

Journey of Faith to the Bible Land

a Catholic Pilgrimage to Israel
with Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

escorted by Maria Fagundes-Bettis
led by Father Manuel Sousa

March 13-23, 2011



SUNDAY, MARCH 13 -

Depart San Francisco with Delta Airlines flight #1070, leaving at 12:45PM and arriving 8:33PM. Connect with Delta Airlines flight #152 nonstop to Tel Aviv, leaving at 10:35PM.

MONDAY, MARCH 14 - TIBERIAS (D)

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv at 5:25PM, you will be met at the airport by a Ya'lla Tours USA Israel representative and transferred to your hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. RON BEACH is a tourist class hotel located on a private beach, a short walk from downtown Tiberias. www.ronbeachhotel.com

TUESDAY, MARCH 15 - TIBERIAS (B,L,D)

Take a private boat on the Sea of Galilee to see the Genosar Boat, a 1st-century Galilee fishing boat that was preserved in the muddy sediment of the lake floor and revealed in 1986 when the lake receded to record low levels. Visit Capernaum where Jesus preached, and his disciples, Peter and Andrew, made their homes. Travel up the Mount of the Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount and the Miracle of the Fishes. Visit the contemporary church at Tabga which celebrates the Miracle of the Multiplication. Note the mosaic floor from a Byzantine-era church, and the section in front of the ancient altar depicting two fish and a basket filled with loaves of bread. Enjoy a St. Peter's Fish lunch. Next, drive to the Upper Galilee to Banias (Caesarea Philippi) to see the source of the Jordan River and the site of Peter's confession "...you are the Christ" (Matt. 16:18). End the day with a stop at the Jordan River for a baptism. Evening: Visit the Capreco Diamond Plant and see Israel's leading industry in action. MASS: Mt. of Beatitudes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 - TIBERIAS (B,D)

Take a taxi to the top of Mt. Tabor and visit the Church of the Transfiguration. Enjoy an outstanding view of the Jezreel Valley where the battle of Deborah and the Midianites took place (Judges 5). Continue to Tzipori, and see the spectacular ruins of a Galilean Village from the days of Jesus. Stop at Cana and then continue on to Nazareth. Today, Nazareth is home to the largest Arab population in Israel. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Grotto. End the day at Nazareth Village and experience the way of life in the Galilee in the days of Jesus. MASS: Mt. Tabor

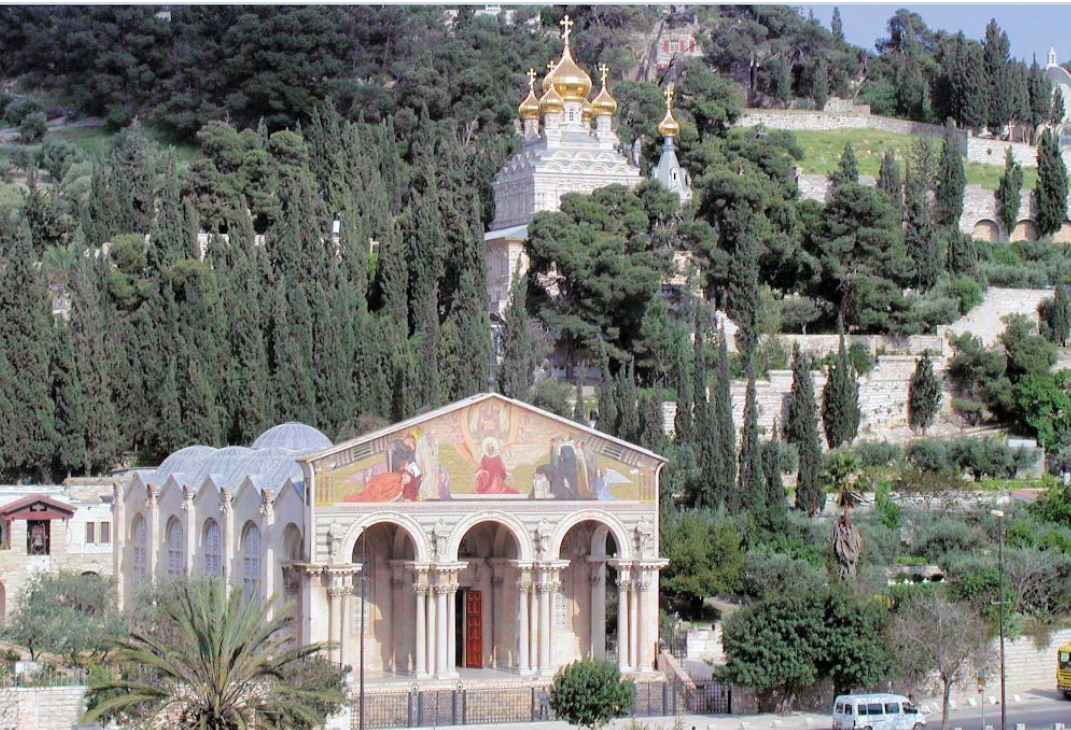
THURSDAY, MARCH 17 - JERUSALEM (B,D)

