



WORD FM 10 YEAR MISSION CELEBRATION
ISRAEL
OCTOBER 03 - 17, 2010

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 03 -

Depart from Souderton, Pa by bus to JFK airport in New York. Take Delta Airlines from JFK nonstop to Tel Aviv.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 04 – TEL AVIV (D)

Arrive: Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport at 4:25PM. Upon arrival, 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. <http://www.hagilgal.com>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 05 – TIBERIAS (B,D)

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).

We continue our pilgrimage to **Mt. Carmel** where we visit the Carmelite Monastery of **Muhraka** to survey the site where God caused Elijah to defeat the priests of Ba'al.

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, in 609 BC, good King Josiah died in battle. Look over the peaceful Jezreel Valley.

Drive to **Mt. Tabor**. Take a taxi to the top of the mountain 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 Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

http://www.caesarhotels.co.il/show_item.asp?itemId=121&levelId=62705&itemType=0

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 06 – TIBERIAS (B,L,D)

Drive south to **Tel Hatzor**. Walk through the ruins of Joshua and King Solomon.

Continue to **Tel Dan** and visit the park ruins dating back to the days of King Solomon.

Arrive at Kibbutz Hagoshrim for a **St. Peter's fish** lunch. Then walk to a unique location on the **River Jordan** where we will remember our own baptism.

Next, drive to the Upper Galilee to Baniyas (**Caesarea Philippi**) to see the source of the Jordan River and the site of Peter's confession "...you are the Christ" (Matt. 16:18).

Continue to the **Golan Heights** and stop to gaze down over the Galilee as the Syrians once did. In the Valley of the Tears, hear the moving story of the brave Kahalani's battle to secure the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War.

Continue to **Mt. Bental** for an outstanding view of the Upper Galilee and the Golan Heights.

On to **Katzrin**, the only city in the Golan Heights.

Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 07 – TIBERIAS (B,D)

Drive to Tiberias and take a **private boat** on the Sea of Galilee to Genosar, and visit **The Genosar Boat** discovered in 1986. The boat dates back two thousand years.

Travel up the **Mount of the Beatitudes**, site of the Sermon on the Mount and the Miracle of the Fishes.

Continue to **Peter's Home in Capernaum** which reveals the domestic life of a New Testament fisherman.

End the day at **Mt. Arbel**, walk to the top of the mountain and enjoy one of the most outstanding views of the Sea of Galilee.

Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Tonight we have a treat for you. Meet Lisa and David Mitts, Messianic Jews from WA State that emigrated to Israel and reside just outside of Tiberias. They will join you for Dinner and will later seat and share with you the life of American new immigrants in Israel and about their Ministry, One new Man.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 08 – DEAD SEA (B,D)

Drive the Lower Galilee and 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.

Then visit to the **Nazareth Village**, meet your private guide and experience first hand the life in the Galilee in the days of Jesus.

Drive to **Beth Shean**, 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. Visit the ruins of the largest Roman city being excavated today.

On to **Beth Alpha** to view the magnificent mosaics on the floor of a 6th century synagogue.

Continue to **Mt. Gilboa** and **Harod Spring**, where Gideon chose his 300 brave men.

Drive along the Jordan Valley to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea.

Continue along the Dead Sea to your resort hotel for Shabbat dinner and overnight.

<http://www.hodhotel.co.il/english/index.html>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 09 – DEAD SEA (B,L,D)

Leave for **Masada**. Take the cable car to the top of the rock and visit the Roman palaces, store houses, synagogues and bath house, which witnessed the Jewish resistance to the Romans approximately 2,000 years ago.

Descend by foot on the ramp, meet your bus and continue to **Kfar Hanokdim**.

Glimpse the way of life of the Patriarchs with a Bedouin lunch and camel ride in the Negev.

Return to the hotel for a free afternoon to enjoy the Dead Sea and the SPA facilities at the hotel. Dinner and overnight provided.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

Drive along the Dead Sea to **Ein Gedi**. Hike to David's Spring and see the area frequent by King Saul and young David.

Continue and see **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947.

Then drive for a visit to **Jericho** and take the cable car to Mt. of Temptations.

See the Zacchaeus' traditional Sycamore Tree and Elisha's Well.

Then visit the ancient excavations and see the remains of the ancient wall.

As we climb up into the Judean Hills, stop at the new **Good Samaritan** rest area and see some of the most spectacular floor mosaics found in the Desert.

to the most beautiful city in the world, JERUSALEM, for overnight.

http://www.prima-hotels-israel.com/prima_royale.htm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 – 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 was begun in 326, based on the local tradition that Jesus was born in a cave at the edge of the village.

Return to Jerusalem and Drive to the **Mount of Olives** for an awe inspiring, panoramic view of Jerusalem.

Walk down to one of the newest churches in Jerusalem, **Dominus Flevit**. 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.

The Garden of Gethsemane lies at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Today it appears as it did 20 centuries ago and within it are some of the world's oldest olive trees. It was here that, on His last night, Jesus spent the most sorrowful hour of His passion. Originally built in 379, the **Church of Gethsemane** was rebuilt in 1919 – 1924. Long considered one of the most beautiful in Jerusalem, it is called the Church of All Nations because 16 nations contributed to its construction.

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 Lithostrotos** of the **Ecce Homo Arch** (Behold the Man). Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. In 325 AD, Constantine's mother Helen 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. 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 the Crusader structure and is shared by two major Christian denominations, the Greek Orthodox and the Roman Catholic. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

Visit the **House of Chiaphas**, chief priest of the Jews, where we explore the dungeon where Jesus was held prior to his trial.

Continue to the **City of David Archeological Gardens**. See the Jerusalem that was conquered and built by King David, and see the **Spring of Gihon** and the **Pool of Siloa**.

