

The Classical Holy Land – 13 Day Tour of Israel
Hosted by Pastor Bill Stonebraker
Calvary Chapel Honolulu
November 17 – 29, 2012
\$3,468.00 per person

DAY 1 (Sat. Nov. 17): We leave the States for a journey to the land where the Bible will unfold before our eyes. We will walk, see, feel and touch the roots of our faith, encounter the divine and sense His presence.

DAY 2 (Sun. Nov. 18): Flying over the Atlantic Ocean and over Europe, we reach the shores of God's land. Upon our arrival to the Ben Gurion airport we will be met by our guide and transferred to our hotel on the **coast of the Mediterranean**, for a wonderful buffet dinner and a good night's rest.

DAY 3 (Mon. Nov. 19): COASTAL PLAIN

After a rich Israeli breakfast we will begin our tour of Israel at **Caesarea**, city of Cornelius the Centurion, the first Gentile to convert (Acts 10). We will visit the Roman theatre, walk on the pier used by the apostle Paul on his way to Rome and see the impressive water aqueduct built by Herod the Great. Leaving the Mediterranean, we will travel north to **Mt. Carmel**, where Elijah held the contest with 450 prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). At noon, a memorable experience is awaiting for us, as we stop for a typical **Falafel Meal** at the Druze village of **Daliat El-Carmel**. Then we will continue to **Sephoris**, the capital of the Galilee in Second Temple period, and view some of the most impressive mosaics discovered in the land. At the end of the day we will drive through **Nazareth**, where Jesus spent most of His life. We will make a stop at **Mt. of Precipice** (Luke 4) for a wondrous view of Nazareth and the Valley of Armagedon. We will drive by **Cana of Galilee** where Jesus performed His first miracle at the wedding feast (John 2) and continue to our hotel in the beautiful region of Galilee.

DAY 4 (Tue. Nov. 20): AREA OF THE TRIBE OF DAN

Today is dedicated to the spectacular northern part of Israel. Following the accounts described in the Gospel of Luke chapter 9, we will drive through the **Hula Valley** to view **Mt. Hermon**, where the miracle of Transfiguration occurred and stop at the crusader **Nimrod Fortress**. Situated on a cliff, it offers a magnificent view of the entire northern region. We will visit the **Banias**, one of the headwaters of the **Jordan River** and site of **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter confessed Christ's divinity. From there, we will continue to the **Dan Nature Reserve**. After a refreshing walk through the beautiful reserve and a taste from the cool water, we will discover Jeroboam's Altar (I Kings 12). We will also see a city gate from the time of Abraham the Patriarch and learn about the importance of the gate in the social life of the city in the Old Testament times.

DAY 5 (Wed. Nov. 21): AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Today we will be visiting the places where Jesus spent most of his public life and the sites you have read about all of your life. Our first stop will be at **Capernaum**, where Jesus taught in the synagogue and spent much of His ministry (Matthew 4). Driving around the lake we will visit **Tabgha** place of the feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14). Next we will visit the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where Christ preached the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Time permitting; retracing the steps of the multitude, we will walk down the slopes of the hill to the Sea of Galilee. After a stop by the **Jordan River** we will sail on the **Sea of Galilee** using a replica of the wooden fishing boat from the disciples' time, and recall Jesus' experiences with the fishermen. After dinner we will step back in time as we attend a light and sound show in **Beth Shean** that will bring the Roman Decapolis City back to life.

DAY 6 (Thur. Nov. 22): THE VALLIES' AREA

The morning will be dedicated to a trip through the **Valley of Jezreel**. Driving by **Mt. Tabor** and **Afula** we will reach **Megiddo**. We will view the excavations of 21 superimposed cities, the remains from Solomon's days (I Kings 9). We will drive by **Mt. Gilboah**, where King Saul fell on his sword and found his death (I Samuel 31). Our first stop will be at the **Spring of Harod**, the site where Gideon received the 300 men to fight the Midianites (Judges 7). At lunch, we will stop at the **Sachne**, a national park of warm spring water. At the end of the day we will return to **Beth Shean** (I Sam. 31), the Decapolis Capital mentioned in the Gospels. After seeing it at night, we will now have the opportunity to walk on the ancient streets, view the Roman steam baths, the theatre, coliseum, market and temples. A Festive **Thanksgiving dinner** will be waiting for us at the hotel tonight.

DAY 7 (Fri. Nov. 23): JORDAN VALLEY TO JERUSALEM

We will leave the beautiful Galilee area behind us and drive down the **Jordan Valley** passing by **Jericho**, the oldest city in the world and a beautiful oasis (Joshua 3). We will make a stop at the recently opened traditional **Jesus Baptismal Site** on the Jordan River. Then we will drive on the **Old Jericho Road** used by the pilgrims to ascend to Jerusalem in Jesus day (Luke 10). As we stop along the road we learn the meaning of Psalm 121 and also understand what Jesus meant by sharing the story of the **Good Samaritan** (Luke 10: 25-37). We will overlook **St. George Monastery** from the 4th century, built on the wall face of the **Kelt Canyon**. The monks here still try to follow the example of Jesus on the Mt. of Temptation. We will start ascending to the Golden City of the Mighty King: **JERUSALEM**. We begin our visit of Jerusalem at the **Mt. of Olives** with a magnificent overview of Jerusalem and an explanation of its history. Then, walk down the **Palm Sunday road** to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, site of Jesus' betrayal (Luke 22).

