



Journey to the Holy Land

February 11-20, 2014



Experience history on this once-in-a-lifetime journey through the lands sacred to three religions and birthplace of countless civilizations. Visit Haifa, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Masada, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and more.

\$3,499.00 *per person based on double occupancy*
Round trip from Peoria including airfare

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Exclusive Tour Features

- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- Round trip air transportation from Chicago to Tel Aviv on regularly-scheduled flights of Lufthansa German Airlines
- 8 nights of First Class hotel accommodations:
 - 1 night – Netanya
 - 3 nights – Tiberias, Sea of Galilee
 - 4 nights – Jerusalem
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- St. Peter's Fish seaside lunch while in Tiberias
- Extensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Cable car ride in Masada
- Full time English-speaking tour director while in the Holy Land
- **Airline fuel surcharges**

Not included: Gratuity to guide and driver as well as beverages with included lunch or dinners

Single supplement \$550.00 additional

Day by Day Itinerary

February 11 – Chicago en route

Depart WTVP for Chicago via private motor coach. Depart Chicago O'Hare on Lufthansa German Airlines to Frankfurt.

February 12 – Frankfurt / Tel Aviv / Netanya

Arrive Frankfurt in the morning and continue by connecting flight to Tel Aviv. Your tour director will welcome you and escort you to your awaiting motor coach. Check in at your hotel by the Mediterranean Sea and rest before **an included welcome dinner. (D)**

February 13 – Netanya / Caesarea / Haifa / Tiberias

Travel up the beautiful Mediterranean Coast to visit the Roman ruins at Caesarea. Largely developed by Herod the Great, Caesarea is known as the place where the Apostle Paul sailed to Rome. The age-old amphitheater invokes images of gladiators and offers a spectacular view of Caesarea National Park and the Mediterranean Sea. Continue along the coast to Mount Carmel to see the site of Elijah's triumph over the prophets of Baal. After lunch, continue north to Tel Megiddo—one of the most important archeological sites in Israel and the site of the end of the world as prophesied by The Book of Revelations. Megiddo's history includes many upheavals and conquests and its rulers include Egyptians, Canaanites, King David and King Solomon. The remains of stables and waterworks you will see are often credited to King Solomon. The north side of the Tel offers a spectacular view of the Jezeer Valley—better known as The Valley of Armageddon. Continue to Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee—your home for the next 3 nights. **Dinner is included at the hotel. (B, D)**

February 14 – Tiberias

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus today. Start with a visit to the Jesus Boat—a 2,000 year-old fishing boat found on the sea bed near Magdala. Then sail across the Sea of Galilee in a replica of an ancient fishing vessel much like those used in the time of Jesus. The day continues with visits to Biblical sites along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Sites include Capernaum where you will see the ruins of the 2nd Century Synagogue and St. Peter's house; Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. Enjoy an **included lunch by the Sea of Galilee** and savor the delicious local fish known as "St. Peter's Fish." Not far from there, visit the archaeological site of the ancient city of Chorazim. Chorazim is mentioned in the scriptures as the town Jesus cursed as he was not welcome there. Continue to the archaeological ruins of Beit Saida, one of the fishing villages frequently visited by Jesus and where he cured people and performed miracles. Return to Tiberias for an **included dinner** and overnight. **(B, L, D)**

February 15 – Tiberias

Today, travel through northern Galilee. First stop, Dan—known as Laish in Biblical times prior to its conquest by the Tribe of Dan. An ancient Israelite city dating to the era of the late kings of the Kingdom of Israel, Dan's artifacts include city gates used by Abraham in Canaanite times and the city elders and judges in Israelite times, and the podium and alter of the High Place of Jeroboam—built to house the golden calf. You also see the Dan Spring, the largest of the four sources of the Jordan River. Continue to the Golan Heights to visit Caesarea Philippi, called Banias by the locals. Here Peter made his



great confession that Jesus Christ was Lord. Mount Herman is visible in the distance from several vantage points throughout the day. Later in the day, drive to Cana of Galilee. Cana is the site of the wedding feast where Jesus performed his first miracle of converting water into wine. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and “Mary’s Well”. Next stop is Yardenit on the Jordan River, site of Jesus’ Baptism. Return to Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for an **included dinner. (B, D)**

