

# TRI-STATE TRAVEL



## **Holy Land Tour Partnering with the Plus 60 Club**

**September 2 – 15, 2019**

*To make a reservation, please contact us at 1-800-779-4869*

*Boarding in Davenport & Dubuque, Iowa and Galena & Moline, Illinois.*

### **Your Tour Includes:**

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation Transfers to/from Chicago O'Hare  
Round Trip Coach Class Airfare (pricing is based on current airfare and subject to change)  
Private, deluxe touring coach and driver throughout the tour  
13 Nights Accommodations:  
2 nights in Eilat @ the Royal Resort or similar  
1 night in Petra @ the Panorama Hotel or similar  
1 night in Madaba @ the Best Western Hotel or similar  
1 night in Dead Sea area @ Leonardo Plaza Hotel or similar  
4 nights in Jerusalem @ Leonardo Hotel or similar  
2 nights in Tiberius @ Leonardo Hotel or similar.  
23 Meals (10 Breakfasts/1 Lunch/11 Dinners  
Admission for all attractions mentioned in the itinerary  
Services of a professional tour guide throughout the tour  
Step-on guides for tour highlights and city tours  
All taxes and tips for provided services including restaurant and hotel tips, and end of tour tips for driver and tour leader.

### **Not Included:**

Travel Protection Plan (premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour is cancelled), Roundtrip luggage (1 checked bag), Beverages, except for juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast and coffee, tea and water with dinner, Meals, other than as indicated above  
Items of a personal nature such as passports, visas, etc.

### **Your Tour Price:**

\$5159.00 per person – 2 to a room  
\$5999.00 per person – single

### **Day # 1 - September 2, 2019**

Our tour begins with our flights to Eliat, Israel.

**Day # 2 - September 3, 2019**

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv International airport, we board a flight to Eilat. We have a chance to relax and freshen up and relax at our seaside resort on the Red Sea. D

**Day # 3 - September 4, 2019**

This morning we take a glass bottom boat tour and see the hidden world of the Red Sea without the need to swim, snorkel or dive on a 2-hour glass-bottom boat trip from Eilat. We settle in the boat's open or shaded areas, and gaze through the glass panels as you cruise to Taba and back. Admire shoals of exotic fish, float over technicolor corals, and watch for rays and turtles, all in their natural environment. Along the way, learn about the marine life and landscapes from the live guided commentary, and enjoy refreshments from the onboard snack bar. This afternoon we visit Timnah Park just to the north of Eilat. We have time to walk along the beach and enjoy our resort accommodations later today. B, L, D

**Day # 4 - September 5, 2019**

After breakfast, we cross into Jordan and make our way north to Petra. Today is a full day exploring Petra. We take a time to walk to the gates of Petra, where horses are waiting to take us on a short horse ride to the beginning of the Siq, after which we have to walk through a narrow canyon to the first great monument where the treasury is revealed, the Roman Theater and Royal Tombs. Dinner and overnight is in Petra. B, D

**Day # 5 -September 6, 2019**

After breakfast we drive north to Madaba, "the City of Mosaics". We see the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, with its vivid, sixth-century Byzantine mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. Next, we visit Mount Nebo, the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. Later proceed to Baptismal site of John the Baptist's settlement at Bethany Beyond the Jordan, where Jesus was baptized, has long been known from the Bible (John 1:28 and 10:40) and from the Byzantine and medieval texts.

**Day # 6 - September 7, 2019**

This morning we visit Tell el-Hammam excavation site. Then we cross the Allenby Bridge and we visit Qumran. The Dead Sea Scrolls found in the caves in 1947 exposed the secret life of the Essenes, a small ultra-religious sect, who hid there from the Roman enemy. This is the finding place of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. We proceed to our Dead Sea Hotel, where we swim and "float" in the Dead Sea. Enjoy the Spa the hotel has to offer. B, D

**Day # 7 - September 8, 2019**

After breakfast visit Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod, which is famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. From the top of Masada, the Roman camps and siege ramp can still be seen. We make our way to Jerusalem beginning at the Mount of Olives (Lk. 19 & II Sam. 15). We see olive trees that date back to the time of Christ, the Site of the Ascension (Acts 1) and take time to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane (Jn. 18). B, D

**Day #8 - September 9, 2019**

This morning we continue to Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Then we proceed to the city of Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger's square. We stop for an overview of Shepherds' field before we return to Jerusalem. B, D

### **Day #9 - September 10, 2019**

After breakfast, we proceed to Mount Zion on the south side of Jerusalem, King David's city. We visit to the South Steps where the Rabbi taught, the Pools of Siloam, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Warren's Shaft and David's Palace. Then we enter the Old City through the Lion's Gate and walk along parts of the Via Dolorosa past Zion Monastery. We continue on to Ecce Homo (site of Jesus' scourging). We see authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following visits to Saint Anne's Church, the Pool of Bethesda, a walk is planned through the colorful Arab Bazaar where the sounds and smells of the Middle East come alive. We walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and end the day at Calvary and the Garden Tomb. B, D

### **Day # 10 - September 11, 2019**

After breakfast, we spend some time at Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum) with the resolution of never allowing something like this to happen again. Then we enter the Old City of Jerusalem, via the Dung Gate, while ascending to the Temple Mount. We see the Dome of the Rock and El Akza Mosques, the holiest places for both Jews and Muslims. Next, we descend the Temple Mount and visit the archaeological park of the Davidson Center, where we view the Virtual Presentation. After the presentation, we head to the Western Wall. B, D

### **Day # 11 - September 12, 2019**

We drive north today. Our first stop is Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon (Rev. 16). From here we can also see Mount Gilboa, where King Saul and his sons lost their lives against the Philistines (I Sam. 28) and Mount Tabor, where Barak awaited Sisera (Judges 4). We see the traditional site of the transfiguration (Matt. 17) and pass through Cana where Christ performed His first miracle (Jn. 2) and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus (Lk. 2) and see the Church of the Annunciation. B, D

### **Day # 12 - September 13, 2019**

After an early breakfast, we drive to north Caesarea Phillipi where Peter proclaimed "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Then we drive around the Sea of Galilee, passing the area of Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We enter the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Lk. 4) and stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We visit the traditional site where Jesus preached His Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7), Tabgha, commemorating the feeding of the 5,000 (Lk. 9), Mensa Christi, where the Lord appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (Jn. 21), and the country of the Gadarenes (Matt. 8). We end the day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. B, L, D

### **Day # 13 - September 14, 2019**

After breakfast we stop at the Jordan River for a time of spiritual blessing. Then we drive to Mount Carmel, where Elijah prayed down the fire from heaven and defeated the 450 prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). Then we continue to Caesarea by the Sea on the Mediterranean coastline. It was here that Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10). Here Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). Continuing down the coast we take a walking tour of Joppa/Jaffa, the ancient seaport

mentioned in the biblical narrative of Jonah and the whale, and in the story of Solomon's import of the cedars of Lebanon, Simon the tanner and Peter. Then we have a farewell dinner before heading to the airport for our return flight home. B, D

**Day # 14 - September 15, 2019**

We arrive home in the United States.