

**From the
beginning to the
end, you'll
enrich your
faith and
experience the
best!**

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Touching the Past

Israel, and the region, are fully opened for tourists! We have waited many months for tourism to return to normal. Join us on your next adventure as you travel through history, which speaks directly to our faith. Throughout the centuries, people have longed to experience the lands of the Bible, enriching their faith and gaining knowledge of the history and culture in which Jesus lived. Somehow, touching the past arouses the faith within us.

The vision of Alpha 2 Omega Travel was to offer something much more than your average tour to Israel and other biblical destinations. We sought to add a personal touch, and be certain that each and every person traveling would feel as if they were part of the family. As part of our daily work routines, we pray for our tour groups, from the beginning to the end of the tour process. We ask God that each person would be richly blessed, with an experience beyond anything they could possibly imagine, and that their daily walk with God would be

strengthened. We seek to be a ministry, not simply a business.

And with another tour season approaching, we move forward with that same vision, asking that the Lord would richly bless all of those who travel, and that their lives will be profoundly touched by His presence. We continue to offer tours which are Christ centered, with devotions, prayer, and opportunities for Bible study and fellowship. Many tour groups meet and visit with Christian families, which broadens their cultural perspective with regard to Christians around the world.

As a company, we want you to have the best experience possible while traveling with us. That is why we visit every hotel in which our groups will be booked, to make a determination if the facilities will be acceptable. We also visit local restaurants to select menus and arrange fair pricing, in order to help reduce costs to our groups. It is expensive to travel, and we want to make sure that you receive the best, without overpaying and hidden costs. We want you to have a

worry-free adventure as you learn more about the Bible, and grow in your knowledge of Him.

God has richly blessed those of us at Alpha 2 Omega Travel. We are blessed by serving tour groups each year, and blessed by getting to meet so many wonderful people, and making lasting friendships. We cherish the memories, and the time spent with each group, getting to know each person, and sharing experiences that will only be once in a life time.

As part of our newsletter, we always include a message from one of our tour hosts. Please read further to see what our tour hosts and participants have to say.

If you have never traveled with us or are interested in organizing a biblical tour, take a look at our website: www.alpha2omegatravel.org to see our newest itineraries. We have dates available for groups, as well as existing tours which individuals may join. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Linda Miller
Tour Operator, M.A., owner



A message from our tour host...

This May, along with nine other eager pilgrims, I traveled to the Holy Land. This was my sixth pilgrimage to Israel. A natural, obvious question arose during our journey together as one of my fellow pilgrims asked why in my continuing travels, I kept returning to this part of the world.

For me, the answer is simple and remains unchanged. From my first pilgrimage to Israel, I learned how to read the Bible in color rather than in black and white. Growing up in the Church, I was taught to read the scriptures from a single point of view. Not surprisingly, this interpretative lens tended to be monochrome - reflecting a decidedly Western point of view.

While in seminary studying to be a pastor, I was introduced not only to the possibility but the reality of various interpretive possibilities when it comes to reading and understanding the Bible. As much as this revelation sunk for me in concept, it only was when I journeyed to the land and people among whom the stories of the scriptures were weaved that I realized all the color I had been missing.

Pilgrimage to Israel puts oneself on the actual canvas upon which the history we read and the theology we are taught were shaped. There are hues and shades of meaning that can only be grasped by seeing, touching, and interacting with the culture and topography of Israel. It is one thing to read of the emergence of Israel and another thing to experience the land and people that the Lord God birthed and nurtured into a kingdom and then a remnant.

We can speak of following Christ but to visualize - to literally walk in the footsteps of Jesus and tread the ground upon which the Body of Christ, the Church, was breathed into being by the Holy Spirit - adds a crucial dimension to our continuing discipleship that cannot fully be put into words. The Jesus many of us know and the Church most of us perceive as the Body of Christ is far too limited by an American/European perspective. However, when you visit the Holy Land and briefly interact in a different culture with very different assumptions and norms, your internal picture of both Christ and the Church is both challenged and broadened.

Why do I keep coming back to Israel? Because making the journey to Israel forces me to engage the biblical world and our shared faith not only with my intellect or my emotion but with my whole being. Returning again and again as a pilgrim renews my understanding of the proper orientation of my relationship to Jesus as a Christian. Before the layers of history and the coexistence of diverse ethnic and religious groups, I am reminded that I am called and commissioned to follow Christ not simply as an observer but as a participant in his life and witness in the world.

Pr. Chris Tweitmann, Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, CA



Messages from our tour guests...

We want to express our sincere joy of traveling the Holy Land with Pastor Chris and Linda of Alpha 2 Omega Travel. The effort to combine so much in such a short span of time was great! The many places in which to experience our pilgrimage and connect with our faith were truly inspiring. Seeing (and tasting) the water of Jacob's Well, walking and praying the Via Dolorosa, reconfirming our baptisms in the Jordan River, standing atop Masada, and being on the lakeshore of the Sea of Galilee knowing here, Jesus forgave Peter for his betrayal. These were some very spiritual experiences. Our tour guide, Bassam, was thoroughly knowledgeable in all aspects of history and religions, making our trip such a great learning experience. The comfort and ease of travel each day rewarded us with true learning experiences. These were just a few of the life-time memories we will cherish from this wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We highly recommend making this journey.

