



S.E.T.I. Tourism Services

Greetings!

We are excited that you are interested in the ACR Holy Land Tour! So far, we have had around 70 people express interest in the tour. The tour is set for November 5th through the 13th. We will be flying out of Washington D.C. (unless you have asked about other arrangements) on Wednesday, November 4th.

Web Site:

The web site is www.seti-me.com. In the coming weeks there will be a link for the ACR Tour with information, pictures, study resources and online registration capabilities (see Payment section below for details).

Cost:

The cost is \$2600. This price is open to some change based on variables in travel cost.

This includes:

Roundtrip air from Washington Dulles Airport

Air taxes of \$500 estimated

8 nights lodging at first class hotels

Breakfast and dinner daily, 1 lunch

Full time English speaking Israel tour guide

Services of long distance deluxe bus as appear on itinerary

All guides, entrances and transportation as appear on itinerary

Pilgrim Payment Processing

Not Included:

7 lunches (should coast you approximately \$100)

Tips to drivers, guides, and hotel staff: \$72.00 currently

Optional Travel Insurance

Optional Credit Card payment (Additional 4% of total bill)

Payment:

There is a \$300 deposit due April 15th. This deposit is refundable until June 1st. After April 15th, there will be a \$50 late charge bringing the deposit to \$350 non-refundable. After June 1st, the deposit increases to \$400 non-refundable. The late fees will not count towards the cost of the trip.

The payment schedule is as follows:

Monday, September 7th: \$910 = 35% of tour cost due

Monday, September 21st: \$1560 = 60% of tour cost due

Monday, October 5th: \$2080 = 80% of tour cost due

Monday, October 19th: \$2600 = 100% of tour cost due



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Payment can be made by check immediately. Checks should be made payable to the Hampton Roads Church and noted for ACR Holy Land Tour. They should be mailed to:

Hampton Roads Church
P.O. Box 9192
Hampton, VA 23670

Passport:

It is urgent that you begin the process of updating or attaining your passport if it is not current. The process can take 6 to 8 months and is costly to expedite.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Departure

Day 2: Arrive Israel

Disciples arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and travel to our hotel in Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 3: Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Boat Ride, Jordan River, Ancient Boat, Mt. of Beatitudes

Explore the area of Jesus' early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. In the morning, visit the archaeological site of Capernaum, the fishing village where Simon Peter lived. After exploring the site, we will visit the Ancient Boat Museum, which houses a fishing boat dating back 2000 years. Next, visit the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized. Finally, disciples will enjoy an hour-long boat ride on the Sea of Galilee! (Note: Boat ride may be early in the day, depending on availability).

Day 4: Nazareth, Jezreel Valley, Mount Precipice, Sepphoris, and Beit Shean

Travel east of Galilee toward Nazareth. Visit Nazareth village, a re-creation of what Nazareth was like 2000 years ago. Then, see the view from Mount Precipice, a cliff traditionally believed to be the place where the people of Nazareth tried to kill Jesus. After that we will visit Sepphoris, the old capital of Galilee and the educational center where modern Judaism evolved! We will end the day at Beit Shean, the capital of the Decapolis and the site where King Saul and Jonathan were killed.

Day 5: Caesarea Philippi, Dan, Hot Springs, (possibly a winery as well)

In the morning, enjoy a time of meditation on the Mount of Beatitudes, before driving north to the Golan Heights. There, we will explore the ancient pagan center of Caesarea Philippi, the site where Peter made his great confession. Next, discover the ruins of Dan, a worship center for the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the place where Jeroboam erected a golden calf. In the afternoon, we will have a relaxing evening visiting a Hot Springs.



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Day 6: Mount Carmel and Caesarea Maratima

Leave the hotel in Galilee and head toward the Mediterranean Coast. The day starts with a visit to Mount Carmel, where the Prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. With the rest of the day, we will explore the Roman city of Caesarea Maratima. See a Roman amphitheater, an aqueduct, and the court of Pontius Pilate, all on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Later we will drive to Jerusalem and check in to our hotel.

Day 7: Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Israel Museum, and Bethlehem

Wake up for an exciting day in Jerusalem! First, walk the Mount of Olives, where there will be an introductory session about the history of Jerusalem. Next visit the Garden of Gethsemane, where we hold a devotional and communion. Afterwards, we visit the Israeli Museum, where we can view the Dead Sea Scrolls and a model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. In the afternoon we drive toward Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity Church, before a meeting with disciples from Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Day 8: Dead Sea, Jericho, Qumran and Masada

Drive east of Jerusalem through the Judean Desert. Stop in Jericho, the "City of Palms", then take a dip in the Dead Sea, where you can float even if you can't swim! After that we see Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Finally, disciples have the option to stay on the beach, or ride the gondola for a tour of the desert fortress of Masada

Day 9: Temple Mount, Wailing Wall, Archeological Park, Holy Sepulcher, Garden Tomb

Start the day by visiting the Temple Mount, where disciples can view the golden Dome of the Rock and the site of the Jewish Temple. From there, stop at the historic Western Wall, before entering the Jerusalem Archeological Park. At the park, we will see where the first disciples were baptized on Pentecost, and learn about the Temple at the time of Jesus. After that, we will visit the two possible sites of Calvary: the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (and the last stations of the Via Dolorosa) and the Garden Tomb. At the Garden Tomb, the disciples will have a closing devotional and communion.

Day 10: Departure

(Early morning or late evening to give some free time, depending on flights and availability.)

Accommodations:

Tiberias: Four nights at Ma'agan Kibbutz, <http://www.inisrael.com/maagan/>

Jerusalem: Four Nights at the Grand Court Hotel, <http://www.grandcourt.co.il/>

These accommodations are not set in stone until closer to the trip but they are representative of the accommodations to be expected.



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Middle East Political Climate:

After discussing political unrest in the Gaza region with Aziz, I am confident that the conflict will have no effect on our tour. It is isolated fighting in the southern part of the country and doesn't affect the places we will be visiting. We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate as needed, but at this point we do not expect the situation to hinder our tour in any way.

We hope that your excitement is growing each day as we approach this life-changing experience. If you have any questions, please e-mail Rich Bartoli at rabartoli@verizon.net

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