

Holy Land Trip with Mac and Debbie Brunson

February 27 – March 11, 2011

February 27 – March 8 – Israel only - \$3,342

February 27 – March 11 – Israel plus Rome - \$4,330

Your Invitation

See the hillsides where Jesus delivered the Beatitudes, sail on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus taught and walked, sit on the slopes of Mount Hermon where Jesus was transfigured and enjoy the beauty of the Holy Land. We will travel to Jerusalem and see the city that God said He placed in the midst of the nations. It was the city that David took and where Solomon built one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the temple of God. Just outside the walls of this city our Lord was crucified and where He was resurrected. Then for those who want to, we will travel on to Rome, known as the eternal city. These two cities of all the cities in the earth stood opposite one another during the days of our Lord's earthly ministry. It was the city where Paul and Peter were executed, where Caesar ruled, and the city Nero burned and rebuilt.

Schedule (Option 1) - full 10 day tour

DAY 1 Depart USA to Tel Aviv

DAY 2 Arrival in the Holy Land early morning where you will be met by a representative to assist you through customs. Proceed to visit the Philistine areas of ancient Israel – Ashkelon- on- the- Sea, pass by Gaza to the desert capital of Bersheva(Abraham's Well), Gat and Jaffa. Check in early afternoon to your seaside Tel Aviv hotel for dinner and overnight.

Relax on the Tel Aviv beach or boardwalk as you recover from your flight.

DAY 3 Caesarea / Carmel / Megiddo (Armageddon/ Nazareth / Tiberias)

We proceed to Caesarea to visit the Crusader Fortress built upon the ancient city of Caesarea, named after Augustus Caesar, who imposed the tax that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Here we will visit a beautiful example of the Roman Amphitheatre, where the group can experience the acoustics of a structure built in the days of Christ. Continue to Mount Carmel where Elijah issued his challenge to the false prophets. Visit a Druze Village. We then proceed to Megiddo, site of Armageddon, where 22 layers of civilization have been excavated, down to King Solomon's stables. Now on to Nazareth where Jesus spent the silent years of his life. From Nazareth the road winds down to Tiberias and the beautiful Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in the Galilee.

DAY 4 Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee / Jesus Boat + Kibbutz Tour / Golan Heights (Caesarea Philippi / Tel Dan/ Korazin/ Mt of Beatitudes / Capernaum / Tabgha/ Yardenit Baptism/Tiberias

Today we rise early and board our boat for a cruise on the Sea of Galilee. We visit the Jesus Boat then we have a short tour of the kibbutz, exploring this exciting way of life so similar to the earliest Christians. We then take the road through the Golan Heights where we will hear the explanations of the strategic and political significance of this area. On the Golan Heights we will visit Caesarea Philippi at Banias, which is the Site of the Transfiguration; continue to Tel Dan Nature Reserve, source of the Dan River leading into the Jordan and containing the remains of an ancient city from

the period of the First Temple thought to be the center of the Dan tribe; pass Korazin where there are remains of a 1st century synagogue similar to Capernaum (these last 3 are the places which were cursed and which were indeed totally destroyed in an earthquake in 742 C.E.); return to the Sea of Galilee area where much of the Galilean Ministry took place. Here were the homes of the disciples James, Simon, John and Andrew. Near here Jesus gave Beatitudes and taught in the synagogue on many occasions and performed many miracles. The group will pray together at the Mt. of Beatitudes. We then proceed to visit Tabgha where 5,000 were fed by Jesus who performed the miracle of the multiplication of fish and loaves. Visit Capernaum, and end a magnificent day with a visit to Yardenit, the traditional baptismal site on the Jordan River. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 Beit Shean / Jordan Valley / Jericho / Qumran / Dead Sea / Masada/Jerusalem

We proceed through the city of Beit Shean - one of the earliest and most important cities in Israel from the time of the Canaanites. It was here the Philistines impaled King Saul's body to the city wall - we view its magnificent excavations. We continue through the Jordan Valley passing by Jericho, visit the first city conquered by the Israelites in the Promised Land. We view the Mount of Temptation and continue through the Plains of Jericho and Arava. Viewing St Jerome's Monastery, Beth Arava and Mt Nebo. Then on to the Dead Sea, lowest spot on earth and Qumran, center of the Essenes. Visit the ancient caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Continue south to Ein Fascha, viewing across the saltiest sea in the world the fortress where John the Baptist was beheaded. Via an ancient ferry boat station and the desert where ibex roam at Ein Gedi, David's hideout from Saul, and on to the mighty fortress Masada, last stronghold and stand of the zealots against Rome on the edge of the barren Negev Desert. Masada is a symbol of courage and perseverance for the Jewish People, where 960 Jewish defenders organized their last resistance to the Roman conquerors and took their own lives rather than surrender into slavery. We proceed for dinner and overnight to our magnificent hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea. Plenty of time for those who wish to do so to swim (float) in the mineral waters of the Dead Sea or to relax in the spa at the hotel.

DAY 6 Hills of Jerusalem / City of David / House of Caiaphas / Mt Zion / Upper Room / Yad V'shem / Rabbi's Tunnel/ Jerusalem

We will start the day passing through the "Valley of the Shadow" where we stop for private prayer and continue directly to the Mt. of Olives for an introduction to Jerusalem. Ascend the mountains of Jerusalem from Scopus to Mt. of Olives for an outstanding breathtaking view of the city across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate; see Chapel of Ascension, Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit. Walk down Palm Sunday Road and visit the Garden of Gethsemane, cross Mount Moriah viewing the Tombs of Absalom, Saint James and Zacharia. Travel around the temple pinnacle to the City of David and on to the house of Caiaphas at Saint Peter in Gallicantu. Continue to Mount Zion, the Upper Room and Tomb of King David. Drive to Yad V'shem, the memorial to the Holocaust and 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis.

