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Touching the Past

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 is to offer something much more than your average tour to Israel and other biblical destinations. We seek to add a personal touch, and be certain that each and every person traveling will 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.

We now move into a new season of travel 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. As we move from idleness due to Covid-19, we are once again beginning to prepare for our groups to travel this year and beyond.

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, making 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. Pricing is negotiated with suppliers, and we continue negotiating to help you receive fair prices. 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. In this issue, you will hear from Pr. Bob Rufener. He has hosted past tours to Israel, and continues to keep in contact with us.

If you have never traveled with us, take a look at our website: alpha2omegatravel.org to see our brochure, testimonials, itineraries, and available dates. We have dates available for groups, as well as existing tours which individuals may join. We look forward to serving you in the future.

In His Peace,

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

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Linda Miller, M.A., GTO, owner and tour operator

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A message from our tour host...

Israel. There is no place on earth like it.

As a pastor for over forty years, I can say without reservation, a tour to Israel to walk where Jesus walked and use your Holy imagination to live among God's people from the Old Testament, is one of the best investments of your time and resources you will ever make. The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, come alive as you are carefully, safely, and educationally guided by the best people in Israel to the sights and sounds of living history. I guarantee that you will change how you read the Bible because of walking the land and hearing the cultural history from your expert guides.

I highly recommend using a tour company that has deep roots in Israel, over a long period of time, with a great reputation for service and attention to detail. Such a company is Alpha 2 Omega Travel. Linda Ream-Miller made leading a tour to Israel so easy for me personally. Every detail was taken care of, and information and schedule were always given in a timely manner. Indeed, she is very easy to work with to schedule a tour or join an existing tour. Believe me when I say, this is a must do, if you can do, for every Christian. Trust me, you won't regret the investment.

Pr. Robert Rufener Foursquare Missions International Emissary to South and Southeast Asia

A message from our tour participant...

My mother's family lived in Israel during the 60s and 70s, and I grew up hearing stories about all their adventures. However, during those years, none of them were Christians and couldn't put any of the places into a Biblical context. Israel had been on my bucket list for years, but I knew that I wanted more than just a tour—I wanted an experience that would strengthen my faith and increase my knowledge of the land in which lesus lived and began His ministry. My pilgrimage to Israel with Alpha 2 Omega Travel exceeded all my expectations. As far as the tour itself, it was obvious the accommodations, shops, and restaurants had been well vetted for affordability and quality. The restaurant owners were the kindest and most attentive people, making all of us feel at home. Even the pickiest eaters were delighted. The hotels were in convenient and safe locations. We were able to walk to the gates of the Old City in Jerusalem, and right to the water's edge on the Sea of Galilee. You would be hard-pressed to find anyone with more Biblical knowledge, love of the land and its people, and understanding of Middle Eastern culture and archaeology than Linda. Combine that with our guide and driver, and there simply wasn't a question they didn't know the answer. No one in our group ever felt unsafe at any time, which is still the first question people ask about my time in Israel. I credit that to Linda and our guide knowing where to go, telling us how to behave appropriately at each site, and their understanding of past and current events. Our group ranged in age from 18 to 50 with varying degrees of spirituality and familiarity with the Bible, and everyone was able to strengthen their faith and learn something new. Being able to stand on the Teaching Steps, walk the Via Delarosa, sail on the Sea of Galilee, place my hands on the places where lesus was born and died, and reaffirm my baptism in the same water where lesus was baptized are life changing experiences that simply cannot be put into words. I will forever be grateful to Linda and our guide.

Jean Nosco, Huntington Beach CA

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A message from our tour participant...

In early 2019 my wife Kathy and I, along with a contingency of members from Church of Grace, Yorba Linda, Ca. had the distinct pleasure of experiencing a "life changing" trip to the Holy Land. This was an event which we will never forget, truly inspiring, thought provoking and unique in its' experience. What made this trip ever so enjoyable and educational was the excellent tour put together by Linda Miller, owner of Alpha 2 Omega Travel. She and our tour guide were well prepared, professional, knowledgeable, friendly, and constantly had our safety welfare in mind. We will never forget our experiences in such places as Jerusalem and walking the path of Jesus on His way to Golgotha; or the Sea of Galilee and taking a boat ride in a similar wooden boat as Jesus and His Disciples did when He calmed the Sea and walked on water (as a side note, we had communion aboard the ship and it was most inspiring); or the cable car ride up the hill to Herod's fortress Masada; praying at Gethsemane where Jesus labored in prayer the night before He was to be crucified. I could go on and on with many more experiences but suffice it to say it was more than memorable and certainly life changing! When I read the Bible now, I can see in my mind's eye the actual locations that are written of in God's Word because we were there! Thank you, Linda Ream-Miller of Alpha 2 Omega Travel! We look forward to joining you again on another tour as soon as possible!

David Novak, Church of Grace, Yorba Linda CA

Tables at the time of Jesus

One of the earliest understandings of the word "table" was a leather mat, which was placed on the floor. In Jesus' time, tables were of several shapes. In the Greek New Testament, one type of table was

mentioned in Matthew 15:27, trapeza, which meant it had four sides. Many times the word triclinium was used to mean that diners were reclining at a three-sided table, comparable to the height of a modern coffee table, with low couches. This was common in the Roman world. Tables were made of stone or wood, and contained two parts; base and eating surface. After the meal, the entire eating surface piece would be taken outside and shaken to remove crumbs.



Safety and Covid

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 may 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, in all probability, 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.

At this time, Covid vaccinations are required for entry to Israel, as well as negative PCR test prior to U.S. departure, and again upon arrival in Israel. Over the last several months, there has been an ease of the regulations for entry. We continue to monitor the situation and update our tour hosts accordingly.

Enrich you Faith!

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Host a tour - Discounted - Israel 2022 Jan 4-13, Jan 11-20, Jan 18-27, Jan 25-Feb 3 Complete package starting at \$3499 Land only package starting at \$2699

Host a tour - Israel - Custom Pricing 2022

Mar 28-Apr 7, Apr 4-14, Apr 18-28, Apr 25-May 5, May 2-12, May 30-Jun 9 Jun 6-16, Jun 13-23, Jun 20-30, Jun 27-Jul 7, Jul 4-14, Jul 11-21 Aug 29-Sept 8, Sept 5-15, Sept 12-22, Oct 17-27, Oct 24-Nov 3, Oct 31-Nov 10 Nov 7-17, Nov 14-24, Nov 21-Dec 1

Host a tour - Discounted - Israel 2023 Jan 3-12, Jan 10-19, Jan 17-26, Jan 24-Feb 2 Complete package starting at \$3499 Land only package starting at \$2699

Host a tour - Israel - Custom Pricing 2023
Feb 20-March 2, Feb 27-March 9, March 20-30, March 27-Apr 6, Apr 10-20, Apr 17-27, Apr 24-May 4
May 1-11, May 8-18, May 15-25, May 22-Jun 1, May 29-Jun 8, 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 I Complete package starting at \$3499 Land only package starting at \$2699

Host a tour - Israel - Custom Pricing 2024
Feb 5-15, Feb 12-22, Feb 19-29, Feb 26-Mar 7, 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
January 10-19, 2022—\$3299
Israel, February 14-24, 2022 - \$3650
Israel, March 9-20, 2022 - \$3489
Israel, March 21-April 1, 2022 - \$3899
Israel, May 15-27, 2022 - \$4299
Israel and Jordan, February 4-21, 2023 - \$5199
Israel and Jordan, March 13-24, 2023 - \$4099

We also offer tours to other biblical destinations! Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, and Rome!

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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. Discount applies when deposit and payments are made in check form.





