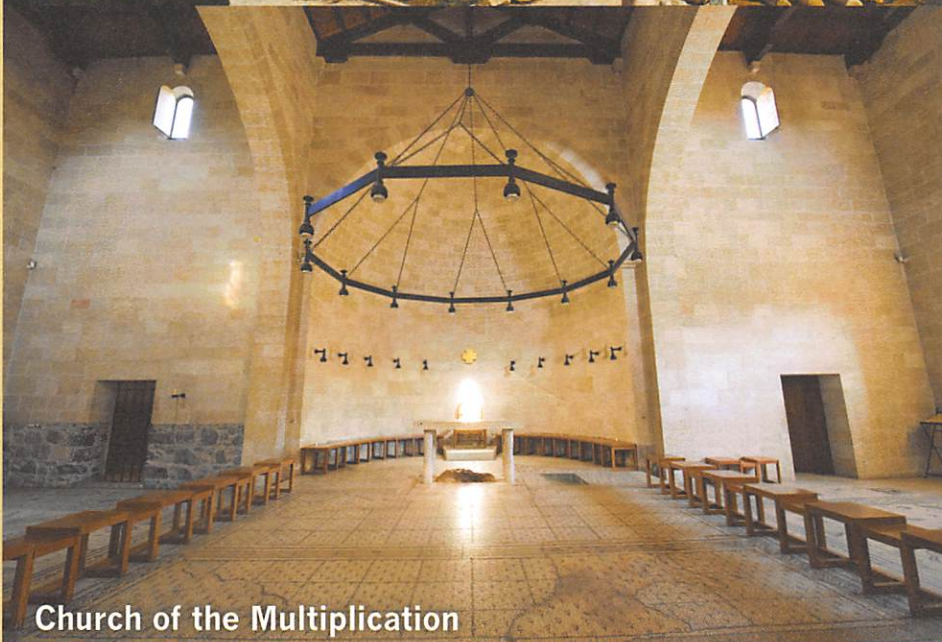




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Dear Friends,

*Would you like to have an unforgettable experience that will change your life? We are so excited to invite you to Israel with us. You will be amazed at how the Bible will literally come alive as you walk where Jesus walked. We will worship together as we “cruise” across the Sea of Galilee, visit many sites where the parables and stories of the bible happened, and share communion at the Garden Tomb. No longer will you have to imagine the surroundings when you read the pages of God’s Word. You will take the memories home with you and remember them over and over again. This custom tour is our third and has been designed to blend both site-seeing and hands on experiences. Our prayer is that as you experience Israel for yourself, you will be left filled with joy and wonder, with a greater understanding of God’s word and all He wants to show you. Please join us for this life-altering experience!*

*Michael & Carissa Blanchard*

### **YOUR DAILY ITINERARY** **MON, JAN 13 NEW YORK • ISRAEL**

Depart JFK on Swiss International flight #17 at 6:25PM for Zurich. This is the start of a “life changing” experience. Enjoy the on-board meals and entertainment.

### **TUE, JAN 14 TEL AVIV • BEER SHEVA**

Arrive Zurich at 8:05AM and change planes. Depart Zurich on LX-252 at 9:45AM. Arrive at Tel Aviv’s Ben

Gurion Airport at 2:35PM and meet our guide who will welcome us to the Land of the Bible and escort us throughout our stay in Israel. Israeli guides are legendary for their knowledge and dedication. Ours will instruct us on the many sites we will visit and their relationship to the religion, history, archaeology, culture, and modern life in Israel. Proceed south to Beer Sheeva. Dinner & overnight in Beer Sheva

