

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** ARC/IATAN jet economy class, round trip from gateway city applicable on all IATAN and ARC carriers, based on the non-refundable fare. Tours must be fully paid for and tickets issued no later than 60 days before the tour's departure date. If you cancel or change your reservation for any reason after tickets have been issued, a cancellation fee of 100% of the ticket price will be charged by the airline. Fuel Surcharges: We will review the air costs approximately 65 days before departure and notify you of any changes in air fuel surcharges or taxes. Deviations: Deviation requests should be in writing and will incur an additional service fee plus any applicable fare increases.

**LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS:** By private deluxe motor coach.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$1,600.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay the single room surcharge). Hotels used are superior first class category.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Coffee or tea included with breakfast only; all other beverages are extra.

**BAGGAGE:** Subject to change, free baggage allowance is governed by the airline on which you are flying. Baggage allowance guidelines will be included in your final documents. Excess baggage will be charged at the established rates. Due to limited motor coach capacity we urge our tour members to carry only one bag per person. Porterage for one checked bag is included in the tour price. Excess baggage charges from the airlines and motor coaches are the passenger's responsibility and will be collected at time of handling.

**SERVICE CHARGES AND TAXES:** Those normally levied by hotels and restaurants are included and all departure taxes and tipping.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport costs, and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with regular table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident, baggage and trip cancellation insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special services not specifically mentioned as included; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone and cable expenses, internet access, room service orders, etc.; transportation between hometown city and gateway city.

**INSURANCE:** Acting only as agents for suppliers, Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. For protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. We recommend Allianz Travel Insurance. Travel protection is available to all residents of the U.S. and Canada, and includes cancellation protection, coverage for lost luggage, medical emergencies and more. Guests booking this tour have the option of purchasing and may request at time of booking. Fee must be included with initial payment. Details will be provided with written confirmation of your tour reservation.

**Please note: Israel is currently requiring that all tourists have insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid.**

**IMPORTANT PASSPORT INFORMATION:** A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member at a local passport office. Passports must have an expiration date beyond October 29, 2024 in order to travel with this tour. If your expiration date is inside this date, you must renew your passport in order to participate.

**VISA:** A visa is not required for US citizens traveling to Israel.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required immediately. Installment payments are accepted and updated statements will be forwarded with each payment sent. The balance is due no later than 60 days prior to departure. Please check your statement for specific due dates. Tour conditions and airfares are subject to Governmental, ARC/IATAN, and airline regulation requirements in effect on the date of and during the tour. All airfares and land rates are quoted in US Dollars and are based on tariffs and cost in effect April, 2023 and are subject to change without notice. Land costs are based on group rates and final tour cost may be dependent on number of tour participants.

**GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Please be aware that certain land tours may not be fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Wilcox World Travel and Tours must be notified of any special medical, physical or other requirements of passengers at the time of booking. Should a passenger require the assistance of another to make this tour, it is the responsibility of that passenger to arrange for a companion to provide the assistance at all times and for the entire duration of the tour.

**PARTICIPATING AIR CARRIERS:** The services of any ARC/IATAN air carrier may be used by Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. for the air portion of these tours.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Your tour operator, Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., an ARC/IATAN appointed agent, acts as agent for you in the making and securing of all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing, or for hotel accommodations for the tour. Wilcox World Travel and Tours does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant, or any other supplier of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. Thus, by accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, you agree that neither Wilcox World Travel and Tours nor any of its Tour Hosts or Representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to you or your belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary, or schedules, etc. Also, remember that travel documents are your responsibility as well as compliance with custom regulations. No employee of Wilcox World Travel and Tours can change the terms under which you agree to take this tour. Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not onboard the aircraft. The passage contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole agreement between it and you.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership up to 61 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation fee of \$500.00 to cover administration and communication costs. For cancellations within 60-46 days of departure date you will be subject to a 50% penalty or \$500.00 whichever is greater. Cancellations within 45 days are subject to a penalty of 100% of tour price. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Wilcox Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

**NOTE:** Wilcox World Travel and Tours reserves the right to cancel, withdraw, or change the tour, in part or whole, at any time. In the event of a change deemed necessary by Wilcox World Travel and Tours, the sole and exclusive obligation of Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. is to refund monies recovered.

# The Holy Land

## A BIBLICAL AND EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF ISRAEL



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Israel has been called the 5th gospel because of the way it brings the stories of scripture to life.

Like many of you, taking a trip to Israel had been something that we dreamed about for years. We knew that it would change us, but we had no idea how monumental that change would be. Walking where Jesus walked and seeing the places of the Bible, strengthened our faith and changed the way we read scripture. We came back from our trip knowing that we wanted to go back and take our friends with us.

We are excited to invite you to come with us and experience the Holy Land!