On to Megiddo, the "Hill of Battles," where archaeologists have uncovered 20 civilizations built one upon another. At this site, King Solomon built his vast stables and good King Josiah died in battle. Look over the peaceful Jezreel Valley. Continue to Mt. Carmel and the Carmelite Monastery of Muhraka to survey the site where God caused Elijah to defeat the priests of Ba'al. Drive to Caesarea one of the of Land of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Empire. See the theater, the newly excavated hippodrome, palace and bathhouse and explore the 900 year old crusader city built on the same site. Also, visit the new hologram interactive activities center. Then climb the Judean Hills to the most beautiful city in the world, Jerusalem. DAN PANORAMA is a moderate 4.5 star hotel within easy walking distance of the Old City and downtown Jerusalem. www.danhotels.com MASS: Mt. Carmel



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SUN, MAR 20 - JERUSALEM
(B,L,D)

Drive west from Jerusalem to Neot Kedumim Biblical Landscape Reserve, a unique endeavor to recreate the physical setting of the Bible in all its depth and detail. Far more than a garden showing various biblical plants, Neot Kedumim embodies the panorama and power of the landscapes that helped shape the values of the Bible and provided a rich vocabulary for expressing them. Our tour at the reserve will end with a biblical lunch. From here we will make our way south to Beit Guvrin and participate in an archaeological dig. Get your hands dirty and perhaps find some ancient coins and pieces of pottery.

MASS: Notre Dame Monastery

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 - JERUSALEM (B,D)

Drive 6 miles south to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use. Construction began in the year 326, based on the local tradition that Jesus was born in a cave at the edge of the village. Return to Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives for an awe inspiring, panoramic view of Jerusalem. Enter the Christian Quarter of the Old City through the Lion Gate. See the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the blind man and St. Anne's Church, with extraordinary acoustics. Walk the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa), visit the Monastery of the Sisters of Zion and see the Floor of the Lithostrothos of the Ecce Ommo Arch (Behold the Man). Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. In 325 AD, Constantine's mother Helen first requisitioned the area for a church. It is important for us to appreciate the work of Helen in preserving many of our Christian sites that otherwise would have been lost to time. The 4th-century church was largely destroyed by the Turks in 1009, and partially restored in 1048. The impressive stone decorations adorning the facade date from crusader times. In its current form, the church preserves the crusader structure and is shared by two major Christian denominations, the Greek Orthodox and the Roman Catholic. MASS: Bethlehem

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 - JERUSALEM (B,D)

Drive east to Masada, a natural fortress with majestic ruins overlooking the Dead Sea. Take a cable car to the top of the rock and explore the extensive remains. Jewish zealots held the rock against the unrelenting 10th Roman legion until 72 AD, when a monumental siege, using a massive attack ramp, conquered the fortress. The camps and other fortifications that encircle the mesa constitute the most complete Roman siege works to have survived to the present day. Descend by cable car and drive to the Dead Sea for a float in the water. Stop at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Return to Jerusalem.

