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Touching the Past

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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.

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.

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

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Messages from our tour participants...

As I sit down to recap my July 2023 Israel trip with Alpha 2 Omega, I'm struggling to come up with the words to describe just how incredible of an experience it was. This trip has been at the top of my bucket list my entire adult life, so I went in with pretty high expectations and I can honestly say that from start to finish, it exceeded everyone. I have come home with a better understanding of my faith, feeling closer to my Lord and eager to continue to study the Bible and the history of the Christian church. I could go on for quite a while about the amazing sites we saw and experiences we had (a few of my favorites were touching the rock at Golgotha, Stella Maris, the Baha'i Gardens, sailing on the Sea of Galilee, going to the top of the Mount of Transfiguration, and the Church of the Annunciation), but as the sites are the same on most tours, I will focus on what I feel truly sets Alpha 2 Omega's tour apart; the absolutely incredible service that truly made us feel like family rather than just another set of customers. Though they'd never worked together before, our guide and driver were perfectly in sync and collaborated like a team that had been together for years to ensure we had the time of our lives.

I am an academic who absolutely loves to learn, and our guide, a fellow intellectual, taught me as much in a week as I've learned in a lifetime of Christian school, Sunday School, Bible Class, and church. He asked questions to get to know me the first day of the trip and then spent the rest of the week crafting thoughtful questions and explanations that challenged my current knowledge, while teaching me new things in a way that was interesting and fun. Linda, our agent, and our driver were so kind to us; I feel as though we started off as strangers but



became a little family over our week together. They truly went above and beyond to make this experience incredible for us. For example, I didn't realize I needed a voltage converter for my hair straightener, so the driver went to his own home to pick one up for me to borrow. I am a diehard Steelers fan and wanted to get some pictures with my Terrible Towel on my vacation, so our guide made it his mission to seek out spots for me to take these pictures and even ran clear across the parking lot to get my towel and bring it to me on top of the aqueduct in Caesarea Maritime when I forgot it on the bus. The guide carried another traveler's extremely heavy purse for her for hours because she was struggling with the large amount of walking on a hot day, and Linda let me borrow her lightweight shawl to cover my shoulders one day when it was incredibly hot and I was miserable in the jacket I'd brought. Additionally, my traveling companion and I love wine, so we were able to add a wine tasting to our trip that was a lovely cherry on top of our week.

We stayed in nice, safe, clean hotels and I really appreciated that two meals a day were included so that I only had to spend money on souvenirs and extras like coffee and ice cream I wanted during the day. From start to finish everything was extraordinary, and I will definitely be

traveling with Alpha 2 Omega again in the future. I would recommend this tour to any traveler and, if you are blessed with the

disposable income, I'd highly recommend inquiring about paying more for a private tour in the offseason as I guarantee this experience is worth it! From the bottom of my heart, thank you for giving me the time of my life and a plethora of wonderful memories that will last a lifetime!

Darcy McClelland



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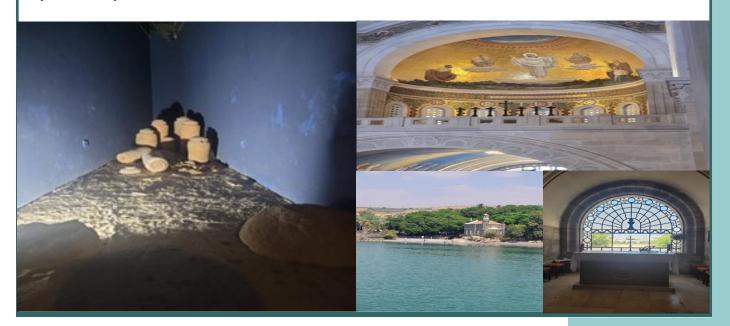
My niece booked our trip to Israel through Alpha 2 Omega Travel. The experience far exceeded anything a travel brochure could depict. To be able to stand on the Mount of Olives, walk the road thought to be the road Jesus used on his trip into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, visit the Garden of Gethsemane, actually see the Wailing Wall, visit the palace of Pontius Pilate, stand on the Mount of Transfiguration, sail on the Sea of Galilee, stand in the Jordan River where it was through John the Baptist baptized Jesus, stand on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, visit the mountain thought to be the area where Ezekiel stayed the 400 prophets of Baal and so many more places of the Bible, is an experience beyond what can be captured in words. It is not only historical, not only Biblical, but moving on a spiritual level. To think you are standing where Jesus and his disciples walked and taught is beyond words.

The beautiful art in the churches, tile mosaics, ancient ruins, was hard to capture in pictures. In contrast to the beautiful churches, we also were able to see a cave which was the type of cave people would live in around the time of Jesus. So interesting to think a cave would be used as a home.

We stayed at 2 different hotels, one in Jerusalem and one in Nazareth. The hotels provide breakfast and dinner and cater to tour groups. There were plenty of salads (yes, salad at breakfast time) and usually fresh fruit, and scrambled eggs. Lunches were overall fantastic. Linda and our guide took us to fabulous restaurants for lunch. In addition to the Biblica sites, we also were able to spend time at the Dead Sea. Floating in the Dead Sea is quite an experience. And yes, we smeared the black mud all over ourselves while at the Dead Sea. I was also able to ride a camel. One evening our guide took us to downtown Jerusalem so we could see all the vendor stalls and shops. In Nazareth, one evening he took us to a little shop which sold all different types of local desserts, including grilling cheese made of goat's milk, which was so delicious.

Linda, from Alpha 2 Omega Travel, did an amazing job picking our local guide. A very large component of having a memorable experience is based on the knowledge of the local guide. Our guide was not only knowledgeable about Biblical history, but also general history of that area, and was able to add context and history to every stop we made. In addition to being an excellent guide, when it came to the historical sites, he was also vigilant to make sure we were always safe, including giving guidance on when to cover arms, shoulders, clavicle, etc., when visiting the various churches or Muslim areas.

Overall, the trip was truly the experience of a lifetime. Thank you to Linda, from Alpha 2 Omega Travel and our local tour guide, and a very important, silent person, our bus driver, who skillfully drove us literally all over Israel. **Phyllis Lindley**



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