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### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Current round-trip economy air fare from Charlotte to Tel Aviv via United Airlines.
- Current airport departure taxes, fuel surcharges, customs & security fees.
- Superior first-class (4 star) hotel accommodations throughout (9 nights);

Netanya	1 night	Island Suites
Tiberias	3 nights	Magdala Hotel
Jerusalem	4 nights	Lady Stern

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, including one St. Peter's fish lunch and a 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 customs (as per itinerary) and stays with the group throughout until returning you to the airport for your flight to U.S.A.
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing, including the Sea of Galilee boat ride, Masada and The Western Wall Tunnel.
- All transfers and portorage (one suitcase per person).
- All tipping to hotel and restaurant personnel, porters, drivers, and guides.
- Wilcox World Travel and Tours flight bag and Holy Land Journal.

### NOT INCLUDED

- Single room supplement \$1,600.00
- Insurance: Travel, baggage, trip cancellation, etc.
- Beverages with meals or meals not specifically mentioned (lunches)
- Passports
- Personal items and immunizations

\*\*\*Final price and itinerary subject to change based on flight schedule, confirmation and cost – available approx. the first week of June., 23.\*\*\*

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 01 – WED. APR. 17 - DEPARTURE

Today we depart the US for our flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

### DAY 02 – THU. APR. 18 - TEL AVIV / NETANYA

We land at Ben Gurion Airport and after passport control and baggage claim where you will meet your representative who will direct to your guide. Board your bus and if time permits take a scenic drive through Jaffa, the oldest port in the world. Jonah set sail for Tarshish from Jaffa but was swallowed by a whale. Jaffa was also the home of Tabitha, who was raised from the dead by Peter. Peter had his vision here while lodging in the home of Simon the Tanner. After the short tour you will drive through the modern city of Tel Aviv heading north to Netanya where you will check into your hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea for dinner and overnight

### DAY 03 – FRI. APR. 19 - THE VIA MARIS / THE JEZREEL & LOWER GALILEE



Today we begin where the baptism of Gentiles began: at Caesarea Maritima. You will see the sunken harbor, the hippodrome, the theatre and the Roman aqueduct. Then drive to Muhraka ("burnt offering") on Mt. Carmel and have a short hike to Muhraka Church and go up to its roof to have a magnificent panorama

of the Plain of Jezreel (Esdraelon). Stop at Megiddo - har megiddo in Hebrew, which gave its name to Armageddon. The excavations that inspired James Michener's book "The Source" you will drive down to Nazareth and your first stop will be at Nazareth Village, a first-century farm and village presenting the life, times and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth for all the world. You will then make your way to the Church of the Annunciation. Ascend Mount of the Precipice at the brow to an overlook surveying the Valley of Jezreel with a view of Mt. Tabor. Continue on to Cana, commemorating Jesus' transformation of water into wine. Drive down to Tiberias and check into your hotel for dinner and the next three overnights.

### DAY 04 – SAT. APR. 20 - AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

First thing in the morning you will take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Drive up to the Mount of Beatitudes and hike down the hill to the lake and go to Tabgha where Christians have long remembered the first feeding of the multitude and nearby, the breakfast of John 21. Continue walking to nearby Capernaum where Franciscan archaeologists believe they have uncovered the house of Peter. Then drive to the northern end of the Sea of Galilee heading east

and stop at Beth Saida, which is the fishing village of the Gospels. This village was the home town of Peter, Andrew, and Philip. Continue driving around the eastern shores of the Sea of Galilee heading south to Ein Gev where you can stop for a St. Peter's Fish lunch. After lunch drive further south to Kursi in the "Gergesa" of Matthew's Gospel where the evangelist locates the miracle of the swine. Then drive full circle around the lake and stop at the newly discovered and exciting archaeological site of the fishing Village of Magdala where you can see a first century synagogue typical of the various synagogues that dotted the Galilee region and where Christ would have first preached the gospel. We end our day at the modern Baptismal site of the Yardenit where you have the possibility to be baptized or reaffirm your faith again by baptism, plan to join this ceremony. Drive back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 05 – SUN. APR. 21 - THE SOURCES OF THE JORDAN

Ascend the Golan Heights today, the biblical Bashan and ancestral home of the half-tribe of Manassah and in Jesus' day, part of the territory of Herod Philip. Stop for an overview of Gamla, also known as "Masada of the north". Continue along Israel's border with Syria and stop at the Kuneitra overlook. Visit Tel Dan, one of the most important biblical mounds in the country. Here archaeologists discovered an inscription with the words "House of David," and you can see a gateway from the time of Abraham, as well as the High Place of Jeroboam and the Israelite gate. Continue to Caesarea Philippi, now known as Banias. As at Dan, you'll also enjoy the natural beauty of Banias nestled on the flourishing banks of one the Jordan's main tributaries.