DAY 8 (Sat. Nov. 24): OVERLOOK BETHLEHEM - FREE DAY

In the morning we will view **Bethlehem**, the birth place of Jesus and the pastoral **Shepherds' Fields**, where David raised his sheep and where the Good News about Jesus' birth was received (Luke 2). The rest of the day will be free. This will allow us to rest and absorb in much of the information we have come to obtain. You may want to use this day to re-visit a certain site, to stroll on your own or to do some shopping. Our tour bus will function as a shuttle bus and different activities will be suggested. In the evening, an optional typical Israeli Folk Dance will be available at the Jerusalem YMCA for those that want to attend (not included in price).

DAY 9 (Sun. Nov. 25): CITY OF DAVID - MODERN JERUSALEM

We will begin the day at the **City of David**, **Hezekiah's Tunnel** and the **Pool of Siloam**, where Jesus healed the blind man, (John 9). Then at the **Israel Museum** we will have a chance to visit the **Model of Jerusalem** during Jesus' time to obtain an excellent perspective of the city at His time. We will visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and view the ossuary of Caiphas and Pontius Pilatus stone. Finally, at **Yad Vashem**, the museum of the Holocaust, we will better understand the miracle of Israel's revival and return to the Land, as promised by God.

DAY 10 (Mon. Nov. 26): OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM - ELLAH VALLEY

After a quiet moment of prayer at the **Wailing Wall**, we will visit the **Ophel** digs. We will walk on the First century Street, used by pilgrims for centuries, while viewing the remains of the Temple and the steps used by Jesus when entering it (Luke 19, Matthew 21). We will continue to the **Jewish Quarter**, to visit the extensive area uncovered by archaeologists, including the **Burnt House** at the **Herodian Quarter**, where we will see the interior of houses from Jesus' time with ashes indicating Jerusalem's destruction. Then we will walk through the **Cardo** and **Hezekiah's Wall**, towards the **Arab Market** and bazaar and leave the Old City through the **Jaffa Gate**. In the afternoon we will leave the magnificent city of Jerusalem behind us and drive to the **Elah Valley**, where you will be able to pick up your own stone from the brook where David slew Goliath (I Samuel 17).

DAY 11 (Tue. Nov. 27): DEAD SEA AREA

Today we will leave Jerusalem and descend towards the **Dead Sea**, located in the lowest place in the world, 1300 ft. below sea level! Our first stop will be at **Ein Gedi**, where David wrote some of his beautiful psalms. After a short hike we will reach the waterfall where David cut off Saul's skirt (I Samuel 24). We will continue to the astonishing ruins of **Massada**. Using a cable car we will reach Herod's magnificent fortress, site of the Zealots' stand against Rome. Well preserved storehouses, cisterns and palaces will be among the features to visit. At noon time we will stop at **Ein Bokek** for lunch and a float on the salty sea.

DAY 12 (Wed. Nov. 28): JERUSALEM'S CHRISTIAN SITES

We will begin our last tour day in the city by retracing Jesus' last steps in Jerusalem. First, we will visit the **Temple Mount** and the impressive **Dome of the Rock**. After a visit to the **Upper Room** we will enter **St. Stephen's Gate** and come to the **Pool of Bethesda**, where Jesus healed the lame man (John 5). After a time of singing in **St. Anne's Church**, we will view the remains of the **Antonia Fortress**, site of Jesus' trial (Mathew 27). We then will follow the **Way of the Cross** out of the **Damascus Gate** to the **Garden Tomb**, the site of the crucifixion and culminate our tour with a communion at **Calvary**.

DAY 13 (Thur. Nov. 29): Early departure for home, after fulfilling a lifetime dream of seeing, touching and breathing the very places we have only read about until now. Arriving home our Bible will never be the same, for it will be alive in front of our eyes and in our hearts forever.

The itinerary is as described but is subject to local conditions at the time of the tour. Itinerary may change at the discretion of the tour director(s) or land operator.

INCLUDES: Roundtrip Airfare from Los Angeles, Roundtrip Transfers between Airport and Hotels, Hotel Accommodations, 10 Day Tour of Israel with Guide, Breakfast and Dinner Daily, Two Lunches (Falafel, Lot Dead Sea), Sound and Light Show, All Entrance Fees, All Hotel Taxes, Current Airport Taxes which are subject to change until ticketed, Medical Insurance while in Israel, **(This medical insurance is not covered for travelers 75 or older)**, All Gratuities, International Phone Card, Personalized Name Badge, Document Case with Luggage Tags, Baggage Strap.

HOTELS: 1 night Kfar Maccabiah, Tel Aviv; 4 nights Ein Gev, Tiberias, 6 nights Crowne Plaza, Jerusalem

PRICE: \$3,468.00 per person, based on double occupancy, from Los Angeles. Price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers on the bus. Single Supplement \$575.00 additional and limited. Fuel surcharges and airport taxes are subject to change until ticketed.

PAYMENT: Initial Deposit of \$500.00 per person is due immediately along with registration form to hold your spot. *Space is limited.* Second payment of \$1,000.00 per person is due by May 1, 2012. Final payment is due on or before Sept. 1, 2012.

CANCELLATION INSURANCE: Cancellation insurance is highly recommended, as there are cancellation penalties that will apply. Please note that insurance must be taken out within twenty-one (21) days of deposit to waive the pre-existing condition clause. Applications have been provided to the church for your convenience. This insurance, besides trip cancellation and other items, will also cover medical for travelers 75 years plus and while in Bethlehem (which is not covered above). We recommend this insurance company, but you may use any company you desire. Travelers over 75 should have their own medical insurance or take out Travelex.

Tour is subject to all terms and conditions as listed in attached brochure.

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