

# JOURNEY OF FAITH to the BIBLE LAND

with Mt. Olivet Baptist Church  
hosted by Pastor James & Lynetta Martin

April 30 - May 11, 2012



## MONDAY, APRIL 30 -

Depart Portland with Delta Airlines flight #2258 to New York, leaving at 7:00 am and arriving at 3:35pm. Depart New York with Delta Airlines flight #268 to Tel Aviv, leaving at 7:25pm.

## TUESDAY, MAY 1 - TIBERIAS

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport at 1:15pm, you will be met by a Ya'lla Tours USA representative and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight. LEONARDO PLAZA is a 4.5-star property located on the Promenade, on the shore of the historic Sea of Galilee. [www.fattal.co.il](http://www.fattal.co.il) (D)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 - TIBERIAS

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) Visit Tzipori to see the ruins of a Galilean village from the days of Jesus. Then visit Nazareth Village for a first-hand experience of the way of life in the Galilee in the days of Jesus, including a biblical-style lunch. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Grotto. Depart Nazareth and stop in Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, converting water into wine at the wedding. Visit the Church of the Wedding. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

## THURSDAY, MAY 3 - TIBERIAS

Take a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to see the 2,000 year old Genosar Boat discovered in 1986. Continue to Peter's House in Capernaum. Drive to the Mount of the Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. (Matt:5) Continue north to Kibbutz Hagoshrim and enjoy a St. Peter's fish lunch. Then walk to a unique location on the Jordan River where we will reflect upon the meaning of baptism. 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) Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

## FRIDAY, MAY 4 - TIBERIAS

We continue our pilgrimage 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. Then, visit, Mt. Carmel and the Carmelite Monastery of Muhraka, the site where God caused Elijah to defeat the priests of Ba'al. Then to Acko (ancient Acre), the maritime capital of the Crusader Kingdom, visit the Knights' Halls, one of the most beautiful and impressive remains from this period. Walk through the recent excavations to experience a real trip in a time machine. Return Tiberias for a Shabbat dinner and overnight. (B,D)

## SATURDAY, MAY 5 - JERUSALEM

Drive to Beth Shean and visit the ruins of one of Israel's most ancient cities. In its 7,000 year history the Egyptian, Roman and Byzantine empires have laid claim to the site, attracted by abundant water, fertile soil and the situation at an important east-west crossroads. Continue to Mt. Gilboa and Harod Spring, where Gideon chose his 300 brave men. Drive to the ruins of Caesarea, a large port city built by Herod the Great to honor Roman Caesar Augustus. Herod built a port in the bay and erected all the cultural institutions found in every great Greco-Roman city - a theater, a hippodrome, and a luxurious bathhouse. In order to supply water to the city's ever-growing population, he built an aqueduct system stretching from the springs of Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. Part of this system is still visible today. The book of Acts refers repeatedly to Caesarea as the city Peter visited. (Acts 10) Then climb the Judean Hills to the most beautiful city in the world, JERUSALEM, for dinner and overnight. DAN PANORAMA is a moderate 4.5-star hotel located one block from the King David Hotel and the Jerusalem Windmill, and within easy walking distance of the Old City and downtown Jerusalem. [www.danhotels.com](http://www.danhotels.com) (B,D)

