



Lord of Life Lutheran Church

JESUS' STEPS – YOUR JOURNEY

March 29 – April 8, 2019 11 Days
Optional extension to Jordan: April 8-11

Hosted by Pr. Joel and Pr. Karen Wight Hoogheem
and Pr. Dave and Lisa McCarty



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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

FRI 29 MAR **Depart U.S.**
Depart Minneapolis/St. Paul and connect with the overnight flight to Tel Aviv. (Meals in-flight)

SAT 30 MAR **Arrive Tel Aviv/Bethlehem**
Upon afternoon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, your guide and driver will be waiting to greet you. Transfer to your Bethlehem hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight. St. Gabriel Hotel (Meals in-flight, D) <http://st-gabrielhotel.com>

SUN 31 MAR **Bethlehem**
This morning attend worship at Evangelical Christmas Lutheran Church with whom Lord of Life Lutheran Church enjoys a special relationship. This afternoon make two uniquely contrasting visits: one at Efrat Israeli settlement and the other at Deheisheh Palestinian refugee camp. Tonight's welcome dinner will feature Palestinian dancers and cuisine amidst the traditional ambience of The Grotto Restaurant. St. Gabriel Hotel (B, D)

MON 01 APR **Bethlehem**
Travel to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea. Take a cable car up to Masada, Herod's royal citadel overlooking the sea. On this rocky plateau, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors, around 70 A.D. Stop at Ein Bokek for an optional float in the briny waters of the Dead Sea, then visit Qumran, the site of the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Stop at Shepherds' Fields in Beit Sahour. This is the best place to view Bethlehem as it would have been seen by nearby shepherds during the time of the birth of Jesus. This evening meet a local mufti at ICB to learn about Islamic faith practices. St. Gabriel Hotel (B, D)

TUE 02 APR **Bethlehem/Galilee**
This morning learn about the varied ministries of the Diyar Consortium, which are supported by Bright Stars of Bethlehem. Stroll into the Old City of Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square followed by time for a bit of shopping and lunch. Depart Bethlehem and drive to Bet She'an, where excavations have revealed ruins of major archaeological significance; the history of the site goes back to the 4th millennium B.C. Proceed to your kibbutz hotel by Lake Kinneret, the Sea of Galilee. Kibbutz Ein Gev (B, D) www.ingevev.com

WED 03 APR **Galilee**
This morning stop to see the Jesus Boat – a First Century boat discovered in the mud of the Galilee, then embark on a boat ride across the peaceful Galilee waters. Return to the shore and visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum; this is where Jesus healed Peter's moth-



Over 20 different times in the Gospels, Jesus offers an invitation to the disciples (and us) saying, "Follow me." Like the early disciples, we in turn, seek to grow our faith in God and our personal relationship with Christ by living our life as Jesus lived. In other words, our life is a journey in which we strive to follow in Jesus' steps. Jesus' Steps. Your Journey. That's the theme of our pilgrimage to the land we've come to know as holy and we are excited you are considering the invitation to join this pilgrimage during Lent 2019.

We are calling this a "pilgrimage" because we believe it will be more than a typical sightseeing tour. It's an opportunity to fully experience some of the places where Jesus walked, taught, and healed. Highlights will include Manger Square and Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Caesarea on the Mediterranean, Masada, the Dead Sea, Qumran, Mt. Carmel, the Mount of Olives, and Jerusalem.

er-in-law and others. Drive along the north shore to the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee. Continue to Mt. Hermon and the Golan Heights before returning along the east side of the Galilee to your lodging. Kibbutz Ein Gev (B, D)

THU 04 APR **Galilee/Jerusalem**
Stop for a view of the Sea of Galilee from the Cliffs of Arbel, then tour Nazareth Village, a living history museum that recreates life in the first century during the time of Jesus. In Nazareth visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Greek Orthodox Church, and Mary's Well. Drive up Mt. Carmel for a panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley. Continue to the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor from where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Arrive in Jerusalem later today for check-in at your hotel in the Old City. Gloria Hotel (B, D) <http://gloria-hotel.com>

FRI 05 APR **Jerusalem**
This morning visit Yad Vashem, a moving memorial to the Holocaust. Proceed to the top of the Mount of Olives for a glorious view of Jerusalem. Here on the same hilltop is Augusta Victoria Hospital. The group will meet a representative to learn of the healing work of Lutheran World Federation before walking down the Palm Sunday Road. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

SAT 06 APR **Jerusalem**
Spend the morning on a memorable guided tour of the Old City including a walk along the Via Dolorosa to experience the Stations of the Cross; see the last few Stations located inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After lunch see the ancient Western Wall, considered to be one of the holiest sites in the Jewish tradition. This evening hear from a representative of Rabbis For Human Rights. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

