

HOLY LAND DISCOVERY TOUR FOR GROUP TOUR LEADERS January 18-26, 2019



Tour Highlights

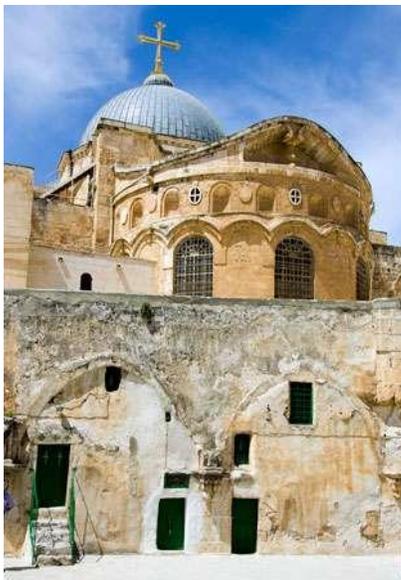
- **EXPERIENCE** a familiarization tour designed to provide proven group leaders with:
 - Information . . .*
 - Resources . . .*
 - Dialogue . . .*
 - Promotion tips . . .*
- See biblical sites of Bethlehem, the Galilee and Jerusalem
- Visit ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan in the Holy Land (ELCJHL), and see how the world's only Arabic-speaking Lutheran church ministers faithfully in a unique context
- Visit Dar al Kalima University College, an intercultural institution supported by Lutherans
- Attend Sunday worship and fellowship at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem
- Learn how progress toward peace is engaging groups from varied political, social and religious communities
- Stay at Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse in Bethlehem, an ecumenical oasis of hope and hospitality
- See the controversial Separation Wall from several perspectives
- Explore a range of familiar and new resources to consider for your next group tour to the Holy Land, mixing the expected with the unexpected
- Dialogue with fellow Group Leaders on enrollment ideas, escorting and other tour issues

Day-by-Day Itinerary

FRI 18 JAN Depart Chicago
Depart Chicago on the overnight flight to Istanbul via Turkish Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

SAT 19 JAN Arrive Tel Aviv/Jerusalem
Connect in Istanbul with the continuing flight to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival meet your guide and driver for the transfer to Jerusalem. Golden Walls Hotel (Meals in-flight)

SUN 20 JAN Jerusalem
Attend the English-language worship service at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and meet for fellowship. Embark on a walking tour of the Old City. Starting at the Church of St. Anne and Pools of Bethesda, take a meaningful journey along the Via Dolorosa stopping at a few Stations of the Cross along the way. Arrive at the Church of Holy Sepulchre, which commemorates Jesus' crucifixion. Golden Walls Hotel (B, D)



Church of the Holy Sepulcher

MON 21 JAN Jerusalem/Bethlehem
Make an early morning visit to the Haram al Sharif/Temple Mount with views of the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque (inside visits not available). Afterwards

meet with the English-Speaking Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, to learn about the various ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Drive to Bethlehem for a walking tour of the Old City including Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave stable where tradition says Jesus was born. Check in at the guesthouse at the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB). Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)



Bethlehem

TUE 22 JAN Bethlehem
Visit Deheisheh Refugee camp for a conversation with Palestinian refugees. Then drive to Efrat Israeli Settlement to meet with one of the residents. Continue to Beit Sahour to see Shepherds' Field, where according to Scripture the angels announced the birth of Jesus. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)



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WED 23 JAN **Bethlehem**
Today visit Dar Al Kalima University College for an introductory program and time for conversation with students during lunch. En route stop for a close-up view of the Separation Wall. Meet with The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb to learn about the work of the Diyar Consortium. These Lutheran based, ecumenically oriented institutions of this consortium serve the whole Palestinian community from “the womb to the tomb,” with an emphasis on children, youth,



women and the elderly through unique programs that are contextual and holistic in nature. Enjoy a special dinner prepared by students of the culinary school. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse (B,L,D)

THU 24 JAN **Bethlehem**
This morning travel through the Jordan Valley to reach the Sea of Galilee. See the first century “Jesus Boat,” which was salvaged from the muddy bottom of the Galilee. Then sail on the peaceful waters of the Galilee with shared communion. Visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's

House at Capernaum. Drive along the shore to Tabgha to visit the Church of Multiplication and the Chapel of the Primacy. Proceed to the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee region. Return to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)



FRI 25 JAN **Bethlehem**
Today is yours to explore on your own. In the late afternoon gather for final reflections before a farewell dinner. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)

SAT 26 JAN **Departure/Arrive Chicago**
Transfer early this morning to the airport for flight check-in and departure. Arrive home later today enriched with your many discoveries in the Holy Land. (B, Meals in-flight)

*Code: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Itinerary subject to change. Speakers subject to availability.*

What's Included?

