

Berean Christian High School

Seeing Makes All the Difference

Visit Israel 2009

June 16-25, 2009 10 Days

Hosted by Nelson Noriega and David F. Miller



I invite you to join our second study abroad program to the Holy Land. We are pleased to offer this unique and enriching experience to our students and their families again. The 2008 student group and I can tell you from our travels in the Land of the Bible that it will be an experience that will cause the Word of God to become even more personal to you. Recently I received this quote from someone who had just returned from a short trip to the Holy Land; they said "I went to Israel...it was a four-day trip, these four days were worth two years of college!" Space is limited, so if you would like to receive Berean Christian High School credit and/or Bible College credit, or if you just want to enjoy an enriched vacation in Israel, then please contact me at the school for more information. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Nelson Noriega, Principal

Tour Mission Statement:

Berean's 2009 trip to Israel is dedicated to providing a quality Bible-centered educational experience in the land of Israel that will enrich the students' spiritual development as they are becoming lifetime followers of Christ.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

TUE 16 JUN Depart USA

The day is here for your journey to Israel! Today depart San Francisco in the early afternoon and connect in Atlanta with the overnight flight to Israel via Delta Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

WED 17 JUN Arrive Tel Aviv/Netanya

Arrive late this afternoon at Ben Gurion Airport outside Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, your guide and driver will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel overlooking the Mediterranean. Following hotel check-in, perhaps take a dip in the sea then gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel. Blue Bay Hotel (Meals in-flight, D)

THU 18 JUN Netanya/Galilee

Today visit Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Israel. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman theater and aqueduct, and the harbor from where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Continue into the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, one of Solomon's chariot cities. Among remarkable remains see the water shaft and tunnel made by one of the twenty civilizations that built cities on this site. Drive to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth to explore Nazareth Village, a first-century Galilean village based upon archaeology and early Christian and Jewish sources. Step back in time to encounter the message of Jesus in its original setting. Arrive later this afternoon at your hotel by the Sea of Galilee. Ron Beach Hotel (B, D)

FRI 19 JUN Galilee

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee this morning then see the Jesus Boat, a first-century wooden boat, which was salvaged from the lake bottom. Ascend the Golan Heights to view Mt. Hermon then return to the north shore of the Sea of Galilee to visit the ancient synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum. Along the shore, travel to the Church of the Beatitudes for one of the most beautiful views of the Galilee. Stop at a public beach for a swim in the Sea of Galilee, which is also known as Lake Kinneret in Israel. Ron Beach Hotel (B, D)

SAT 20 JUN Galilee/Dead Sea

Start the day with baptism along the verdant shores of the Jordan River near where it flows from the Sea of Galilee. Tour the archaeological site at Bet Shean where excavations have revealed ruins of major archaeological significance; the history of the site goes back into the 4th millennium B.C.E., through King Saul's time, the Roman era and right up to the 21st Century. Drive south through the Jordan Valley with its abundant orange groves.

Outside of Jericho view the Mt. of Temptation then drive to Qumran to see the cave where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Arrive at the lowest point of the world, the Dead Sea, at 1373 feet below sea level. Check in at your hotel overlooking the Dead Sea - there will be an opportunity to try floating in the briny waters. Moriah Classic (B, D)

SUN 21 JUN Dead Sea/Jerusalem

Overlooking the Dead Sea is Masada. Take the cable car up to the rocky plateau where the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors, and explore the various remains of this mountaintop village. Begin your drive across the Judean Desert and stop at Genesis Land for lunch and a biblical experience from the time of the Patriarchs including riding a camel. After lunch view St. George's Monastery perched on the craggy sides of Wadi Qilt. Then depart for the Holy City of Bethlehem where you will transfer to a local tour bus. Visit Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, where it is said the baby Jesus' lay in his manger. Then see the Shepherds Fields and the caves that served as stables in which to winter animals. There will be time to shop with your Bethlehem hosts. Return to your coach and transfer the short distance into Jerusalem for hotel check-in, dinner and overnight. Prima Kings Hotel (B, L, D)