### **WED, JAN 15 BEER SHEVA • DEAD SEA**

Today we start our journey by following in the footsteps Moses with the Children of Israel in the Negev. This morning we drive in the direction of Kadesh Barnea and stop at the place where the Edomites blocked the way of Moses on the way to the Promised Land (Numbers 20;14). Here Moses was forced to turn eastward into the Zin Desert. South of this place is the seat of the King of Arad (Exodus 21;1). We shall go on the journey of the Children of Israel along the Zin River. We shall visit Ein Avdat, in order to view the sources of the waters in the Desert. The water supply was one of the main problems that Moses encountered (Exodus 15;22). From the site of the grave of the First Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. David Ben Gurion, we shall view the Zin River where Moses walked with the Children of Israel. From the top of Mount Avnon we shall have a panoramic view of the big crater which is 14 km. long and 7 km. wide. We shall meet again with the Zin River on our descent from the Akrabim (Scorpion) Heights which is mentioned several times in the Bible with regard to the southern border of the Tribe of Judah and also because it is close to the Zin River. (Numbers 24;4) (Joshua 15;3)

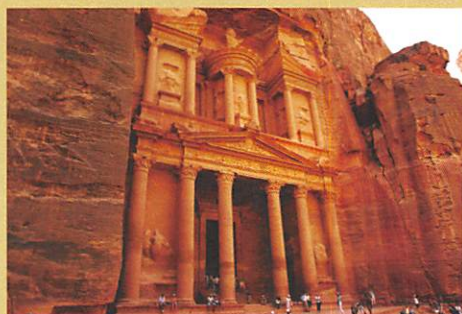
Overnight at Hotel in Ein Bokek at the Dead Sea.

### **THU, JAN 16 DEAD SEA • MASADA • NOKDIM • DEAD SEA**

In the morning we leave for Ein Gedi Nature Reserve where 3000 years ago David the youth hid from the wrath of King Saul. (Samuel A 24;1). We shall continue to Masada which was King Herod’s magnificent palace and fortress and where took place the last heroic Jewish stand against the Romans. We ascend by cable car and shall descend on foot through the ramp. We arrive at Nokdim Village in the desert, where we shall be hosted in a desert tent for a very large and rich meal as were the kings at the table of the Patriarch Abraham. (Genesis 18;1) Afterwards we discuss how the Lord turned the desert into a school for Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses. We return to the hotel in Ein Bokek. Time for a “Swim & Float” in the Dead Sea.

### **FRI, JAN 17 DEAD SEA • QUMRAN • GALILEE**

We shall the day at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea and which is the site of the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We continue to the Monastery of St. George near the Keret River. Here the Prophet Elijah hid from King Ahab and Jezebel, (Kings A 17;5). We continue to “Katzar El Yahud” on the Jordan River. Here Joshua crossed the Jordan with the Children of Israel. (Joshua 3;1). Here the Prophet Elijah rose in a storm to Heaven (Kings B 2;7) and here also Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist (Matt.3;1). On our way to the Sea of Galilee we shall visit Beit Shean one of the Ten Roman Cities where Jesus taught and on the walls



The Treasury at Petra



Western Wall



of which were hung the bodies of Saul and Jonathan (Samuel A 21;6). Overnight near the Sea of Galilee.

#### **SAT, JAN 18 GALILEE**

Start the day from the top of the Arbel which is overlooks the settlement of Midgala. Visit Magdala. Here we have a panoramic view of all the north of the Galilee where Jesus taught his beliefs. Continue to the shores of Tabgha, not to the church, but to the place of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. (John. 1;1). We shall go on to Capernaum the main center of Jesus' teachings and where also there are the remains of a Synagogue from the 4th century, and Beit Saïda, the third most mentioned place in the Gospels. We end the day, at the setting of the sun, with a Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight at the Sea of Galilee

#### **SUN, JAN 19 GALILEE**

We start the day at Tel Dan. Here we shall discuss how a place which began without the God of Israel ended in destruction (Judges 17;18) (Kings A 22;26) We shall continue to the Banias (Caesarea of Philippi) Here Jesus was first recognized by his Disciples as the Messiah (Matt 16;13). Continue to the Golan Heights to understand its importance to the State of Israel. Overnight at the Sea of Galilee.