- **AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via Turkish Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Seven nights accommodation in superior tourist class hotel and Christian guesthouse, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- **MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily as outlined in the itinerary.
- **GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- **SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- **PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- **EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- **GTD ESCORT:** An experienced Group Travel Directors staff member will accompany the group from the U.S. through the duration of the tour.
- **ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

Items Not Included

- Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$495 per person).
- Gratuities to drivers and guides (\$84 per person).
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.



Tuition Cost Summary*		From Chicago	
Registration deadline: November 16, 2018			
Group Size	16 travelers		
Tour Gratuities	\$84 included		
Airport/Foreign Departure Taxes	\$495 included	Companion <i>(limited availability and subject to approval)</i>	Single Supplement <i>(limited availability)</i>
TOTAL	\$999	\$1299	\$100

*Costs per person based on double occupancy, in USD

Important Notes:

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago, double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of April 2018, a minimum of 16 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT: Bring a group to the Holy Land with GTD by July 1, 2020, and we'll reimburse your tuition cost. For groups of:

- 20-25 full-paying travelers, receive a 50% refund
- 26-34 full-paying travelers, receive a 75% refund
- 35 or more full-paying travelers, receive a 100% refund

Tour Conditions

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Payment in full by check will confirm your reservation. The deadline for reservations is November 16, 2018. Space is limited. Register now to ensure space.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Due to the nature of this program, once payment in full is received, it becomes non-refundable, unless a replacement can be found (subject to date of cancellation, and airline ticketing deadlines). We recommend that you purchase travel insurance.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Due to the nature of this program, we are unable to accept requests for individuals to deviate from the group itinerary before, during or after the program.

Note to our travelers:

Be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed the U.S. State Department Travel Advisory for this destination was Level 2 (Exercise Increased Caution); please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors .

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174. Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS:

Trip Cancellation	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay	\$750
Missed Connection	\$300
Baggage	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200
Medical Expense	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation	\$500,000
Accidental Death	\$10,000
Political Emergency Evacuation	\$100,000
ID Theft Resolution Services	included
Assistance Service	included

* a maximum of \$1000 per person ** a maximum of \$2000 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$97 per person (\$133 for companions). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable 14 days after you purchase a plan.

Conditions and Responsibility

Group Travel Directors (GTD) provides customized travel planning throughout the world for group travelers who have a variety of reasons and goals for travel. The goals and/or opinions of these groups do not reflect or imply the position of GTD in any matter. Brochure contents may not be duplicated without permission from GTD. In offering these travel arrangements, Group Travel Directors, Inc. (GTD) acts solely as an agent for the sale of air transportation and other travel related services. GTD maintains no control over the personnel, equipment or operations of any entity furnishing services, products or accommodations. GTD assumes no responsibility or liability for, and shall not be expected, asked or required to pay for any injury, damage, expense, personal injury, property damage, inconvenience or any other loss experienced by reason of: (1) any intentional, wrongful, negligent or unauthorized act or omission on the part of any supplier, its agents or employees; (2) any defect, breakdown or other failure of any vehicle, equipment, service, product or other instrumentality which is owned, operated or otherwise used by a supplier; (3) any intentional, wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized act or omission on the part of any other party not under the direct control of GTD; (4) financial problems causing nonperformance by any supplier; or (5) any other cause, condition or event whatsoever beyond the direct control of GTD. GTD cannot guarantee any rates, bookings or reservations of any supplier. Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the foregoing provisions. All prices quoted are subject to change if airlines or ground operators increase their prices, the U.S. dollar is devalued significantly against foreign currencies, the group falls below minimum numbers, or a fuel surcharge, government tax or user's fee is imposed. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. GTD reserves the right to withdraw from any tour any tour member whose conduct is incompatible with the interests of the group as a whole.

**GTD HOLY LAND DISCOVERY TOUR
APPLICATION - PART 1**

Please provide your name as it appears (or will appear) on your passport:

_____ Male/Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Please circle Month/Day/Year

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First Name Middle Name Last Name Please circle Month/Day/Year

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Day () _____ Evening () _____ Cell () _____

Email _____ Roommate or single supplement? _____

Deposit/Travel Protection (please check one):

I choose the following deposit option:

_____ \$1096 per person inclusive of travel protection - see above.

_____ \$999 per person without travel protection. I decline travel protection now, but understand it can be purchased later per information provided elsewhere in this flyer.

Companions – limited availability and subject to approval:

_____ \$1432 per person inclusive of travel protection - see above.

_____ \$1299 per person without travel protection. I decline travel protection now, but understand it can be purchased later per information provided elsewhere in this flyer.

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#190105.

I/we have read and understand the conditions of the tour.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