SUN 07 APR **Jerusalem**
Early this morning ascend to the Temple Mount and a view of the golden Dome of the Rock, an important symbol of the Muslim faith (no inside visits to the mosques are permitted at this time). Then attend worship at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer followed by a meeting with the English-language pastor to learn about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). The afternoon is free for individual exploration. Gather for a farewell dinner at an Armenian restaurant in the Old City. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

In addition to the dead stones of the Old and New Testaments, we will also experience Living Stones of Jesus' ministry: We will worship with our brothers and sisters at Christmas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethlehem and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jerusalem, visit an Israeli settlement, meet with residents of a Palestinian refugee camp, and see Lutheran World Federation's work that Lord of Life supports at Augusta Victoria Hospital.

As your hosts, Pastor Joel and Pastor Karen Wight Hoogheem along with Pastor David and Lisa McCarty, we invite you to make this part of your journey as together we walk in Jesus' steps.

Shalom,

— Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem
and Pastor Dave McCarty

MON 08 APR **Return to U.S.**
Transfer this morning to Ben Gurion Airport for check-in and flight departure. Arrive home today enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land or extend your stay to Jordan. (Meals in-flight)

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

JORDAN EXTENSION

MON 08 APR **Jerusalem/Petra**
This morning cross over the Allenby Bridge to Jordan and meet your Jordanian guide, driver and coach. Visit Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan, which has received recognition as the likely site where John baptized Jesus. Continue through the vast desert to the village of Wadi Musa, which embraces the entrance to Petra – one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World. Petra Guesthouse (B, D)

TUE 09 APR **Petra**
Two thousand years ago the Nabateans carved a city out of rose red rock and it was rediscovered in 1812. Today you will discover the formerly lost city of Petra during a half-day guided tour. Begin by walking through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon that opens upon the Treasury, El Khazneh, one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures. Enjoy a full day of touring this amazing, once-hidden world. Petra Guesthouse (B, D)

WED 10 APR **Petra/Tel Aviv**
Depart on the northbound journey to the village of Madeba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land. Drive to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land; enjoy the dramatic view of the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond. Cross back over the Allenby Bridge to meet your guide and driver. Continue to your Tel Aviv hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight. Grand Beach Hotel (B, D)

THU 11 APR **Return to U.S.**
Transfer this morning to Ben Gurion Airport for check-in and flight departure. Arrive home today enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land (Meals in-flight)

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due November 21, 2018. Final payment is due no later than January 21, 2019. The fee for late payment is \$50 per traveler. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to November 20, 2018 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; November 21, 2018 - March 14, 2019 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; March 15, 2019 or after - No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than November 21, 2018. A minimum fee of \$175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul via an ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in superior tourist/first class hotels and kibbutz hotel, 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 GUIDE:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$120 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$589 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel
- CUSTOM TRAVEL VIDEO:** For each traveler, GTD includes a keepsake DVD video created from photos taken during your tour and uploaded with a free app.

COST SUMMARY

***\$3999**

Group Flights From Minneapolis/St. Paul
Tour Gratuities (\$120).....Included
Airport Taxes (\$589).....Included
*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room (in addition to base tour cost).....\$649

Extension to Jordan.....\$1049

Three nights accommodation in superior tourist class hotels; breakfast and dinner daily; transfers and transportation; entrance fees per itinerary; luggage handling of one piece; English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Jordan to departure from Jordan, local assistance in Israel; gratuities to drivers and guides; border taxes for both Israel and Jordan; Jordanian Entry Visa. Single Room= +\$239.

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of November 2017, a minimum of 24 travelers (11 on the optional extension), 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. *Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.*

Items Not Included

- 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.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#190302 OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room. Sign me/us up for the Jordan extension.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Mpls/St. Paul.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land- only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$ _____ \$624 per person **inclusive of travel protection** for the main tour only.
- \$ _____ \$697 per person **inclusive of travel protection** for the main tour and extension to Jordan.
- \$ _____ \$400 per person **without travel protection.**
- I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre- existing waiver.

Form of Payment

- Check
- Charge my deposit(s) to
 Credit Card # _____
 Exp _____
 Security Code _____
 Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#190302.

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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 \$4000 per person
 ** a maximum of \$6000 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$224 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.

\$4001-\$4500	\$248
\$4501-\$5000	\$273
\$5001-\$5500	\$297
\$5501-\$6000	\$320

This document contains highlights of the plan. The Plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. Fairmont Specialty and Crum & Forster are registered trademarks of United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2015. The Plan also contains non insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization, OnCall

PRE-EXISTING medical circumstances and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.

EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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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. The above Conditions and Responsibility also covers the group leader(s) and their respective organizations.

NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please 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>

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