## SUNDAY, MAY 6 - JERUSALEM

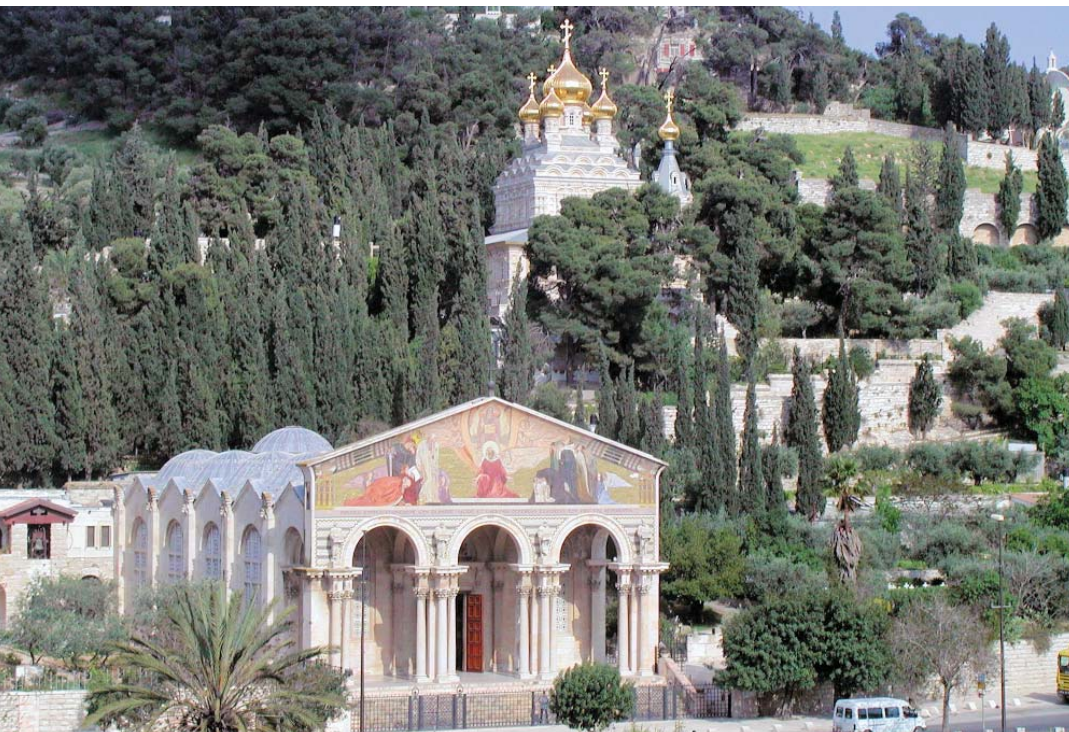
Drive 6 miles south to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the holy land still in use. Construction began in the year 326, based on the local tradition that Jesus was born in a cave at the edge of the village. Sing carols at a site that has been visited by millions of pilgrims. Return to Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives for an awe inspiring, panoramic view of the ancient city. Walk down the Mount of Olives to the site of Jesus' Agony. Visit the Church of Pater Noster, located on the hill where Jesus was inspired with the Our Father prayer. The walls of the church are covered with the prayer written in over 85 languages. Walk to one of the newest churches in Jerusalem, Dominus Flevit, (Jesus Wept). During construction in 1955, archaeologists uncovered artifacts dating back to the Canaanite period as well as tombs from both the Second Temple and Byzantine eras. Also unearthed were the remains of a lovely Byzantine shrine with an elaborate mosaic floor that was incorporated into the church. The Garden of Gethsemane lies at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Today it appears much as it did 20 centuries ago and contains some of the world's oldest olive trees. The garden was a spot favored by Jesus. Originally built in 379, the Church of Gethsemane was rebuilt in 1919 – 1924. Long considered one of the most beautiful in Jerusalem, it was called the Church of All Nations because 16 nations contributed to its construction. Then drive to the Old City and pass through St. Stephen's Gate into the Christian Quarter. Here is the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the blind man, and St. Anne's Church, a beautiful example of crusader architecture with incredible acoustics. Walk the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In 325, Constantine's mother Helen first requisitioned the area for a church. This 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



Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem



Garden of Gethsemane



Mount of Olives

the crusader structure and is shared by two major Christian denominations, the Greek Orthodox and the Roman Catholic. The church enshrines a tomb that some traditions hold to be the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

## MONDAY, MAY 7 - JERUSALEM

Drive east from Jerusalem to Masada, a natural fortress overlooking the Dead Sea. Take a cable car to the top of the plateau for a tour. Jewish zealots held the rock against the unrelenting 10th Roman legion in 72 AD. The Romans finally conquered the fortress by a massive attack ramp. 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.