We will visit the famous Rabbi's Tunnel, running along the base of the Western Wall (Owing to the enormous demand, and limited access to this fascinating site, our visit may take place at any time of day or night during our stay in Jerusalem).).

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 7 Bethlehem/Old City of Jerusalem / Pool of Bethesda / Praetorium / Fortress of Antonia / View of Temple Mount / Western Wall / Via Dolorosa / Jaffa Gate

Start the morning with a visit to Bethlehem, the Church of Nativity and the Shepherd's Field. Return to Jerusalem (only 10 minutes by bus to the Old City).

Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate. Visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus cured an invalid man; continue to the Praetorium, site of the public trial of Christ, and his condemnation, and view its ancient remains in the Fortress of Antonia, seat of the Roman Procurator; proceed to the

Temple Mount to view the Mosque of Omar and visit the Western Wall, a sacred site for the Jewish People. Continue through the picturesque market streets past the Citadel of David and exit through the Jaffa Gate, passing the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the way. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 8 Elah Valley(David and Goliath)/Beit Guvrin/ Bethel/Shiloh/Jerusalem.

We leave Jerusalem for the Elah Valley where the Israelites faced off against the Philistines and David slew the giant Goliath. Visit Beit Guvrin. Continue with a special visit to Biblical Shiloh and Bethel(dependent on security situation in Judea at the time). Afternoon and evening free in Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 9 Shiloh/Bethel/New Jerusalem /Israel Museum/ Scale Model of Biblical Jerusalem / Dead Sea Scrolls/ Cardo Maximo / Southern Steps of Ancient Temple/ Garden Tomb

Continue in the new part of Jerusalem by visiting the Israel Museum where there is a scale model of the city of Jerusalem from New Testament times including the Second Temple. Also at the Museum visit the Dead Sea Scrolls, housed in a specially prepared building. Continue via the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) and downtown Jerusalem, to Old Jerusalem's reconstructed Jewish Quarter. See the Ancient Cardo Maximo and confirmation of historic sites of yesteryear. Visit to the Southern Steps, the archaeological reconstruction of the Temple Steps where Jesus walked so often we end our visit to the Holy land with communion and prayer at the Empty Tomb.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 10 Early departure to USA or on to Rome for those continuing on to Rome.

Rome

The next three nights and days will be spent in Rome where you will see the historic part of Rome, visit St. Pietro in Vincole (Moshe of Michelangelo); visit inside the Coliseum and inside the Foro Romano and Piazza Venezia. You will also visit St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. We'll spend a morning at Musei Vaticani and then on to visit Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spagna. We'll also spend time at Tivoli and Villa D'Este, Catelli Romani, Frascati, Grottaferrate, Lago Albani and Lago Nemi.

Pricing - Based on current value of US dollar and the price of fuel.

We have 2 options.

Option 1 – 10 day trip – Israel only

Land	\$1873
Air	\$1264**
Tips	\$150
Insurance	\$55
Total	\$3342

Option 2 – 13 day trip, Israel and Rome

This option includes 3 nights all inclusive in Rome (no lunches)

Total - \$4330

**Based on current fuel costs

Tour Information

1. This tour is all-inclusive - R.T. airfare from JAX, guides, drivers, dining, air-conditioned buses, entrance to all sites, taxes, tips, dinner and breakfast each day and one lunch.
2. Final payment is due 60 days before departure (December 27, 2010). You must have a valid passport. Currently it takes about 2 months to secure a passport, so do not delay. No shots or visas are needed.
3. After final payment is received you will receive further information on your departure, including bag tags, forms, etc.
4. Single accommodation is an additional \$950.

Tour Conditions

Air transportation - tour participants will travel regularly IATA scheduled airlines on a jumbo jet service based on the current Apex Fare from Jacksonville, Florida.

Hotels

Superior to Deluxe hotel accommodations are provided throughout the trip. Hotel category is designated in the Official Hotel and Resort Guide publication. Prices are based on double occupancy.

Meals

A full course buffet breakfast and dinner are served daily. There will be one lunch provided.

Sightseeing

Sightseeing will be provided as described below, subject to local conditions at the time of the tour. Careful planning assures a complete sightseeing program. Minor adjustments in the sightseeing program may be made by the tour leaders to conform to any reasonable wishes of the tour members.

Baggage

Economy class passengers are allowed one checked bag with total dimensions not to exceed 106 inches and neither to exceed 62 inches (width + length + depth). A carry-on bag of 45 inches is allowed in the cabin but must fit under your seat or in an overhead compartment. Luggage example: a standard three-suitier is approximately 62 inches. Please, limit ONE checked bag weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Insurance

A limited liability medical policy from IMB will cover each traveler.

Not included

Passports, any expenses resulting from illness or accident, loss of or damage to luggage, items of a personal nature, mineral water, soft drinks at meals, or food and beverages not on the regular menu of the included meals.

Cancellation

A refund (less \$150) is made in the event a person cancels after registration. After ticketing, the cancellation fee will be what is charged by the airline. Sixty days prior to departure there are NO refunds except in the event of illness, emergency or death (doctor's notice required with airline approval).

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Registration Form

- o Option1- 10 day tour of Israel - \$3342 – February 27-March 8, 2011
- o Option 2 – 13 day tour of Israel and Rome - \$4330 – February 27 – March 11, 2011

Method of Payment

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Single accommodation \$950 additional.

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