On to **Mt. Zion** for a visit to **King David Tomb** (Judaism second holiest site) and the **Last Supper Room** (also known as the Upper Room).

Enter the Jewish quarter of the **Old City** through the **Zion Gate** for a walking tour.

Walk down the stairs to the **Western Wall**, the holiest site in all Judaism and the only visible remains of Herod's splendid Second Temple where Jesus walked and taught.

We will see the **Temple Steps**, the original set of 15 steps leading to the Temple's Entrance to the Court of the Israelites.

Then, experience the new **Jerusalem Through the Generations** display.

Visit the recent excavations show us the **Western Wall Tunnel**, huge arched spaces just north of the Western Wall. These link up with a water tunnel cut through the rock to the north, apparently dug in the Hasmonean period (163 BC to 37 BC).

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

This morning we will drive west from Jerusalem to **Neot Kedumim**. The Biblical Landscape Reserve in Israel is 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.

Since it is the summer we will be able to "work the land".

The land that you are about to enter is not like the land of Egypt, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot (Deuteronomy 11:10).

The foot-operated water wheel also appears in rabbinic literature as a wheel-of-fortune image: one day you're full, one day you're empty; one day you're up, one day you're down.

If you're the one on the top, help the ones on the bottom, for tomorrow, the wheel will turn (Ruth Rabba 5, 9). Our tour will end with a biblical lunch.

From here we will make our way south of Latrun to **Beit Guvrin** and participate in an on going archaeological dig (to be there at 2:30PM). You will get your hands dirty and you might find some ancient coins and pieces of pottery.

Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 – JERUSALEM (B.D)

Drive through the **Kneset** (Israeli Parliament) and see the large **Menorah** outside of the building. Visit 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.

After lunch (not included), visit **Yad Vashem** Holocaust Memorial, may we never forget the terrible price Israel paid to establish her country. Meet a local Cantor for a service in the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis.

End our powerful Pilgrimage at the **Garden Tomb**. Many Protestant denominations hold the Garden Tomb to be the location of the Resurrection. While it may not be historically correct, the site beautifully illustrates the scene where Jesus rose again. We will have special time for prayer and meditation.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 – JERUSALEM (B.D)

Free day in Jerusalem for last minute shopping.

Shabbat dinner and time to relax before the last flight. We will keep your room until the check out time and transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport.

By 8:15PM, you will be transferred to Ben Gurion Airport for your **nonstop** to JFK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 –

Arrive at 6:05AM. Clear US Customs and Immigration then board bus to Souderton, Pa

This itinerary can change at any time without notice.



This trip is more than a guided tour, it's a unique opportunity to learn the new meaning of these biblical sights and to understand what they mean to the Jew and to the Christian. This transforming trip will be lead by Pastor J.R. Briggs. He will be our guest teacher so he can help us comprehend what these sights mean as relates to history and to our personal walk with Jesus. J.R Briggs has a passion for teaching the Bible and seeing Scripture transform people's lives!

J.R. received two degrees from Taylor University in Biblical Literature and Christian Education. During the Fall semester of his junior year of undergrad he had the life-altering experience of studying abroad at Jerusalem University College (formerly the Institute of Holy Land Studies) on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, Israel. Living, studying and experiencing the land of the Bible transformed the way he read the Bible and the way he understood the life of Jesus. It was here that is passion for the historical, cultural, geographical and religious background of the Bible flourished.

Currently he is completing a Masters in Missional Theology from Biblical Theological Seminary (Hatfield, PA).

J.R. is the Pastor and Cultural Cultivator of a new church plant, The Renew Community, in (Lansdale, PA), a faith community for skeptics and dreamers (www.renewcommunity.org). He has authored three books (*When God Says Jump*, *Redefining Life for Men* and *The Message//Remix: Solo*) and written over two dozen articles.

He and his wife Megan have a two and a half year old adopted son, Carter, and are in the process of adopting another child. They live in Lansdale, PA.

Price per person: \$3,950

45 LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRIP!

PRICE INCLUDES:

- * Round-trip, economy class airfare from JFK Airport to Tel Aviv with Delta Airlines.
- * 12 nights of accommodations at the listed hotels with breakfast and dinner daily.
- * 10 days of touring in a private, air-conditioned bus with a licensed, English-speaking guide.
- * Teaching by Pastor J.R. Briggs
- * St. Peter's Fish lunch in the **Galilee**.
- * Bedouin lunch near Arad.
- * Participation in an **archeological dig**.
- * Biblical lunch in Neot Kdumim.
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary.
- * **Private** boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- * Portage at airport and hotels.
- * Service fees and local taxes.
- * Roundtrip Busing from Souderton, Pa to JFK Airport
- * **Ya'lla Tours USA** travel bag, travel documents, and supplemental information.
- * Tips to guide and driver

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- * Departure taxes (\$425 based on July 07, 2009 rates, subject to fluctuate up or down and will be reflected in your final invoice)
- * Travel insurance, required. (see below)
- * Some lunch meals & drinks unless specified.
- * Upgrade package to SINGLE room: \$755.00

\$500 non-refundable security deposit plus mandatory travel insurance due upon sign up. DUE BY January 31, 2010. Final Payment due by June 8, 2010 with copy of your passport. Passport must be valid for six months after your return date.

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Insurance Rates:

Double occupancy (\$4500) Age 0-34	\$140
Single occupancy (\$5000) Age 0-34	\$153
Double occupancy (\$4500) Age 34-59	\$155
Single occupancy (\$5000) Age 34-59	\$178
Double occupancy (\$4500) Age 60+	\$268
Single occupancy (\$5000) Age 60+	\$312

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