



Christ Lutheran Church, Long Beach

THE HOLY LAND

April 17-27, 2020 11 Days
Optional extension to Jordan, April 27-30

with Pastor Pam Challis

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

FRI 17 APR

Depart U.S.A.

A meaningful journey of learning and discovery begins today. Depart Los Angeles on the overnight flight to Istanbul via Turkish Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

SAT 18 APR

Arrive Tel Aviv/Netanya

Connect in Istanbul with the continuing flight to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival meet your guide and driver at Ben Gurion Airport. Transfer for hotel check and overnight. Seasons Hotel (Meals in-flight)

SUN 19 APR

Tel Aviv/Galilee

This morning travel the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman theater and aqueduct, and the harbor from where Paul was taken to Rome. In Jesus' boyhood town visit the Greek Orthodox Church and Mary's Well. Proceed to Tiberias for hotel check-in, dinner and overnight. Royal Plaza Hotel (B,D)

MON 20 APR

Galilee

Today focus on Jesus' ministry around the Galilee area. 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. Visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum; this is where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and others. Travel to Tabgha for visits to the Church of Multiplication, built on the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, and the Church of the Beatitudes for one of the most beautiful views of the Galilee. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. Royal Plaza Hotel (B,D)

TUE 21 APR

Galilee/Bethlehem

Check out of the hotel and drive to the Israeli settlement of Efrat where a resident will introduce you to his community. Visit Deheishe Refugee Camp where Palestinians have lived since 1948. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the Old City of Bethlehem visiting the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Check in at your Bethlehem lodging for dinner and overnight. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand Hotel (B,D)

WED 22 APR

Bethlehem

Tour the region's only arts college, Dar al-Kalima University of Arts & Culture. Meet with The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb (subject to his availability), faculty, staff and students to learn how arts and cultural initiatives ensure that today's Palestinians have

abundant life. This university also serves the needs of the broader community through a range of contextual and holistic programs via Dar al-Kalima's Outreach program for Older Adults, Youth and Families. Stop at Shepherds' Field where you will view Bethlehem as the shepherds might have on the night of Jesus' birth. Enjoy dinner in a Bedouin tent with traditional foods. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand Hotel (B,D)

THU 23 APR

Bethlehem

Meet with a representative from the Lutheran World Federation at the Augusta Victoria Hospital campus. Learn about the healing work being done. 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 Church of All Nations. This afternoon visit Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center for a conversation with founder, The Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek (subject to his availability). Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand Hotel (B,D)

FRI 24 APR

Bethlehem/Jerusalem

Walk along the Via Dolorosa stopping at a few Stations of the Cross. See the Crusader Church of St. Anne and the ancient Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. Stop at the Church of the Sisters of Zion (Ecce Homo) to see the original street level pavement from the time of Jesus. Arrive at the Church of Holy Sepulchre which houses the final five Stations of the Cross. Visit St. Peter's in Gallicantu, which recalls Peter's three denials of Christ. Then the Western Wall, considered to be one of the holiest sites in the Jewish tradition. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Ritz Hotel (B,D)

SAT 25 APR

Jerusalem

Drive to Masada and ride the cable car up to the rocky plateau where the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors, and explore the various remains of this mountaintop village. The Dead Sea is 1373 feet below sea level and is the lowest point on earth. There will be time for a float in the briny waters. Then drive to Qumran to see the actual caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Stop in Jericho on your return to Jerusalem. Ritz Hotel (B,D)

SUN 26 APR

Jerusalem

Make an early morning visit to visit the Temple Mount/Haram al Sharif, with the Al Aqsa Mosque (no inside visits included), second only to Mecca for Muslims. Worship at Lutheran Church of the

Join me for an experience of a lifetime! Walk the places that Jesus and his Old Testament forebears called home. Your senses will be filled with all of the sights and sounds, smells and tastes of the Holy Land. Touch the stones that Jesus touched. Even more importantly, you will meet the living stones of Palestine – women and men who live in the Holy Land and who call it home! For any questions beyond what is available in this brochure, contact Pastor Pam Challis at 562-598-2433 or email her at pjschallis@gmail.com



Redeemer followed by a meeting with Pr. Carrie Ballenger, the English language pastor to learn about the various ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). The afternoon is free for individual exploration. This evening gather for a farewell dinner at an Armenian restaurant. Ritz Hotel (B,D)

MON 27 APR

Return to U.S.A.

Transfer this morning for flight check-in and departure. Arrive home enriched by your encounters with the "Living Stones" of the Holy Land. Or depart for the optional extension to Jordan. (Meals in-flight)

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

OPTIONAL JORDAN EXTENSION

MON 27 APR

Jerusalem/Petra

Transfer to the Allenby Crossing 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. Nearby visit the new Lutheran chapel. 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. (B,D)

TUE 28 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. (B,D)

WED 29 APR

Petra/Amman

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 and enjoy the dramatic view of the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond. Check in at an airport hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

THU 30 APR

Return to U.S.A.

Transfer early this morning for flight check-in and departure. Arrive home today with life-enriching memories of your journey. (Meals in-flight)

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



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 December 13, 2019. Final payment is due no later than February 12, 2020. The fee for late payment is \$50 per traveler. Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. For cancellations where the traveler is not at fault or not in violation of the terms and conditions stated herein (e.g., cancellation of the tour prior to departure), a full and prompt refund will be made for all services not provided. Note that there is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements declined by the traveler. The following penalties will apply: Up to December 12, 2019 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; December 13, 2019 - April 1, 2020 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; April 2, 2020 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 December 13, 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 Los Angeles via Turkish Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, 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.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$130 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$601 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 tips and more.

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

COST SUMMARY

\$3599

From Los Angeles

Tour Gratuities (\$130).....Included
 Airport /Departures Taxes (\$601).....Included
 Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room.....\$679
 In addition to base tour cost. Limited availability.

Extension to Jordan.....\$829

Includes: Additional airfare for return from Amman; three-nights in superior tourist class hotel; breakfast and dinner daily; transportation by deluxe motorcoach; sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included; luggage handling of one piece; English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Jordan to departure from Jordan; gratuities to drivers and guides; border taxes for both Israel and Jordan; Jordanian Entry Visa: included and arranged by Group Travel Directors. Single supplement = \$179

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Los Angeles (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of October 2019, a minimum of 16 travelers (16 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.

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#200401ca • 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 extension to Jordan.

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.

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| <p>FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We will take the group flights from Los Angeles.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements. <small>Please contact GTD for land-only rates.</small></p> | <p>DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)</p> <p>Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:</p> <p>\$ _____ \$624 per person inclusive of travel protection for the main tour only.</p> <p>\$ _____ \$648 per person inclusive of travel protection for the main tour and extension to Jordan.</p> <p>\$ _____ \$400 per person without travel protection.</p> <p>I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.</p> |
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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#200401ca
 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 _____

Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.



For Residents of California

- Group Travel Directors is registered as a seller of travel with the State of California: CST 2108836-40
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- California law requires that sellers of travel have a trust account or bond. Group Travel Directors maintains a trust account.

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 21 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 866-684-0218 (refer to Agency #47346). Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

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| 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
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Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$224 per person (\$248 with the optional extension). 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.



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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

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. 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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