February 16 – Tiberias / Beit Shean / Bethlehem / Jerusalem

Travel south to the holy city of Jerusalem. On the way, stop in Beit Shean where the Philistines killed King Saul and his three sons in battle and hung them on the city walls. Then visit the Palace of Chaiphas where Jesus was in custody after his arrest at Gethsemane. Then head to the Biblical city of Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus and King David. Visit the Church of Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus, the first church ever built, and view the Shepherds’ Field. Then ascend to Jerusalem—your home for the next 4 nights. **Dinner is included at your hotel. (B, D)**

February 17 – Jerusalem

Known as “The City of Gold,” begin your Jerusalem experience with a panoramic view of the city from Mount of Olives. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove, the Basilica of Agony—also known as the Church of all Nations—and the Kidron Valley. Next, drive to Mt. Zion to see the tomb of King David and visit the Upper Room where Jesus spent the last momentous hours with his disciples before his Passion. Mt. Zion is also the place where the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Enter Jerusalem’s Old City through St. Stephen’s Gate to the miraculous Pool of Bethesda. Walk along Via Dolorosa – the Way of the Cross – ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher commemorating Calvary and Christ’s tomb. See the Cardo, also known as the Western Wall. Later you will have an opportunity to walk through the colorful bazaars and reach the Jaffa Gate on the western side of the Old City. **Dinner is included this evening. (B, D)**

February 18 – Jerusalem / Dead Sea / Masada / Jerusalem

Drive south through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. You will have time to float in the Dead Sea before you continue to En Gedi where David hid from the wrath of Saul. Drive south to Masada, where you ascend by cable car to the remarkable ruins of the sumptuous palace complex built by Herod the Great. After Judaea became a province of the Roman Empire, it was the refuge of the last survivors of the Jewish revolt, who chose death rather than slavery when the Roman besiegers broke through their defenses. As such, Masada has an emblematic value for the Jewish people for the modern State of Israel, heard in their cry, “Masada shall not fall again!” Return to Jerusalem for an **included dinner** and overnight. **(B, D)**

February 19 – Jerusalem

This morning, visit the Temple Mount with its magnificent Dome of the Rock (view only, no visit to the mosque). Continue to The Western Wall Tunnel. This is an experience you will never forget. Drive to the New City of Jerusalem. Your sightseeing will include a drive by the Parliament Building, the Israel Museum which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, and Yad Vashem, the museum dedicated to the Holocaust. Continue to the nearby village of Ein Karem—the birth place of John the Baptist. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon. A **Farewell Dinner is included. (B, D)**

February 20 – Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / Frankfurt / Chicago / Peoria

Bid farewell to the Holy Land as you board your flight to Frankfurt where you connect to your flight to Chicago. Arrive O’Hare Airport that same afternoon and return to WTVP via private motor coach along with unforgettable memories of your incredible *Journey to the Holy Land.*



TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations are accepted by **check only**.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 7/01/2013. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing no later than 30 days prior to departure.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You will have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

CANCELLATION: WRITTEN NOTIFICATION is required for all cancellations. A \$50.00 per person administration fee will apply if notification is received prior to 120 days before departure date. A \$500.00 per person fee will be apply for cancellations received 90-119 days before departure. Cancellations made within 89 days of departure will be subject to the following to cover the considerable penalties of the different suppliers: 50% of the land rate and, if greater, any other expenses incurred on behalf of the passenger. For air portion, the regulation of the carrier will apply.

AIRLINE MILEAGE PROGRAM: Eskin Tours' programs are based on negotiated group air fares with various airlines. Some of the airlines may not offer mileage credit when traveling on a group fare.

INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TRAVEL: One piece of checked luggage is allowed on the tour. Its combined total measurement (length+width+height) cannot exceed 62 inches and 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on per person which must be able to fit under the seat in front of you with a total measurement of 45 inches. All special requests that we receive for particular seating arrangement (must be noted on your reservation form as you sign up for the tour) are forwarded to the airline involved. However, we regret in this time of mass travel and computerized seating reservations; we cannot guarantee or be responsible in the event that your request is not honored by the airline. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, there will be a service charge of \$100.00 per person, plus the additional cost of the change in air fare.

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Traveler #1 Name _____ Date of birth _____
As it appears on passport

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I have read and agree to the Tour Conditions Signature _____

I desire a single room (**at \$550.00 additional**) I will share a room with _____

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ALL PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A PASSPORT VALID UNTIL MARCH 30, 2014!!!