



Midvale Community Lutheran Church

THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN

June 15-26, 2019 12 days

Hosted by Pastor Blake Rohrer

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

SAT 15 JUN

Depart U.S.

Depart Chicago O'Hare for your overnight flight to Tel Aviv. (Meals in-flight)

SUN 16 JUN

Tel Aviv/Bethlehem

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, meet your guide and driver and transfer to Bethlehem for hotel check-in. After time to rest and refresh, gather for a welcome dinner. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse (Meals in-flight, D)

MON 17 JUN

Bethlehem

Drive to the Separation Wall and view checkpoints through which Palestinians must travel to leave or enter the West Bank. Meet with a representative at the Environmental Education Center on a Lutheran school campus in nearby Beit Jala. Visit Tent of Nations farm and the Israeli settlement of Efrat to hear from a community leader. Stop at Shepherds' Field where you will view Bethlehem as the shepherds might have on the night of Jesus' birth. There will be an opportunity for shopping at the olivewood cooperative there. Enjoy dinner at The Grotto Restaurant. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse (B,D)

TUE 18 JUN

Bethlehem

Meet Angie Saba this morning to learn about the varied ministries of the Diyar Consortium, and tour the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB) and Dar al-Kalima University College. Meet The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb for conversation and lunch. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the Old City of Bethlehem, including the Church of the Nativity. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse (B,L,D)

WED 19 JUN

Bethlehem/Nazareth

Stop to visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem before driving northward to Nazareth. Upon arrival visit the Church of the Annunciation; the lower level contains the Grotto believed by many Christians to be the remains of Mary's original childhood home. Check in at your hotel, for dinner and overnight. Golden Crown (B,D)

THU 20 JUN

Nazareth

Begin the day viewing the first-century "Jesus Boat," dug out of the mud of the Sea of Galilee. Sail across the Galilee waters to Capernaum, where Jesus' ministry began. Visit the Ancient Synagogue and the church built over Saint Peter's house, where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. Drive

The Holy Land is a place that conjures many images in our minds – from inspiring to confounding. I have travelled there three times previously, and each trip was a life-changing experience. This journey will be a pilgrimage in which we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, seeing the lands of the Bible. Throughout the trip we will share group reflection, prayer and worship. As meaningful as the holy sites will be, I believe our unique encounters with the people who live there today may be even more moving. We will learn what it is like to be a Christian in this sacred and chal-

lenged land of many faiths, and we will see firsthand the remarkable ministry of the Lutheran church and others who are creating opportunities for hope, healing and peace. We will have good accommodations, delicious meals and expert guides. I hope you'll join me in this trip of a lifetime!



- Pastor Blake Rohrer

along the shore for visits to the Church of Multiplication (miracle of loaves and fishes), the Church of the Primacy of Peter, and the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in Galilee. On the return trip to Nazareth, visit Mt. Tabor known as the site of Jesus' transfiguration. Golden Crown (B,D)

FRI 21 JUN

Nazareth/Jerusalem

Early morning departure for the town of Jayyous. Meet with town leaders, hosted by the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). Continue to Jerusalem to meet with an ELCA representative of Lutheran World Federation at the Augusta Victoria Hospital campus on the Mount of Olives. Check in at your hotel for a three-night stay. Lutheran Guesthouse or Knight's Palace (B,D)

SAT 22 JUN

Jerusalem

Savor the stunning panoramic view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Walk through the Old City's Muslim Quarter, along the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross), to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Stroll along the Cardo, the Roman era main street. This evening hear from a representative of Rabbis for Human Rights, ICAHD or B'tselem. Lutheran Guesthouse or Knight's Palace (B,D)

SUN 23 JUN

Jerusalem

Early this morning look upon the Western Wall, one of the holiest sites in the Jewish tradition, then visit the Temple Mount/Haram al Sharif to view the golden Dome of the Rock, an important symbol of the Muslim faith. Join in the English-language worship at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, then gather for coffee and fellowship with members of the congregation and meet the ELCA English language pastor. Enjoy exploring and shopping in the Old City. Lutheran Guesthouse or Knight's Palace (B,D)

MON 24 JUN

Jerusalem/Petra

After hotel check-out, 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, and the nearby Lutheran church and chapel. Drive to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land; enjoy the dramatic view of the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond. 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 25 JUN

Petra/Amman/Departure

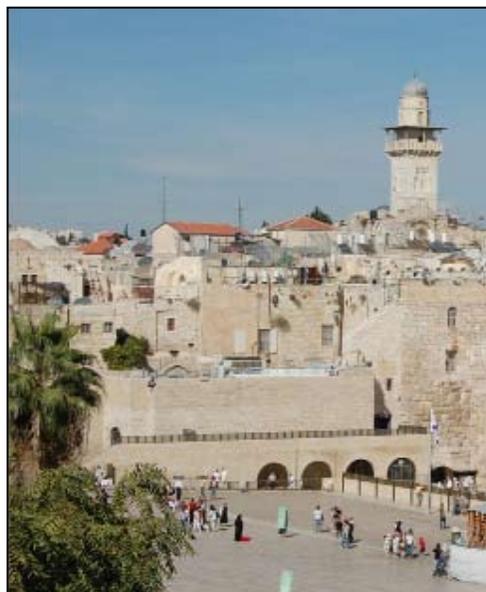
Two thousand years ago the Nabateans carved a city out of rose red rock and it was rediscovered in 1812. You will discover the formerly lost city of Petra during a half-day guided tour. Begin by walking through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon that opens upon the Treasury, El Khazneh, one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures. This afternoon travel to Amman for a festive farewell dinner at Kan Zaman Restaurant. This atmospheric restaurant is house in a walled village inside a historic Caravansera, a former inn for travelers of centuries past. Enjoy a Middle Eastern feast and music. Following dinner, proceed to the airport for check-in and flight departure before or after midnight. (B,D)

WED 26 JUN

Return to U.S.

Arrive home today enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land. (Meals in-flight)

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



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 February 8, 2019. Final payment is due April 9, 2019. The fee for late payment is \$50 per person. 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 February 7, 2019 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; February 9 - May 30, 2019 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 31, 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 February 8, 2019. A minimum fee of \$100 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 Chicago via Turkish Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Ten nights accommodation in Christian guesthouses and superior tourist class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily with one lunch 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 throughout; a different guide will be with the group in Jordan.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$132 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes and Israel/Jordan border taxes.
- ENTRY VISA:** Jordan requires an entry visa (currently \$68 per person) and GTD will assist with processing.
- 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.

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

COST SUMMARY

***\$4579**

Group Flights From Chicago
Tour Gratuities (\$132)..... Included
Airport Taxes (\$637).....Included
Entry Visa (\$68).....Included
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement
 Single Room (in addition to base tour cost).....\$499

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of May 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. *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 visiting Israel/Palestine; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#190603 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.

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 Chicago.
- 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:

- \$ _____ \$673 per person **inclusive of travel protection.**
- \$ _____ \$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#190603.

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.

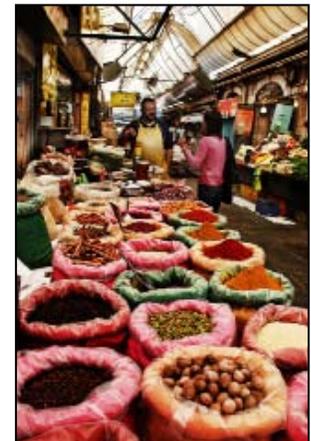
GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

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 \$5000 per person
 ** a maximum of \$7200 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$273 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.

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 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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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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