



Pastor David Bechtel and Linda
Bethel Church Itinerary
March 13-24, 2019

March 13, Wednesday

Transatlantic

Depart Seattle to Tel Aviv. We must be at the airport at least 2 hours before flight time. Enjoy our on-board transatlantic experience.

ENROUTE TRANSATLANTIC

March 14, Thursday

Tel Aviv

Today, we arrive in Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, we are met and assisted by our guide. Our coach is waiting and we are transferred to our hotel for a good night's rest.

OVERNIGHT TELAVIV

March 15, Friday

**Caesarea / Mt. Carmel / Megiddo /
Nazareth / Nazareth Village / Galilee**

This morning after our full Israeli breakfast, we travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of Caesarea, the ancient Roman capital built by Herod the Great in 22 BC. The apostle Paul was imprisoned here before being sent to Rome. Pilate lived here during the time of Jesus' crucifixion. Cornelius and his household lived here too. Visit the Roman Theatre, the Aqueduct and Herodian Port. Continue toward Haifa to see the magnificent panoramic view from Mount Carmel. Visit the Mukraka, the location of Elijah's altar where he slew the prophets of Baal. Afterwards, we drive to visit the Valley of Armageddon and the excavation of Tel Megiddo which is 30 civilizations deep going all the way back to the Canaanites. Here, too, are Ahab's water tunnel and Solomon's stables. We travel next to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth for an unforgettable visit to the recreated Nazareth Village. If there is time, we will visit Mary's well. We continue to the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE

March 16, Saturday

**Boat Ride / Mount of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum /
Tel Dan / Caesarea Phillipi / Golan Heights / Yardenit**

Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. Visit Tabgha where Jesus fed 5000 with the loaves and the fishes of a small boy. Continue to Capernaum, the city of Simon Peter's house where the paralytic was healed. Cross the Jordan River to the land of Gaderenes. Visit Tel Dan where Jeroboam challenged the temple in Jerusalem with a golden calf. We then go to nearby Caesarea Phillipi, site of pagan altars, where Peter confessed Christ. Journeying back toward Tiberias via the Golan Heights we learn of Israel's last great victory over Syria in recent history. Finally, we visit Yardenit on the Jordan River where you can be baptized before returning to your hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE

March 17, Sunday

**Gideon Springs / Beth Shean / Judean Hills /
Bedouin Lunch / Bethlehem / Jerusalem**

After breakfast, we stop at Gideon Springs where Gideon chose 300 men to fight the Midianites. We continue to the newly excavated ruins of Beit She'an where the bodies of Saul and his sons were displayed on the walls after their defeat at Mount Gilboa. Continuing down the Jordan River valley

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up toward Jerusalem, we stop for an authentic Bedouin lunch at "Abraham's Tent." We continue to nearby Bethlehem where we see the shepherd's fields and visit the site of Jesus' birth.

LUNCH IN GENESIS LAND / DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

March 18, Monday**Jerusalem / Old City / Garden Tomb**

Drive to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, and Church of All Nations. See the Kidron Valley and the Tomb of Absalom, Zachariah and James. Our morning walking tour is of the Old City. We proceed to the temple area on Mt. Moriah where we visit the excavated archeological site near the southern wall of Temple Mount in the Old City. Afterwards we see the Dome of the Rock, visit the Western Wall, and walk through the Kotel Tunnel. Emerging from the tunnel, we also visit the Golden Gate, the Pinnacle, St. Stephen's Gate, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of the Flagellation and the Ecce Homo Arch. We view the Gabbadia pavement and continue through the Bazaar to the last stations of the Via Dolorosa. This afternoon we visit the Garden Tomb of Jesus. There we have an orientation beside Calvary and a communion. After our time of communion and worship at the Garden Tomb we return to our hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

March 19, Tuesday**Jerusalem / Old and New City**

This morning we visit the Room of the Last Supper and King David's Tomb on Mt. Zion. We next visit the newly excavated City of David and the Pool of Siloam via the Herodian tunnel. We proceed via the Hebrew University and the Knesset to the Israel Museum. We also visit Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial. Visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited and where the model of ancient Jerusalem is displayed.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

