



First Lutheran Church of Poulsbo, Washington

# HOLY LAND, HOLY PEOPLE: LEARNING FROM SITES AND CONVERSATIONS

January 27 – February 6, 2018 11 Days

Optional extension to Jordan: February 6-9, 2018

Hosted by Pr. Kent Shane

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### **SAT 27 JAN** **Depart U.S.**

Depart Seattle and connect with the overnight flight to Tel Aviv. (Meals in-flight)

### **SUN 28 JAN** **Arrive Tel Aviv/Netanya**

Upon late afternoon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, your guide and driver will be waiting to greet you. Transfer to your hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight. Seasons Hotel (Meals in-flight, D)

### **MON 29 JAN** **Netanya/Galilee**

Drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor from where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Then drive up Mt. Carmel and enjoy a panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley. Continue to Nazareth and visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Greek Orthodox Church, and Mary's Well. Tour Nazareth Village, a living history museum, which recreates life in the first century. Stop for a view of the Sea of Galilee from the Cliffs of Arbel before proceeding to the hotel by Lake Kinneret, the Sea of Galilee. Kibbutz Ein Gev (B, D)

### **TUE 30 JAN** **Galilee**

This morning 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. Return to the shore and visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum; this is where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and others. Drive along the north shore to the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee. Continue northward to Mt. Hermon and the Golan Heights before returning along the east side of the Galilee to your lodging. Kibbutz Ein Gev (B, D)

### **WED 31 JAN** **Galilee/Bethlehem**

Drive to Bet She'an, where excavations have revealed ruins of major archaeological significance; the history of the site goes back to the 4th millennium B.C. Continue through the Jordan Valley to Jericho to ascend the Mt. of Temptation, then through the Judean Desert to arrive in Bethlehem. Check in at the Christian guesthouse that is affiliated with the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB), a member of the Diyar Consortium. Stroll into the Old City of Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. This evening meet a local mufti at IBC to learn about Islamic faith practices. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B, D)

### **THU 01 FEB** **Bethlehem**

This morning learn about the varied ministries of the Diyar Consortium and tour the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB), Christmas Lutheran Church, Diyar University College and Diyar Health and Wellness Center. Also meet with the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, director of the Diyar Consortium and pastor of Evangelical Christmas Lutheran Church, to learn about their work and about the Palestinian Christians of Bethlehem. This afternoon make two uniquely contrasting visits: one at Deheishe Palestinian refugee camp and the other at Efrat Israeli settlement. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B, D)

### **FRI 02 FEB** **Bethlehem**

Proceed to the top of the Mount of Olives for a glorious view of Jerusalem. Here on the same hilltop is Augusta Victoria Hospital. The group will meet with the Rev. Mark Brown to learn of the

*I am really excited about the opportunities and conversations that we will have on this trip to Israel/Palestine, and then on to Jordan for those who wish to continue. We will have the opportunity to learn from not only the sites and places mentioned in scripture, but also from the people who currently live in the Holy Land.*

*This trip is more than spiritual tourism, it will also be a time for conversation and reflection about what it means to be a Christian in a world context of many religions. We will have the chance to meet and talk with Muslims, Jews, and Lutheran Christians. We will hear their stories of life and ministry, the challenges they face, and the joys they share.*

*We will be staying in the Old City of Jerusalem as well as in Bethlehem. Both are places alive with history and character. Not many groups have the chance to stay in Bethlehem, so we have a rare opportunity to be not only in the city of Jesus' birth, but to stay with and learn from the people of Christmas Lutheran Church and the Diyar Consortium, which is a ministry arm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land.*

*My hope is that we will return with a deeper understanding of the land of the roots of our faith as well as an honest respect for all of the people of the Book.*

*Peace, Shalom, Salam,*

*—Pastor Kent Shane*

healing work of the Lutheran World Federation before walking down the Palm Sunday Road. Visit Yad Vashem, a moving memorial to the Holocaust. On the return to the West Bank stop at Shepherds' Fields in Beit Sahour. This is the best place to view Bethlehem as it would have been seen by nearby shepherds during the time of the birth of Jesus. Enjoy a dinner of Palestinian cuisine and ambience at The Grotto Restaurant. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B, D)

### **SAT 03 FEB** **Bethlehem/Jerusalem**

Travel to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea. Take a cable car up to Masada, Herod's royal citadel overlooking the sea. On this rocky plateau, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors, around 70 A.D. Stop at Ein Bokek for an optional float in the briny waters of the Dead Sea, then visit Qumran, the site of the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Continue to Jerusalem for hotel check-in, dinner and overnight in the Old City. St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)

### **SUN 04 FEB** **Jerusalem**

This morning attend worship at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer followed by a meeting with the English-language pastor to learn about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). After lunch see the ancient Western Wall, considered to be one of the holiest sites in the Jewish tradition. Ascend to the Temple Mount/Haram al Sharif and view the golden Dome of the Rock, an important symbol of the Muslim faith (no inside visits to the mosques are permitted at this time). This evening hear from a representative of Rabbis For Human Rights. St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)

### **MON 05 FEB** **Jerusalem**

Spend the morning on a memorable guided tour of the Old City including a walk along the Via Dolorosa through the Old City to experience the Stations of the Cross; see the last few Stations located inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The afternoon will be free for individual exploration. Gather for a farewell dinner at an Armenian restaurant in the Old City. St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)

### **TUE 06 FEB** **Return to U.S.**

Transfer to the airport for flight check-in and departure to the U.S. Arrive home today enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land. (B, Meals in-flight)

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

## OPTIONAL JORDAN EXTENSION

### **TUE 06 FEB** **Jerusalem/Petra**

This morning 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. 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. Petra Guesthouse (B, D)

### **WED 07 FEB** **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 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. Petra Guesthouse (B, D)

### **THU 08 FEB** **Petra/Tel Aviv**

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. Cross the Allenby Bridge to meet your guide and driver for the transfer to your Tel Aviv area hotel. (B, D)

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**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 September 22, 2017. Final payment is due November 22, 2017. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

**REFUND POLICY:** All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to September 21, 2017 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; September 22, 2017 - January 12, 2018 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; January 13, 2018 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 September 22, 2017. A minimum fee of \$175 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.

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**WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Seattle via an 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, \$120 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$705 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**

**\$4229**

From Seattle

Tour Gratuities (\$120).....Included  
 Airport /Departures Taxes (\$705).....Included  
 Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

**Optional Individual Supplement**

Single Room.....\$599  
 In addition to base tour cost. Limited availability.

**Optional Extension to Jordan.....\$999**

Includes: three nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels; breakfast and dinner daily; sightseeing entrance fees; luggage handling; an experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Jordan to departure from Jordan; gratuities to drivers and guides; Jordanian entry visa; border taxes. Single room supplement = +\$119

**Costs:** The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Seattle (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of September 2016, a minimum of 16 travelers (11 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. *Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.*

**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#180101 wa • 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.

**FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)**

- I/We will take the group flights from Seattle.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from \_\_\_\_\_ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.  
Please contact GTD for land-only rates.

**DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$648 per person **inclusive of travel protection** for the main tour only.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$697 per person **inclusive of travel protection** for the main tour and Jordan extension.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$400 per person **without travel protection.**
- I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

**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#180101wa

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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**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 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174. Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

**GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS**

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 \$4500 per person  
 \*\* a maximum of \$6750 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$248 per person (\$297 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.

This document contains highlights of the plan. The Plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. Fairmont Specialty and Crum & Forster are registered trademarks of United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2015. The Plan also contains non insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization, OnCall International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is

available in all jurisdictions.

**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**

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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 there was a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>

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