#### **MON, JAN 20 GALILEE**

Begin the day with Baptism in the Jordan River. We continue to see an Olive Press at Avtalyon which is located in the Lower Galilee in the region of the Tribe of Asher. The Tribe of Asher was blessed by Jacob and Moses as the Tribe of Olive Oil. (Genesis 49;20) (Deuteronomy 33;16). In this place lives a family which never ever left the Land of Israel,

and still produces the virgin oil which was used for anointing kings and for the seven branched candelabra in the Temple. It's on to Tel Megiddo, inspiration for James Michener's "The Source", and prophesied site of Armageddon. Archaeological digs reveal 20 layers of civilization, including fortifications of King Solomon and the water tunnel of King Ahab. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the fertile Jezreel Valley, at the crossroads of the ancient Via Maris.

#### **TUE, JAN 21 GALILEE • JERUSALEM**

We begin the day on the Carmel Mount where the Prophet Elijah fought with the Prophets of Baal. (Kings A 19;1). Visit Caesarea. We shall visit Emmaus, the place where Jesus escorted the two youths who had arisen from the dead. (Luke 24;13). Overnight in Jerusalem

#### **WED, JAN 22 JERUSALEM**

Start the day with a visit to Yad Vashem, Holocaust memorial. Proceed to the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed. End the day with a visit to the Model of Jerusalem as it may have been during the time of Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

#### **THU, JAN 23 JERUSALEM**

This morning we visit the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. At the Ophel we stand on the steps which lead the crowd into the area of the Temple Mount. On these steps Jesus certainly stood as a child when visiting the Temple. Proceed down through the Western Wall excavations beneath the Wall. Visit St. Ann's church, Eche Homo Arch and pool of Bethesda. Walk down the Via Delarosa. Walk down the

Roman Cardo. Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

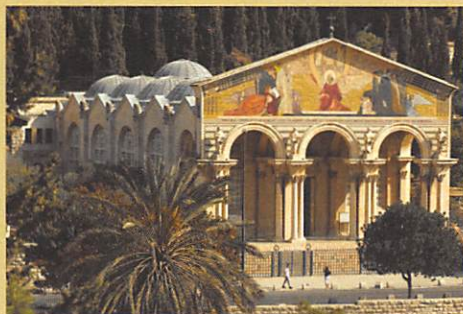
#### **FRI, JAN 24 JERUSALEM**

We ascend the Mount of Olives where we have a breathtaking view of the city of Jerusalem. We then descend the Mount to Gethsemane through the Southern Park to Ir David (The City of David). We shall stand next to the House of the Authors of the Kings of Judah, where the may be found the clay stamps of Gemaryahu Ben Shafan (Jer. 25;10). We continue to the tunnel which leads to a Spring through which we reach the Room of Joav Ben Zuriiah to the City (Sam. B 5;1). We arrive at the Siloam Pool which has only recently been discovered. Here Jesus healed the blind man (John 9;1). We visit the Room of the last Supper and then on to the Garden Tomb.

#### **SAT, JAN 25 JERUSALEM • NEW YORK**

Today we transfer to the airport. Our guide will assist us with check-in procedures. Depart on Lufthansa # 681 at 7:00AM. Arriving Munich at 10:10AM, change planes and depart Munich on LH-410 at 12:10PM. Arrival New York (JFK) at 3:40PM. We arrive home today with wonderful memories of a visit to the Land of the Bible!

*NOTE: Tour operator reserves the right to alter any part of this itinerary.*



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Sunset over Jerusalem



Sea of Galilee

# Journeys of Faith



Ein Gedi Falls (top)

Garden of Gethsemane (bottom)



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### PRICE INCLUDES

- Round trip jet economy class via Swiss International & Lufthansa German Air.
- First Class Hotels. Accommodations based on two persons sharing a room
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- Transfers by private motor coach including a qualified, licensed English-speaking guide
- Portage for one suitcase per person not to exceed 50 pounds.
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