

Through the Beautiful Gate: A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

College Drive Presbyterian Church
January 29 – February 7, 2015



The Holy Land is beautiful, meaningful and complicated. Steeped in history, it is a place shared by many ethnic and religious groups. Stories from the Ancient Near East, including those of the Bible, tell of a land that has been shaped by war, trade, religion, and revelation. This tour will give travelers the gift of exploring this complexity as important archeological and Christian, Muslim and Jewish religious sites are visited. The contemporary issues of territory and water, freedom and control will also be experienced by meeting a few of the grassroots organizations that are working for the rights of all people.



Through the Beautiful Gate:

Day One

Arrival and welcome at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv / travel to Galilee (overnight #1, Mar Elias, Ibillin)

Day Two

Galilee / A visit to Archbishop Elias Chacour Educational Institution / Acre or Akko / Bahai Gardens in Haifa / Mt. Carmel (overnight #2, Mar Elias)

Day Three

Galilee / Ceasarea Maritima / Medgiddo – via Armageddon Valley to Galilee (overnight #3, Galilee)

Day Four

Galilee / A boat ride on The Sea of Galilee / The Ancient boat of Jesus / Mount of Beatitudes / Capernaum / Golan Heights / Caesarea Philippi (overnight #4, Galilee)

Day Five

Galilee / Church of Loaves and the Fishes (Tabgha) / Beit-Shean / River Jordan baptismal site at QASAR-EL-YAHUD and renewal of baptism worship (overnight #5, Jerusalem)

Day Six

Mount of Olives/Gethsemane / Caiaphas' House/ Bethlehem / Baraka Presbyterian Church / Shepherd Fields/ Church of the Nativity / and if time allows Herodian (overnight #6, Jerusalem)

Day Seven

Valley of the Shadow of Death / Qumran (Dead Sea Scroll caves) / Masada / Floating and swimming in The Dead Sea / Return to Jerusalem (overnight #7, Jerusalem)

Day Eight

Old City Jerusalem: Western Wall / Temple Mount (Dome of the Rock) / Western Wall Tunnel Tour / City of David/Mt. Zion (overnight #8, Jerusalem)

Day Nine

Old City Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa / Church of the Holy Sepulchre / Pools of Bethesda / Ein Karem / Joppa / Departure from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv





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DEPART USA JANUARY 29, RETURN FEBRUARY 7, 2015.

Price per person: \$1,365 USD
Single Supplement : \$480 USD

PRICE INCLUDES:

- **8 nights hotel accommodations at good hotels and guest houses**
 - **Daily breakfast and dinner at the hotels**
 - **English speaking Professional tour guide**
 - **Arrival & departure transfers**
 - **Transportation with full size bus**
- **Entrance fees to the sites and museums**
 - **Parking fees**
 - **Guide & driver expenses**
 - **Hotel tips**



PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- **Personal expenses**
- **Tips to the guide & driver**
 - **Lunches**
 - **Airfare**

All flights to and from Tel Aviv International Airport need to be arranged individually by the traveler. The price quoted is LAND ONLY. Please try and arrive in Tel Aviv no later than 3 pm on January 30th.

Please book your return flight on February 7 for anytime after 11pm. Once you have your reservation information, please email it to: anneweirich@mac.com.