

WILCOX WORLD TRAVEL & TOURS

presents

ISRAEL & JORDAN

A Spiritual and Educational Tour
of The Holy Land & Jordan

Hosted by

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First Presbyterian Church

Gastonia NC

13 Day Tour

Jan. 29 – Feb. 10, 2018

\$ 4,899.00 per Person

Round trip from Charlotte

Based on double occupancy

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INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Current round trip economy air fare from Charlotte to Tel Aviv via United Airlines, with a connection in Newark.
- Current airport departure taxes, fuel surcharges, customs & security fees.
- Israeli departure tax at Sheikh Hussein Bridge, Jordanian departure tax and Jordanian visa.
- Superior first class & Deluxe (4 & 5 star) hotel accommodations throughout (9 nights);

Tel Aviv 1 night

Renaissance Hotel

Tiberias	2 nights	Leonardo Plaza
Amman	1 night	Amman Marriott
Petra	1 night	Moevenpick Resort
Dead Sea	2 nights	Dead Sea Marriott
Jerusalem	3 nights	Inbal Hotel

- Breakfast and dinner daily, including a special Farewell Dinner.
- Comprehensive daily sightseeing per itinerary by private deluxe motor coach with qualified driver and English-speaking, licensed guide/escort, who meets you upon arrival after clearing Israeli/Jordanian customs (as per itinerary) and stays with the group throughout until returning you to the border/airport for your flight to U.S.A.
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing, including Petra, the Sea of Galilee boat ride, Masada and Western Wall Tunnel,
- Tips for hotel and restaurant personnel, porters, drivers, and guides.
- All transfers (one suitcase per person).
- Wilcox World Travel and Tours flight bag and 96-Page Pilgrim's Guide to the Holy Land.

\$150 DISCOUNT IF PAID BY CHECK

NOT INCLUDED:

- Single room supplement \$ 1,315.00.
- Insurance: Travel, baggage, trip cancellation, etc. - \$376.00
- Beverages with meals, or meals not specifically mentioned on itinerary.
- Passports
- Personal Items and Immunizations

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 01 – MON. JAN. 29 - DEPARTURE

Depart Charlotte for our overnight international flight to Tel Aviv, with a connection in Newark.

Day 02 – TUE. JAN. 30 - ARRIVE TEL AVIV

We arrive in the Holy Land late this afternoon where we are met by our Wilcox Tours agent and transferred to our hotel. One overnight in our hotel overlooking the Mediterranean.

Day 03 – WED. JAN. 31 - TEL AVIV / TIBERIAS

Today we proceed northward to Caesarea-by-the-Sea from which the Apostle Paul sailed to Rome. Extensive ruins of the Roman aqueduct and amphitheater built by King Herod remain. Haifa, once a Jewish shipbuilding center, sits high above the Mediterranean on the slope of Mount Carmel. We continue to Megiddo - Armageddon, more than 5,000 years old and once used by Solomon as an

important chariot city. Journey through the Jezreel Valley to Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home, where we see the Grotto of the Annunciation and Nazareth Baptist Church. In Cana, Jesus performed His first miracle by turning water into wine. Two nights in Tiberias.

Day 04 – THU. FEB. 01 - UPPER GALILEE / TIBERIAS

This morning we take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, pausing en route for a special service. The ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house still stand in Capernaum. Bethsaida Archaeological Park has been under excavation since 1987, and is now open. This ancient fishing village was home to the Apostles Phillip, Simon and Andrew. Jesus spent much of His time here performing miracles. We'll see authentic first century homes and streets that have been miraculously preserved from the days of Jesus' ministry! Marvel at the view of Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. Next we go to Tabgha, traditional site of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. After a St. Peter's Fish lunch, we continue through the Hula Valley (part of the Great Rift Valley) to Hazor. Drive to Dan and Banias Springs at the foot of Mount Hermon. Here at Banias is Caesarea Philippi, where Peter made his great confession of faith. We will have a special baptismal service at the Jordan River. If you wish to be baptized, or reaffirm your faith again by baptism, plan to join this ceremony.

Day 05 – FRI. FEB. 02 - TIBERIAS / BORDER CROSSING / AMMAN

Some of Israel's most impressive ruins are those found in Beit She'an. Excavators have discovered 18 successive towns featuring black and white stones, marble columns, mosaics, and a 6,000-seat Byzantine amphitheatre. Next, complete border formalities as we cross into the Decapolis region to Jerash, Jordan. Visit one of the most complete and best preserved Roman cities in the world. We'll see colonnaded streets, the South Theatre, and many Byzantine churches with beautiful mosaics. Further south is Amman, where we'll see the hilltop Citadel and 6,000-seat Roman amphitheater. One overnight.