### DAY 06 – MON. APR. 22 - THE RIFT VALLEY

Today you will drive down into the Jordan Valley and continue driving south to the strategic crossing point between the Jordan Valley and the Jezreel which is located in the city of Beth Shean (aka Scythopolis). Here, you can climb the Tel to view the setting of Saul's death. You can then survey the magnificent Roman and Byzantine ruins: theater, bathhouses, ancient rest rooms, market areas, colonnaded streets. Continue south to Jericho. At Jericho, we visit the Tel of this oldest city and view the traditional mountain of Jesus' temptation. Drive further south to the Dead Sea. Here we will have an opportunity to



enjoy the surreal experience of floating in the salt-rich water, 400m (1,312 ft) below sea level! Don't miss the chance to have a mud bath in the world's richest source of natural salts. Continue on the Jerusalem/Jericho highway passing by the Good Samaritan Inn on the way. Ascending the Roman road along Wadi Qilt, stop for a

look at the picturesque desert monastery of St. George's built deep in the gorge of Wadi Kelt. Finally atop Mt. Scopus, we behold majestic Jerusalem. Drive down to the city and check into your hotel for dinner and the next five overnights in Jerusalem.

### DAY 07 – TUE. APR. 23 - MASADA / THE JUDEAN WILDERNESS

This morning we our first stop will be at Masada. Take the cable-car to the top of Masada, scene of the epic stand by Jewish rebels at the end of the great revolt against Rome nearly 2,000 years ago. The new museum at the visitor's center reveals the secrets of the daily life of the rebels, the story of the excavations. Descend back to the base by cable car and drive, the Nature Reserve of Ein Gedi. Enter the nature reserve of Ein Gedi, rich in flora and fauna, and hike to a lovely waterfall. After this drive along the western shores of the Dead Sea north and stop at the ancient settlement of Qumran. Here you'll have the opportunity to view the many caves where approximately 900 parchment documents of religious significance were discovered - the fabled Dead Sea Scrolls.



### DAY 08 – WED. APR. 24 - O' JERUSALEM!

Start the day on the Mt. of Olives for an orientation to the city. Visit the church of Pater Noster to see the church dedicated to the Lord's Prayer depicting several languages of the world done in ceramic covering the walls of the Church. Then descend the traditional Palm Sunday Road stopping at the church of Dominus Flevit - The Lord Weeps. We continue down to the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane with a visit to the garden and the church where you can have some quiet time. Continue driving to the church grounds called Peter in Gallicantu, which affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. Here, the Assumptionist Fathers propose, was the house where the High Priest Caiaphas interrogated Jesus. Driving south to the Bethlehem region passing Rachel's Tomb on the outskirts of Bethlehem, you will go to Shepherds' Fields. You will then visit Bethlehem, where you will walk through its alleys and markets to the Church of the Nativity.

### DAY 09 – THU. APR. 25 - THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF JERUSALEM

After breakfast you will begin your day with a visit to a modern tunnel that enables us to examine the length of the outer Herodian Temple wall, mostly preserved in mint condition, including two stone blocks each weighing about 600 tons. Then you will walk to the Ophel and examine the ruins near the south side of the Temple complex, including steps where you may be certain that Jesus and the disciples walked. You may then descend the slope of the

first Jerusalem ("City of David") to the Gihon spring and proceed through Hezekiah's tunnel, which led the water to a pool where city dwellers of old were safe from the Assyrian arrows. You will then drive to the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Israel Museum, including the outdoor model of Jerusalem as the city may have looked in 66 AD. You will end your day with a solemn visit to Yad VaShem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, dedicated to the six million Jews who lost their lives before and during the World War II. Then it's back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 10 – FRI. APR. 26 - THE MOSLEM AND THE JEWISH QUARTERS

First thing this morning, you will transfer to Jaffa Gate. Just inside the gate, you can visit the Museum at the David Citadel and the nearby newly discovered excavations at Kishle. It is thought that the remains are those of Herod's palace. You will then take the ramparts walk on the Old City Walls from Jaffa Gate to the Western Wall. Descend from the Old City Wall and walk up to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. Walk up to the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site of Islam, located on the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. Spend some time walking around the Jewish Quarter. Walk along the Cardo, the ancient Roman road; View the Broad Wall. While in the Jewish Quarter take the opportunity to visit the Temple Institute, the Herodion Mansion. Return to your hotel for the dinner and overnight.

### DAY 11 – SAT. APR. 27 - IN AND AROUND THE OLD CITY / AIRPORT

Early this morning we'll visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, then return to the hotel for breakfast. Afterwards we transfer to St. Stephen's Gate where we first encountered Saul as a persecutor of the first believers. Just inside the gate, you will find the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, which has remarkable acoustics and which has been perfectly preserved from the Crusader period. Then follow the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa). From there you will walk through the Arab Souks, past the Armenian Quarter and exit the Old City through the Mt Zion Gate to visit the Upper Room and King David's Tomb on the grounds of Mt. Zion. From there, take the bus to the Garden Tomb where you will end your tour with a special visit and the possibility of having a private communion on its grounds. The balance of the day is free. This evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner before we drive back down to the airport for our late evening check in for our flight home.



### DAY 12 – SUN. APR. 28 - U.S.A

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