March 20, Wednesday**Dead Sea / Qumran / Ein Gedi / Masada**

Leave Jerusalem for the Shore of the Dead Sea -the deepest point on earth (1200 feet below sea level). Drive via the Judean Wilderness to the Dead Sea via Ein Fescha to Qumran, the ruins of an ancient Essene community where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Then drive to the Nature Reserve Ein Gedi, where King David found shelter from the rage of King Saul. Ascend to Masada by cable car to visit these magnificent ruins. Masada is the fortress where from 70-73 AD the Jewish Zealots made the last stand against the Roman Empire. Enjoy a short swim in the Dead Sea and travel via the Judean Wilderness to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

FOR THOSE GOING ONLY TO ISRAEL, DINNER AND TRANSFER TO BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR FLIGHT HOME

Optional Extension to Jordan

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

March 21, Thursday**Allenby Bridge / Madaba / Petra**

This morning we leave Jerusalem and continue to the Allenby Bridge near Jericho to cross the Jordan River into the kingdom of Jordan. After clearing customs and saying goodbye to our Israeli guide, we cross into the friendly and fascinating country of Jordan. We ascend up the eastern mountains to visit the Decapolis city of Jerash. Continuing to the south we stop at Madaba where we view the most ancient map of the Holy Land which dates from 600AD. We continue to Petra.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT PETRA

March 22, Friday**Petra**

After a delicious Jordanian breakfast, we arrive at the entrance to the Siq which leads us to Petra, one of the ancient wonders of the world. An easy walk of about a mile leads us to the end of the narrow canyon which opens spectacularly to the familiar Treasury which is carved out of predominately red

stone. Further down, the valley opens to even more wonders. For the hardy there is a climb to the traditional burial site of Aaron, Moses' brother.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AMMAN

March 23, Saturday

Mt. Nebo / Baptismal Site / Allenby Bridge / Jerusalem

On our final day in the Holy Land we begin with another delicious Jordanian breakfast before departing from our hotel. On our way back to the Allenby Bridge, we stop atop Mt. Nebo to see catch the same view as Moses had. Going down toward the Jordan River, we stop nearby to see the Jordanian site which is believed to be the most likely place where John the Baptist baptized. It is also here on the plains of Moab where Elijah ascended into heaven in a chariot of fire. We cross back into Israel and meet our guide once again and return to our Jerusalem hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

March 24, Sunday

Leisure Day / Elah Valley / Jaffa

We enjoy a leisure morning today before beginning our transfer toward Tel Aviv. Our final stops are at Elah Valley, where David slew Goliath and a short visit to Jaffa where Simon the Tanner lived and where Jonah set sail for his encounter with the great fish. Dinner is at a Yemenite restaurant in Tel Aviv before transferring to Ben Gurion Airport for our late night journey home.

March 25, Monday

Transatlantic / USA

We enjoy our flight and arrive in Seattle the same day.

PRICES

Israel Only \$4079

Single Supplement \$864

Double occupancy (based on 30 passengers in group)

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| 1. Coach class flight from Seattle to Tel Aviv and back, including an allowance of up to \$500 for fuel charges and airline taxes. | 7. Portorage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel. |
| 2. Lodging double occupancy in 4 star hotels. | 8. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates. |
| 3. Full Israeli breakfast and dinner daily. | 9. Visit the Kotel Tunnel. |
| 4. Touring coach & English-speaking, government-licensed guide on the sightseeing days. | 10. Bedouin Dinner at Genesis Land. |
| 5. Transfers from / to the airport in Israel. | 11. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. |
| 6. Entrances to sites listed in itinerary. | 12. Visit to Nazareth Village. |

Not included in the above quotation:

Airline fuel surcharges and taxes in excess of the allowance mentioned above; Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. Approximately \$14.00 per person per day' All lunches except Bedouin lunch; Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.;

Transfers to or from SEA and passenger's home or organization; Travel insurance; Cost of obtaining passports, visas, handling fees, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours, transportation from cities other than Seattle WA and vice versa, tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.

Optional payment by credit card (additional 4% of the total bill).

Optional Jordan Extension\$ 902

Single Supplement \$342

Double occupancy (based on 30 passengers)

Not included:

Israeli Bridge Crossing Taxes, (\$48), Jordanian Bridge Crossing Taxes (\$15); Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. Approximately \$14.00 per person per day' All lunches; Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.; Travel insurance; entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours; tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.

Group Entry Pass (Visa) to Jordan: (\$27),

Gratuities: \$ 15 per person per day