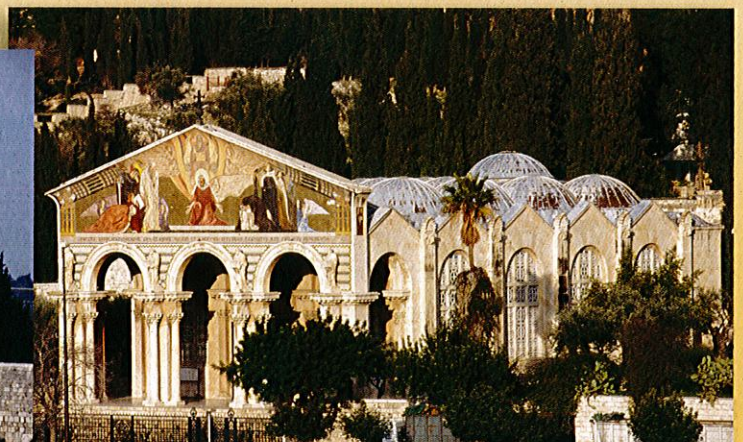
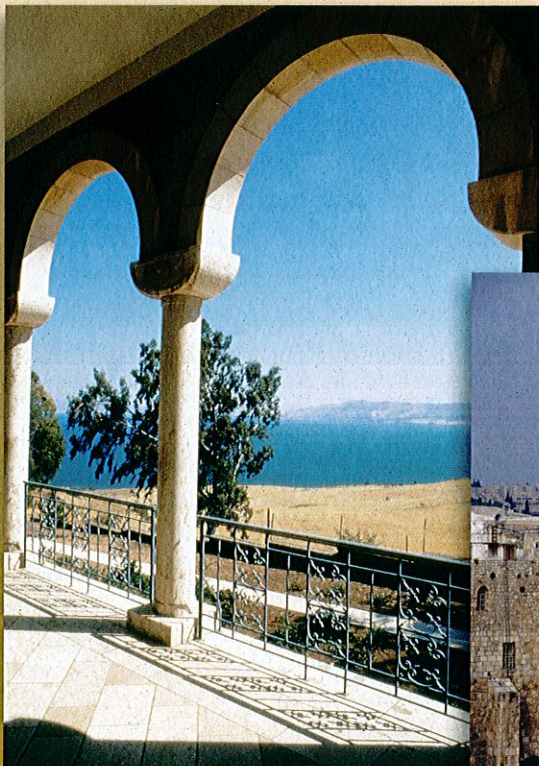
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*Please Join Us!*

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Dear Friends:

Would you like to have a life-changing and never-to-be forgotten experience? It is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip to the Bible Lands where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of our Lord. We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where He was crucified and raised from the dead. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to reflect on His ministry and stand on the Mount of Olives to view the city of Jerusalem in anticipation of His promised return. Please give us the privilege of sharing this experience with you. After this trip of a lifetime, you will never read your Bible the same way again.

Pastor Patrick Sullivan  
Scottsdale Bible Church

## YOUR DAILY ITINERARY

### TUE, MAR 20 PHOENIX - TEL AVIV

Depart from Phoenix on our flight to Tel Aviv via Newark on Continental Airlines. Meals and overnight on board. After dinner relax and enjoy the on-board entertainment.

### WED, MAR 21 TEL AVIV - CAESAREA - TIBERIAS

Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport at 9:15AM and meet our guide who will welcome us to the Land of the Bible and escort us throughout our stay in Israel. Israeli guides are legendary for their knowledge and dedication. Ours will instruct us on the many sites we will visit and their relationship to the religion, history, archaeology, culture, and modern life in Israel. Visit **Old Jaffa**, the traditional home of **Simon the Tanner** and the port from which **Jonah** sailed. Today we pass through the fast growing towns and farms of the **Plain of Sharon** en route to **Caesarea**, site of major events in the lives of **Peter and Paul**. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in **Tiberias**, preceded by stops at key sights as time permits.

### THU, MAR 22 CARMEL - MEGIDDO - TIBERIAS

Refreshed from a good night's sleep you may wish to stroll the beach before a full Israeli Buffet Breakfast. Today we pass through the fast growing towns and farms of the Plain of Sharon enroute to Megiddo, inspiration for James Michener's "The Source". Archaeological digs reveal 20 layers of civilization, including fortifications of King Solomon and the water tunnel of King Ahab. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the fertile Jezreel Valley, prophesied site of Armageddon, located at the crossroads of the ancient Via Maris. We will then drive north until arriving atop Mount Carmel, where **Elijah** faced and defeated the prophets of Baal. Then drive through the Jezreel Valley into the rolling hills of the Galilee to Nazareth, site of **Mary's Well**, and if time permits we will stop at **Cana**, site of **Jesus' first miracle**. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in **Tiberias**.

### FRI, MAR 23 SEA OF GALILEE

This day alone is worth the trip! We are now literally walking in the footsteps of **Jesus**. We will take a most memorable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, in a replica of the ancient wooden boat used in **Jesus' day**. We will visit an ancient boat believed to be from **Jesus' time** found in the Sea of Galilee in 1986. We walk into old **Capernaum** with the ancient synagogue; on to the site of the **Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes (Tabgha)**, the **Sermon on the Mount** and the **Mount of Beatitudes**. You will have an opportunity for a lunch of **St. Peter's fish** (optional.) In the afternoon we will journey north to **Caesarea Phillipi (Banias Spring)** where **Peter** confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16.) Dinner and overnight at our hotel in **Tiberias**

### SAT, MAR 24 GALILEE

Today we will journey to **Hazor** originally conquered by **Joshua** in the 13th C.B.C. **King Solomon** began reconstruction here and **King Ahab** erected a magnificent palace here as well. Proceed to the

mystical city of **Safed**, high up overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Walk the quaint cobblestone streets and visit the famous artists quarter and later proceed to **Bethsaida**. This evening visit the **Jordan River** and have the opportunity for a baptismal service. Return to our hotel in **Tiberias** for dinner and overnight.