MON 22 JUN Jerusalem

This morning visit the Tower of David Museum, which tells 4000 years of the rich and colorful history of Jerusalem, then do a wall-walk on the ramparts that encircle the Old City. Continue with a stroll through the Jewish Quarter seeing the Broad Wall and the Cardo before arriving at the Western Wall, sacred to the Jewish People as the last remnant of the Second Temple. Enter the City of David for a tour including the new Visitor's Center, Nehemiah's Wall, Warren's Shaft, the Pool of Siloam and Hezekiah's Tunnel. An unforgettable Jerusalem adventure is walking along in the tunnel through which water has flowed since the days of King Hezekiah some 2,700 years ago. Prima Kings Hotel (B, D)

TUE 23 JUN Jerusalem

See the Old City of Jerusalem today. Stroll atop the Temple Mount (no inside visits of the mosques included) and walk to see the Crusader Church of St. Anne and the ancient Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed a man (John 5, 1-9) on the Sabbath. Stop at the Church of the Sisters of Zion (Ecce Homo) to see the original street level pavement from the time of Jesus. Continue to Mt. Zion to visit St. Peter's in Gallicantu, which commemorates Peter's three denials of Christ, and Caiaphas'

House where it is said Jesus was imprisoned. Continue on to the Coenaculum (the Upper Room of the Last Supper) and David's Tomb. Prima Kings Hotel (B, D)

WED 24 JUN Jerusalem

This morning see the fascinating scale model of Jerusalem in Jesus' time and the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum. Then visit Yad Vashem, the national monument to the Holocaust. Proceed to the Mount of Olives for what will certainly be the most breathtaking view of Jerusalem. Then walk in Jesus' footsteps down the Palm Sunday Road to arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane. End the day in the tranquil surroundings of the Garden Tomb. This evening gather for a farewell dinner before transferring to the airport for flight departure. (B, D)

THU 25 JUN Return to USA

Depart on your homebound flights and arrive home this same day enriched with memories of your journey through the Land of the Bible. (Meals in-flight)

Code: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Itinerary subject to change.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip economy class airfare from San Francisco via Delta Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- Seven nights accommodation in first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- Breakfast and dinner daily with one lunch as outlined in the itinerary.
- Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$110 per person has been included).
- Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$505 per person).
- Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

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 insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require a visa.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$395 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 February 11, 2009. Final payment is due April 13, 2009. The tour price is based upon cash payment.

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 prior to departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to February 10, 2009 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; February 11 - June 8, 2009- Deposit plus any unrecover-

able payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; June 9, 2009 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 February 11, 2009. 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.

NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies, etc. If any such events 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/travel/cis_pa_tw/aw/tw/_1764.html

COST SUMMARY

\$3950

Group flights from From San Francisco

Tour gratuities (\$110).....Included

Airport/Foreign Departure Taxes (\$505).....Included

Optional Individual Supplement*

Single Room.....\$570

**In addition to base tour cost Very limited availability on request basis. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed*

The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from San Francisco (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of July 2008, a minimum of 30 travelers 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.



RESERVATION APPLICATION

PHOTOCOPY OR CLIP & MAIL

Berean Israel June 16, 2009 (G#090606) ~ Berean Christian High School ~ 245 El Divisadero Ave. ~ Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ as it appears on your passport

Address _____ no P.O. boxes, please

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone, Day () _____ Evening () _____

E-mail _____ Roommate _____

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.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions are covered when insurance is purchased at the time of reservation / deposit. Restrictions apply. Contact Travel Insured for more info.
800-243-3174

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/we will take the group flights from San Francisco.
- 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 INSURANCE (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:
 \$ _____ (\$563) per person *inclusive of travel insurance.*
 \$ _____ (\$395) per person *without travel insurance. I/we decline insurance now, but understand it can be purchased later per information provided elsewhere in this brochure.*

Please make checks payable to Berean Christian High School

I/we have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or Guardian Signature required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

For more information, contact:

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Tower of David

GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, i.e., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

GTD Travel Insurance 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
Assistance Service.....Included

* a maximum of \$4000 per person
** a maximum of \$6000 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is \$168 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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