MASS: Church of Gethsemane



Sea of Galilee



Garden of Gethsemane

MON, MAR 21 - JERUSALEM (B,D)
 Visit the House of Chaiaphas, where Jesus was held prior to his trial. Then see the City of David excavations of ancient Jerusalem. Continue to Mt. Zion to visit David's Tomb and the Cenacle (The Upper or Last Supper Room). Enter the Old City for a walking tour of the Jewish quarter. See the Burnt House and the Herodian Quarter, vivid reminders of the Roman conquest. At Davidson Center, view a multi-media presentation about ancient Jerusalem. See the Temple Steps, the original steps to the Temple's Entrance. Walk to the Western Wall, the only visible remains of the Second Temple and the holiest site in Judaism. Then, walk through the Western Wall Tunnel.
 MASS: House of Chaiaphas



Via Dolorosa

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 - JERUSALEM (B,D)
 Tour Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and attend a memorial service there. Continue to Ein Karem and the Church of St. John the Baptist. Visit the Shrine of the Book to see the exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Also see the Model of Jerusalem as it was in the days of Jesus. Return to your hotel for dinner and some time to relax.
 MASS: Church of St. John the Baptist

At 8:00PM you will be transferred to the airport for your nonstop Delta Airlines flight #153, departing Tel Aviv at 11:35PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 -
 Arrive Atlanta at 5:50AM. Clear US Custom and Immigration and connect with Delta Airlines nonstop flight #1065 to San Francisco, leaving at 8:30AM and arriving at 10:35AM.



Holy Sepulcher



Dead Sea caves



Church of the Nativity

Price per person in a double room: \$4,185

Price per person in a single room: \$5,085 // Price per person in a triple room: \$4,035

PRICE INCLUDES:

- round-trip bus transfer between Modesto and San Francisco Airport
- round-trip, economy class air from San Francisco to Tel Aviv on Delta
- 9 nights of accommodations with buffet breakfast and dinner daily
- transfers from/to the airport in Tel Aviv
- 8 days of touring in a private motorcoach with a licensed, bilingual guide (Portuguese/English), with site entrance fees
- private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- participation in an archaeological dig
- St. Peter's Fish lunch and biblical lunch
- portorage and local service fees and taxes
- Ya'lla Tours USA travel bag and travel documents
- pre-tour get-together
- Carefree Travel host with you all the way

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- airline departure & fuel tax (\$495, subject to change)
- meals and drinks, unless specified
- travel insurance, highly recommended
- tip to guide and driver (\$130 per traveler recommended)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- A \$1,000 per person deposit is required upon booking.
- Final payment is due December 1, 2010.
- Passports must be valid at least 6 months past travel date.
- Funds received are held in trust until paid to suppliers.
- Delta offers mileage credit for Sky Miles members.
- Air schedules are subject to change at any time.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRICE:

- The price of the tour is: \$4,185 per person in a double room, based on a minimum of 20 participants. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. our suppliers increase the price, Ya'lla USA Inc. will adjust the price accordingly.
- Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket is issued.
- Should a single traveler wish to share a room and Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- Should the number of participants, 90 days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

- A deposit of \$1,000 per person is due upon registration.
- Final payment is due December 1, 2010.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- Once on deposit, should you need to cancel, there is a \$200.00 cancellation penalty per person.
- For cancellation 89-45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the cost of the tour will apply (plus the \$200.00).
- For cancellation 44-15 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the cost of the tour will apply (plus the \$200.00).
- For cancellation 14 or fewer days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel entrance fees, etc.
- Travel Insurance is nonrefundable.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically, passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:

Your passport must be valid for at least six months from the day you enter Israel.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas Ya'lla Tours USA and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours.

The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. will strive to maintain the content of the tour. The Tour operator reserves the right to change the hotels listed on the tour for others of similar quality.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Ya'lla Tours USA recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.