### SUN, MAR 25 JORDAN VALLEY • JERUSALEM

This morning we will visit the **Jordan River**. Drive along the **Jordan Valley** to **Beit She'an** to see the expansive excavations taking place at this ancient **Roman Decapolis city**. Stop at **Gideon's Spring** where **Gideon** selected his soldiers to do battle against the Midianites. Continue driving south to **Jericho**, oldest known walled city, for a view of **Mt. Temptation** and **Mt. Nebo**, from where **Moses** looked upon the land that flowed with milk and honey. It's now time to "go up" to **Jerusalem**. We will enter the city as pilgrims did since ancient times to fulfill the words of the prophet "I was glad when they said unto me: 'Our feet shall stand within thy Gates, O Jerusalem'" (Psalms 122:1-2.) Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**.

### MON, MAR 26 JERUSALEM • BETHLEHEM

Start the day with a magnificent view of the **Old City** from the top of the **Mt. of Olives**. Take the "Palm Sunday Walk" to the **Garden of Gethsemane** where we will observe the **Lord's Supper**, the **Church of All Nations** and drive across the **Kidron Valley**. Enter the Old City through **St. Stephen's Gate (Lions' Gate)** to the **Muslim Quarter**, visit the beautiful **Church of St. Anne** and the **Pool of Bethesda**, **Pilate's Judgment Hall**, and the **Ecce Homo Arch**. Walk along the **Via Dolorosa**, into the **Christian Quarter**, and see the **Stations of the Cross**. Drive to **Mt. Zion** to see the **House of Caiaphas**. We will visit **Bethlehem** and see **Manger Square**, the **Church of the Nativity**, and view **Shepherds' Fields** and the **Fields of Boaz and Ruth**. Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**.

### TUE, MAR 27 MASADA • DEAD SEA • QUMRAN

Depart to **Masada**, overlooking the **Dead Sea**, the lowest spot on Earth, where we ascend by cable car to visit the remnants of **Herod's Palace** and where in 73 A.D. the **Zealots** made their last stand against the might of Rome. Visit **Ein Gedi**, fabled **Spring of David**, and proceed to **Qumran** where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found in 1947. Time permitting, we will go for a swim, rather a "float", in the salted waters of the **Dead Sea**. Return to **Jerusalem** for dinner and overnight.

### WED, MAR 28 JERUSALEM

We will begin the day with a visit to the reconstructed **Jewish Quarter**, walk through the **Cardo**, the original Roman street and see the amazing remains of the **massive wall built by King Hezekiah**. See the important excavations taking place at the **Western Wall** and the **Southern Temple Staircase**. On to the **Temple Mount**, where **Abraham** was to sacrifice **Isaac**. See the **Dome of the Rock** and **al-Aqsa Mosque** that now stand there. Visit the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial** and continue on to the **scale model of Jerusalem** as it looked in the first century A.D. End the afternoon at **Golgotha (Gordon's Calvary)** and the **empty Garden Tomb**. **Special time is planned for meditation, communion and inspiration**. Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**. **This evening we will share in a Farewell Dinner and the presentation of a Certificate of Pilgrimage to each tour participant.**

### THU, MAR 29 ISRAEL • PHOENIX

Today we transfer to the airport. Our guide will assist us with check-in procedures. Depart on our Continental Airlines flight at 10:25AM to Phoenix via Newark. We arrive home late today with wonderful memories of a visit to the Land of the Bible!

### Have A Very Pleasant Journey!

SPECIAL NOTE: The tour operator and/or guide reserve the right to alter the sequence of the daily itinerary and make substitutions in order to meet changes brought about by weather, airline delays or as deemed necessary for the best interest and overall comfort of the group.

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## TOUR CONDITIONS

**PRICE PER PERSON FROM PHOENIX: \$3296 (Cash Discount \$3184)**

**Land Only: \$2520 (Cash Discount \$2434)**

(Note: This is a custom tour and the cost quoted above is based on a minimum No. of 35 adult participants. Should tour membership fall below this number, the tour operator reserves the right to re-cost the program.)

**All airfares are subject to change.**

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Round trip jet economy class via **Continental Airlines** and connecting ARC and IATA carriers
- Five Star hotels Accommodations based on two persons sharing a room
- Full Israeli Buffet-Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Round trip transfers by private motorcoach including a qualified, licensed English-speaking guide
- Portorage for one standard size suitcases per person
- All hotel taxes and service charges are included

### NOT INCLUDED

- Suggested tips to guide, driver, and hotel staff of **\$85** per person
- Airport taxes of **\$520** per person, subject to change
- The cost of obtaining a U.S. passport, meals or beverages other than specified, insurance, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc.

**DOCUMENTS:** *U.S. Passport must be valid for 6 months from return date.* No visas are required for U.S. citizens.

**RESERVATIONS:** A deposit of \$300 per person is required to make a reservation. **Balance due on December 2, 2011.** A late fee of \$ 75 per person will be charged for all payments received after this date. All returned checks are subject to a \$50 charge, no exceptions.

**CANCELLATIONS:** All cancellations must be in writing. **Special note for all passengers on Continental Airlines: Any cancellations received 91 days or earlier prior to departure will incur an additional \$100 cancellation charge over and above the charges stipulated under the normal cancellations for this tour. For individual cancellations received up to:**

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**VALIDITY:** Prices are based on airfares, tariffs and rates of exchange effective 2/1/11. All airfares are subject to change.

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