

# Tour of the Holy Land

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Phil and Anna Geleske

October 18-29, 2021



*Roundtrip Airfare*

*Deluxe Hotels*

*Daily Breakfast*

*Luxury Coach*

*Transportation*

*Group Dinners*

*Aviv Herzlich  
Tour Guide*

*Eric Gundersen  
Tour Manager*

*Tel Aviv  
Caesarea  
Nazareth  
Sea of Galilee  
Capernaum  
River Jordan  
Jerusalem  
Bethlehem  
Dead Sea  
Qumran*



JERUSALEM'S DOME OF THE ROCK AND WESTERN WALL, ABOVE, AND AN AQUEDUCT IN CAESAREA

## 2021 HOLY LAND TOUR

### ITINERARY

#### - OCT 18 — TRAVEL

Flight from Houston IAH to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport. We will fly with United or a Star Alliance partner. Please note that business class travelers can take advantage of the incredible lounges in Houston and any connecting airport.

#### - OCT 19 — CENTRAL TEL AVIV

Rothschild Hotel \*\*\*\*

Upon arrival we will be greeted by our tour guide, Aviv Herzlich. We will board our state of the art coach, which will transport us from the airport to our hotel, Rothschild in Tel Aviv, located about 20 minutes from the Tel Aviv airport, and in easy walking distance to many sights and attractions.

#### - OCT 20 — CAESAREA & MEGIDDO

Legacy Hotel - Nazareth \*\*\*\*

At 9am, after breakfast, we load our coach to visit the ancient city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in honor of Augustus Caesar and considered the traditional site of Paul's imprisonment before his trial in Rome. The theatre, aqueducts and Hippodrome serve as a backdrop for the events chronicled in the Book of Acts. Lunch is on your own. We have lunch at a Druze village restaurant, after which we visit Mt. Carmel where Elijah rebuked the priests of Baal. We check into our 4-star Legacy Hotel in Nazareth, freshen up, and enjoy a traditional Israeli dinner in the hotel restaurant. [B,L,D]



SUNRISE OVER THE SEA OF GALILEE, WHERE YOU WILL ENJOY A RELAXING BOAT RIDE OFFERING TIME TO PONDER THE STORIES OF JESUS CALLING FISHERMEN TO FOLLOW HIM, PREACHING FROM A BOAT, AND CALMING THE STORMY WAVES. THIS ALSO IS NEAR THE PLACE WHERE JESUS FED THOUSANDS WITH A FEW FISH AND LOAVES OF BREAD.

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#### - OCT 21 — CAPERNEUM

Legacy Hotel - Nazareth \*\*\*\*

At 9am we drive through Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We will enjoy a beautiful boat tour on the Sea of Galilee at 11am. We will enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, we will visit Capernaum, the site of Jesus' teachings and the remains of a second-century synagogue. We will visit Tabgha, the believed site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and the site of a modern church built on the remains of a fourth-century church. We will also visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site of Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount', overlooking the Sea of Galilee. [B,L,D]

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### - OCT 22 — NAZARETH

At 9:30am we will enjoy a guided walking tour of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, followed by a short walk through the quaint old town of Nazareth. We will visit archeological sites that inform us of the infrastructure in Nazareth at the time of Jesus. We'll sit down with a local shopkeeper who will demonstrate Middle Eastern traditions and cultures through word and song. In the afternoon, we go to Nazareth Village, an incredible outdoor museum that depicts the daily life and business of Nazareth during the time of Jesus.

[B,D]

### - OCT 23 — RIVER JORDAN TO JERUSALEM

Three Arches Hotel \*\*\*\*

At 8am we drive to Megiddo, one of the most important archeological excavations in Israel. We continue our drive through Beit Shean National Park, one of Israel's largest archaeological sites with its ancient archaeological mound and ongoing excavations exposing the vast Roman-Byzantine city. We continue south along the Jordan Rift Valley and ascend to Jerusalem through the Judean Desert. After checking into the Three Arches Hotel, we will enjoy a group dinner in the restaurant of our hotel.

[B,D]

### - OCT 24 — JERUSALEM

Three Arches Hotel \*\*\*\*

Enjoy a traditional breakfast in the city of Jerusalem. At 9am, we begin our day with a guided walking tour of Jerusalem. We will see the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, Pool of Bethesda, and walk where Jesus would have walked. We stop in the Christian Quarter and sit down for a devotional with communion at the Evangelical Lutheran church. Lunch is on our own and we leave a little time for shopping. Afterwards, we will visit to the church of the Holy Sepulcher, if the lines are long into the sepulchre, you may wait and go early in the morning when the lines are shorter. The rest of the day will be at your own leisure and pace. [B]

### - OCT 25 — JERUSALEM

Three Arches Hotel \*\*\*\*

Enjoy a free day in the Holy City. Walk through the narrow streets at your own pace and take in the various sounds and smells. You might want to explore the Israeli Museum, or the City of David excavation site today as well. [B]

### -OCT 26 — JERUSALEM

Three Arches Hotel \*\*\*\*

At 9am, we begin the day with a drive to the beautiful Mount of Olives to behold the breath-taking panorama of the Holy City. Then we descend (walking or coach) to Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove, where tradition holds that Jesus prayed prior to his arrest and crucifixion. At 2:30pm, after you have lunch on your own, we will visit Bethlehem. We should be back to Jerusalem around 6pm in the evening. Dinner is on your own. [B]



ORTHODOX CHURCH, NAZARETH

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### - OCT 27 — THE DEAD SEA, QUMRAN & MASADA

At 8am, our coach-driver will take us to the Dead Sea Basin where we will visit Qumran to explore the area where the Dead Sea sect established a community and we'll see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We'll drive to Masada and ascend this wilderness mountain fortress in a cable car;

walk through the remains of the palace, water cisterns and fortifications built by King Herod and hear about the Zealots who lived here until the bitter end. There is a food court at Masada where we will have lunch. Bring a swim suit if you want to float on the Dead Sea. Dinner is on your own in Jerusalem. [B,L]



THE DEAD SEA



QUMRAN

### - OCT 28 — JERUSALEM

Have another cup of strong coffee for breakfast and prepare for our final walking tour. At 9am, we'll have a short hike to Mount Zion where we see King David's Tomb, the site of The Upper Room. We conclude our walking tour by visiting the Garden of the Empty Tomb, where we will celebrate Holy Communion. We will conclude our tour with a group dinner at our hotel restaurant at 6pm. [B,D]

### - OCT 29 — FLIGHT HOME

Our fabulous tour of Jerusalem will unfortunately come to an end. At 9 am, our coach will take us to Tel Aviv Airport where you board our United or Star Alliance flight home to Texas.



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