

*Tri-State Travel &
Plus 55 Club Present*

HOLYLAND TOUR

September 5 – 18, 2022

DAY 1: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022 DEPARTURE

Our journey begins with our flights to Israel.

DAY 2: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 TEL AVIV - EILAT

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

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 EILAT

This afternoon we visit **Timnah Park** just to the north of Eilat. In this region we are walking in the footsteps of Moses and Israel and we will take time to learn more and discuss the theory of the Exodus red Sea Crossing. Enjoy **light lunch in Timna**. This afternoon we will return to Eliat. We return for a late afternoon **cruise on 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 we 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. **B, L, D**

DAY 4: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 PETRA

After breakfast, we cross into Jordan and make our way north to Petra. Today is a full day exploring **Petra**. We take 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: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 MADABA, MOUNT NEBO, BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN

After breakfast we drive north to **Madaba**, "the City of Mosaics". We see the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Georg, 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 the Baptismal site of John the Baptist's settlement at **Bethany Beyond the Jordan**. This site of Jesus' baptism has long been known from the Bible (John 1:28 and 10:40) and from the Byzantine and medieval texts. Dinner and overnight in Amman. **B, D**

DAY 6: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 DEAD SEA

This morning we visit Tell el-Hammam excavation site, biblical Sodom.

Then we continue to **Dead Sea** and where we have an opportunity to swim and float and use the spa services in the hotel at our Dead Sea hotel. **B, D**

DAY 7: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 JERUSALEM

We cross the Allenby Bridge and we visit **Qumran**. The Dead Sea Scrolls found in the caves here in 1947 exposed the secret life of the Essenes, a small ultra-religious sect, who hid the scrolls there from the Roman enemy. continue to Jericho, the oldest city in the world and the first conquered by Joshua when its walls fell. We 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. **B, D**

DAY 8: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 JERUSALEM (BETHLEHEM AND JERICHO)

This morning we 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). 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: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 JERUSALEM

After breakfast, we proceed to Mount Zion on the south side of Jerusalem, King David's city. We visit to the **South Steps, 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**, and the **Pool of Bethesda**, we through the colorful **Arab Bazaar** where the sounds and smells of the Middle East come alive. We continue to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** and end the day at **Calvary and the Garden Tomb**. **B, D**

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 JERUSALEM

After breakfast, 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 to the **Western Wall**. We visit the **Church of the Redeemer**. We spend some time at **Yad Vashem** (Holocaust Museum) with the resolution of never allowing something like this to happen again. **B, D**

DAY 11: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 SEA OF GALILEE

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), then to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus (Lk. 2) and see the **Church of the Annunciation**. We visit the excavations under the Church. **B, D**

DAY 12: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 SEA OF GALILEE

After an early breakfast, we drive to north **Caesarea Phillipi** where Peter proclaimed "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matt. 16:16) 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 Magdala synagogue in which our Lord ministered and enter the church built above St. Peter's house. 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 also see the 2000 **Jesus boat** and end the day with a **boat ride across the Sea of Galilee**. **B, L, D**

DAY 13: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 CAESAREA - RETURN

After breakfast we stop at the Jordan River for a time of spiritual reflection. 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). We continue down the coast and stop in Natanya for possible visit in Christian college. Then 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, the residence of 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: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 ARRIVE HOME

We arrive home in the United States.

Your Tour Includes*:

Round Trip Coach Class Airfare (pricing is based on current airfare and subject to change)

Private, Deluxe Touring Motorcoach

13 Nights' Accommodations

2 nights in the Royal Resort in Eilat or similar

1 night in the Quatro Hotel in Petra or similar

1 night in the International Hotel in Amman or similar

1 night in the Holiday Inn Dead Sea Jordan side or similar

4 nights in the Leonardo Hotel in Jerusalem or similar

2 nights in the Leonardo Hotel in Tiberius or similar

25 Meals (11 Breakfasts/2 Lunches/12 Dinners)

Admissions for all attractions per the itinerary

Professional Tour Guide Throughout The Tour

Step on Guides for tour highlights and city tours

Not Included:

Luggage Fees Assessed by the Airline

Travel Protection Plan

Beverages, except for juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast and coffee, tea and water with dinner

Meals, other than as indicated per the itinerary

Items of a personal nature such as passports, visas, etc.

Transfers to/from Chicago O'Hare Airport

*Tri-State Travel reserves the right to change any arrangements listed in this itinerary. Should conditions necessitate changes: substitution of equal value or cancellations of the arrangements may occur.

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Your Net Tour Price:

\$6,199.00 per person – 2 to a room

\$7,289.00 per person – single

Payment/Cancellation & Refund Policy:

\$1,200.00 per person deposit due with reservation

Balance of payment due on or before May 1, 2022

Cancellations received on or before May 1, 2022 will receive a full refund

Cancellations received after May 1, 2022 and prior to June 1, 2022 will be assessed a 25% per person tour price

Cancellations received after June 1, 2022 and prior to July 1, 2022 will be assessed 50% of the per person tour price

Cancellations received after July 1, 2022 will be assessed the full tour price

Credit Card payments will be assessed a 3.5% convenience fee

The Travel Protection Plan is not included but is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package.

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The leader for this tour is Dr. Frederick Baltz, Pastor Emeritus of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Galena, Illinois. Dr. Baltz is known as a biblical scholar and an effective, inspiring teacher. He has written eight books and many articles in publications ranging from Christ in Our Home daily devotionals to Biblical Archaeology Review. He has served as a consultant for nationally-distributed Bible videos, and recently wrote and produced "They Gave Us the Gospels" featuring members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. (See it at YouTube.) Dr. Baltz has presented papers at two international conferences on the Shroud of Turin. He has served as a seminary faculty member and president.

Dr. Baltz has personally overseen the development of this tour itinerary so that important sites will be included which are not found on many other tours. He will offer further commentary on the sites during the tour in addition to what is provided by the government licensed tour guides in Israel and Jordan. He looks forward to meeting you and helping you experience the Holy Land, following in the footsteps of Moses, Jesus, the Twelve Disciples, and Paul.

PLEASE NOTE: COVID Policies are changing by the minute and day. As of this printing (September 1, 2021) Israel is asking for testing to be completed and everyone had to be in a registered group and traveling together, vaccinated and have travel insurance that covers you if you contract COVID.