Day 06 – SAT. FEB. 03 - AMMAN / PETRA

Today our journey takes us south to the ancient red rock city of Petra, skillfully carved out of the sandstone mountains. Our tour of Petra has us venturing through the twisting, turning, and sometimes narrow Siq to the Khazneh. Behind this magnificent facade is a large, meticulously squared off room once used for hiding treasures. Tame horses await to carry us through portions of the winding canyon. See the 8,000-seat Roman amphitheatre and the High Place of Sacrifice with its beautiful views of the city. On through the City Center we find the Royal Tombs. An evening spent next to Petra gives us the opportunity to watch the sun set over this magnificent city, dating back to the 4th century BC.

Day 07 – SUN. FEB. 04 - PETRA / ROUTE OF THE EXODUS / DEAD SEA

This morning we drive along the Exodus route north along the famed historical King's Highway passing by the well conserved Crusader city of Kerak. Drive through Wadi Mujeb. From there we go to Madaba, with its mosaic floor from the 6th century showing a map of the Holy Land as Christian pilgrims knew it in that period. We end the day at Mt. Nebo, from which God showed Moses the Promised Land. We will end our day with a mass at the Church of Mt Nebo. We then drive down to the Dead Sea for dinner and the next two overnights.

Day 08 – MON. FEB. 05 – DEAD SEA AT LEISURE

Today is yours to relax and enjoy as you wish, for your day at leisure.

Day 09 – TUE. FEB. 06 - BAPTISMAL SITE / BORDER CROSSING / MASADA / JERUSALEM

First thing in the morning we take a short drive to the recently discovered baptismal site of "" Bethany beyond the Jordan "" This site was declared a Holy Site when Pope Paul visited there in the year 2000. For us Christians, the most significant event associated with the River Jordan is undoubtedly the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ by John the Baptist. It is strongly suggested that this took place very close to Beit Abara, where Joshua, Elijah and Elisha crossed the river. In the New Testament times, it became known as Bethany, the village of John the Baptist. (This Bethany is not to be confused with the village of Bethany near Jerusalem, where the Bible says Lazarus was raised from the dead). After Jesus' baptism at Bethany, he spent forty days in the wilderness east of the River Jordan, where he fasted and resisted the temptations of Satan (Mark 1: 13, Matthew 4: 1-11). We then proceed to the Allenby Bridge. After we finish the border proceedings we again rejoin our bus and guide from the Holy Land and drive on the western shores of the Dead Sea to the southernmost point, Masada, last stronghold of the Jewish rebels in 73 AD rising 1,200 feet above the desert plain. See the restoration efforts on remains of buildings dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries AD. We then drive north to Qumran for a look at one of the caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were found by a Bedouin shepherd in 1948. We continue driving to Jericho. At Jericho, we visit the tell of this oldest city and view the traditional mountain of Jesus' temptation. Ascending the Roman road along the deep and picturesque gorge of Wadi Qilt, we stop for a look at St. George's Monastery. Finally, atop Mt. Scopus, we behold majestic Jerusalem, City of David. The next three nights in Jerusalem!

Day 10 – WED. FEB. 07 - JERUSALEM / BETHLEHEM

Ephrath - meaning fertility, is now known as Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. In the Church of the Nativity, we see a stone manger where it is believed Jesus was born. This site next to the inn was where the animals were kept and fed. Today a Silver Star marks the spot of His divine birth. In Mount Zion we

visit the Coenaculum (Room of the Last Supper); the Tomb of David; and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ three times before the cock crowed, and which is also known as the House of Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought after his arrest. In the Kidron Valley we see the Siloam Pool where Jesus healed a blind man.

Day 11 – THU. FEB. 08 - JERUSALEM / THE OLD CITY

Deep in the heart of Jerusalem we tour the Jewish Heritage Tunnel. See the Dome of the Rock Mosque next to the Wailing Wall. Our walking tour in the Old City of Jerusalem will begin by the Lion's Gate at the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus said to the man "Take up thy bed and walk." Along the Via Dolorosa, or "Sorrowful Road," we see the stations connected with Jesus' crucifixion. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre represents the final station where He was crucified.

Day 12 – FRI. FEB. 09 - JERUSALEM / TEL AVIV / DEPARTURE

On the Mount of Olives we visit the Paternoster Church (where the Lord's Prayer is written in 35 languages), the Church of the Ascension, Tomb of the Virgin Mary, Garden of Gethsemane, and the Church of All Nations. Enjoy a breathtaking panorama of old and new Jerusalem. A special service will be held at the Garden Tomb. Later this afternoon on our way to the airport we'll visit Neo Kedumim, The World of the Bible Gardens. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner in Joppa prior to late evening check in for our flight home.

Day 13 – SAT. FEB. 10 - ARRIVE U.S.A.

Today we arrive back in the USA on our flight from Tel Aviv.