Gary and Nancy St. Clair, Huntington Beach, CA



Safety

Safety in a foreign country is of great concern to most people. Many people are not comfortable traveling to a place with which they are unfamiliar, and perhaps have heard that it is unsafe. It is sometimes easier to avoid visiting a

country you have always wanted to visit.

Your safety is our concern. Tour operators will always have the most current information on the safety in each country, and any reports that are issued. Security issues in Israel and other countries

are many times overly exaggerated. It is, moreover, probably safer than where you live.

Rest assured that millions of people travel to Israel and the Middle East every year, without any safety or security issues.

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.” – Marcel Proust

Recipe...an all time favorite!

Hummus

Ingredients

1 - 15 oz. can drained garbanzo beans (save liquid)
1 clove crushed garlic
2 teaspoons ground cumin
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon olive oil

Preparation

Using a blender or food processor, combine all ingredients and blend on low speed, adding liquid saved from beans, until desired consistency. Serve with toasted pita bread.

Messages from our tour guests...

My Holy Pilgrimage to Israel was definitely one of the most meaningful experiences of my lifetime. It was an incredible blessing and I am so thankful for the opportunity to travel there as part of the May 2022 tour led by Linda Miller of Alpha 2 Omega Travel.

There are just too many favorite experiences to settle in one a top one of two! Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, tucking prayers into the Wailing Wall, dancing on the Sea of Galilee, renewing my baptism in the Jordan River, experiencing late in the day the song of the priests at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, floating in the Dead Sea, exploring the walls of Jerusalem, tasting water from Jacob's Well, etc. It's true that I now see the Bible in 3D as my faith has come alive in a vibrant way. I was able to step back into history and it was amazing. Our guide, Bassam, pointed out that Israel belongs to all of us. Such a profound statement. Yes, of course, this is true as Israel is the land central to my faith...the beginning and the end!

My husband Jeff and I are so thankful to Linda for her attention to detail, her generous and adventurous spirit, and for bringing us all together as family!

Pamela Stephens, Huntington Beach, CA



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Tour Hosts!

During the next few months, we are actively seeking tour hosts for the 2023-2025 tour seasons. If you have hosted a tour in the past, please give us a call to schedule dates for your next tour. If you haven't traveled with us before, or haven't traveled to the Holy Lands, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. You can contact our office directly at (760) 985-3540 or email us at office@alpha2omegatravel.org.

Join one of our scheduled tours:

Israel is Open for Tourists!

Host a tour - Israel - Custom Pricing 2023

Jun 5-15, Jun 12-22, Jun 19-29, Jun 26-Jul 6, Jul 3-13, Jul 10-20, Aug 28-Sept 7, Sept 4-14
Oct 9-19, Oct 16-26, Oct 23-Nov 2, Oct 30-Nov 9, Nov 6-16, Nov 13-23, Nov 20-30

Host a tour - Discounted - Israel 2024

Jan 2-12, Jan 10-19, Jan 17-26, Jan 23-Feb 1

Complete package starting at \$3399 Land only package starting at \$2699

Host a tour - Israel - Custom Pricing 2024

Feb 5-15, Feb 12-22, Feb 19-29, Mar 4-14, Mar 11-21, Apr 1-11, Apr 8-18, May 6-16
May 13-23, May 20-30, May 28-Jun 7, Jun 3-13, Jun 10-20, Jun 17-27, Jun 25-Jul 5, Jul 2-12
Sept 3-13, Sept 9-19, Sept 16-26, Sept 23-Oct 3, Sept 30-Oct 10, Oct 28-Nov 7, Nov 4-14
Nov 11-21, Nov 18-28, Nov 25-Dec 5

Join an existing tour- Space Available

If you have a small group, join with one of our existing tours!

Israel, October 17-27, 2022 - \$3650

Israel, November 7-18, 2022 - \$3899

Israel and Jordan, February 4-21, 2023 - \$5199

Israel and Jordan, February 26-March 8, 2024 - \$4399

Israel, March 7-18, 2024 - \$3839

Save \$\$\$\$ when purchasing a complete package!

\$100 discount off price when you make all payments and deposits in personal check or money order.

\$100 OFF

Alpha 2 Omega Travel (760) 985-3540 www.alpha2omegatravel.org

Coupon valid when groups total at least 20 or more participants. Coupon must accompany registration form. Discount will be applied at the time of final payment. Coupons cannot be combined.

***One Coupon Per Person**



Song of Ascent; Psalm 122:6-8



Pray for Jerusalem's peace!
Prosperity to all you who love Jerusalem!

Friendly insiders, get along!
Hostile outsiders, keep your distance!

For the sake of my family and friends,
I say it again, live in peace!