Garden Tomb



Western Wall



See Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**TUESDAY, MAY 8 - JERUSALEM**

Visit the House of Caiaphas, where Jesus was held prior to his trial. Continue to the City of David to see the excavations of the oldest part of Jerusalem, dating back to King David. If weather permits, walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel. At Mt. Zion, visit King David's Tomb and the Last Supper Room. Then, enter the Jewish quarter of the Old City through the Zion Gate for a walking tour. Walk through the Kardo, a Roman street converted to a pedestrian mall. See the Burnt House and the Herodian Quarter, vivid remains of the Roman conquest and the destruction of the Jewish Temple in 70 AD. Walk down to the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism and the only visible remains of Herod's

splendid Second Temple where Jesus walked and taught. See the Temple Steps, the original steps leading to the Temple's Entrance to the Court of the Israelites. At the Davidson Center, watch the multi-media presentation about Jerusalem in the days of Jesus. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, huge arched spaces just north of the Western Wall which link to a water tunnel cut through the rock to the north, apparently dug in the Hasmonean period (163 to 37 BC). Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 - JERUSALEM**

Visit Neot Kedumim Biblical Landscape Reserve, a unique endeavor to recreate the physical setting of the Bible in all its depth and detail. From here we will make our way south to Beit Guvrin to participate in an on going archaeological dig. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**THURSDAY, MAY 10 - JERUSALEM**

Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. A local cantor will join us for a short memorial service there. Continue to the Israel Museum and the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition at the Shrine of the Book. Then see the model of the city as it was in the days of Jesus. We will end our pilgrimage at the Garden Tomb. Many Protestant denominations hold the Garden Tomb to be the location of Jesus' Resurrection.

Return to your hotel for a farewell dinner and time to relax until your departure. You will be transferred to the airport around 8:00pm for your Delta Airlines flight #153 to Atlanta, leaving at 11:30pm. (B,D)

**FRIDAY, MAY 11 -**

Arrive Atlanta at 5:40am and connect to Delta Airlines flight #773 to Portland, leaving at 8:40am and arriving at 11:11am.



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Price per person in a double room: \$4,595

Price per person in a single room: \$5,580

Supplement for Business Class air: \$3,295

Reduction for using your own air: less \$1,400 plus the cost of transfers if you are arriving and/or departing on different flights than the group

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- roundtrip economy air Portland to Tel Aviv on Delta Airlines
- airline departure and fuel taxes (\$560 as of 4/6/11 but subject to change until final payment is received)
- 10 nights of accommodations with breakfast and dinner daily
- transfers from/to the airport in Israel
- 2 lunches as per the itinerary
- 9 days of touring in a luxurious motor coach with a licensed, English-speaking guide and site entrance fees
- private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- participation in an archaeological dig
- personal headsets while touring
- hotel taxes and service fees
- baggage handling at airport and hotels
- tips to guide and driver
- Ya'lla Tours information kit and travel bag

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- meals, unless specified
- drinks of any kind
- travel insurance (\$319 per person in a double room or \$349 in a single room), highly recommended

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- Delta Airlines offers mileage credit for Sky Miles members.
- An \$800 per person deposit is required upon booking.
- The deposit is refundable until January 31, 2012, less a \$200 per person administrative fee..
- **Final payment is due January 31, 2012.**
- Funds paid to Ya'lla Tours are held in trust until paid to suppliers.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PRICE:**

- The price of the tour is: \$4,595/person in a double room or \$5,580 in a single room based on a minimum of 30 passengers. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Ya'lla Tours USA our suppliers increase the price, we 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:**

- A deposit of \$800 is due upon registration.
- Final payment is due January 31, 2012.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:**

- For cancellation up to January 31, 2012, a \$200 per person administrative fee will apply.
- For cancellation 89-45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- For cancellation 44-15 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- 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.

**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 above.

**PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:**

Your passport must be valid for at least six months following the scheduled return date from your destination.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:**

Whereas Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. 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:**

Travel insurance is not included in the tour price. Ya'lla Tours USA highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.