Experience the Holy Land

9 day tour with
Dr. Tim Geddert and
Pastor James Bergen
May 18-28, 2018

“CHRIST AT THE CHECK POINT”

4 day Conference in Bethlehem
May 28 - June 1, 2018
(fly home on June 2nd)
$855 per person

Package Includes:
5 nights Accommodations
Breakfast & Dinner Daily
Conference Registration

Air needs to be added if you are not joining us for the Israel Pre-Conference 9 day tour.
Deposit of $250 due at time of booking.

Join global Christians from a wide range of backgrounds and viewpoints at this world leading conference on Palestinian / Israeli issues. The conference will explore the obstacles to peace in our world and in the Palestinian/Israeli context, and the opportunities for peace-making that spring from our Christian faith.”

More info to follow
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Price: $4099 per person (double occupancy) 9 day Israel Tour (Single Supplement $858)
Plus Optional: 4 day Conference “Christ at the Checkpoint” in Bethlehem for $855
*Price based on a minimum of 20 passengers

Tour Highlights/Inclusions: 9 Day Tour of Israel

Round Trip Air from LAX to Tel Aviv
1 night Herods Hotel Tel Aviv
2 nights Nof Ginosar Kibbutz, Galilee
1 night Hod Hotel, Dead Sea
2 nights Leonardo Plaza, Eilat
3 nights The Dan Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem
19 meals, 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 9 Dinner
Sightseeing per itinerary in air-conditioned motorcoach
Entrance fees/Visas (Petra) per itinerary
Porterage of one piece per person at each hotel
Trip Cancellation insurance
1 Day Petra Tour
Whisper Headsets
All Tips for guide and driver included

Comments of previous travellers
"Beautifully organized and well designed tour. Can’t believe we were able to experience all that we did for the price that we paid." Merrill & Priscilla Ewert, Phoenix, AZ

"Loved the teaching, and the balance of fun and serious stuff." Betsy Hurley, Fresno, CA

"James and Tim were most gracious, thought-provoking, and insightful. I am so glad I was able to go on this tour." Hedy Pletz, Clovis, CA

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Deposit of $500 is due at the time of booking. Final Payment is due March 10th, 2018. Cancellations before Feb 13th will result in a $100 cancel fee. After March 10, cancellations are non-refundable, unless you have a covered reason as outlined in the travel insurance policy (which is available upon request).
Friday, May 18, 2018
Depart LAX for Israel.
*For Fresno participants: Drive together from Fresno to LAX  Meals: On your own / free on flights

Saturday, May 19, 2018
Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport. Our guide Ezra and our driver will meet us. Drive to Tel Aviv and check into our rooms. Snacks will be served in each room.

Sunday, May 20, 2018
We begin in Old Jaffa, believed to be the oldest port city in the world. This is where cedars from Lebanon arrived to build Solomon’s temple, where Peter raised Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead, and where he saw the vision that led him to bring the gospel to a Gentile. We will see St. Peter’s church and enjoy a spectacular view of Tel Aviv and the Mediterranean shoreline. We then drive north along the coast to Caesarea Maritima, capital of Judea under the Romans and also an early Christian center. We will visit amazing excavations like the Roman theatre and aqueduct. After that we drive to the Sea of Galilee. Along the way we stop at Mount Carmel where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal; we enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of Haifa Bay; and stop at Megiddo to see remains from Solomon’s day that include a well-preserved water system. We continue along the Jezreel Valley to visit Nazareth, Jesus’s childhood home. We then pass through Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first public miracle, the turning of water into wine. This amazing day ends at the beautiful Sea of Galilee, where we check into the kibbutz guest house where we will be the next 2 nights.
Overnight: Galilee  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Monday, May 21, 2018
After breakfast we will walk to the Igal Alon Museum and visit the “Ancient Jesus Boat”, the remains of a boat from Jesus’s day, discovered in 1986. Then we board a wooden boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee as the disciples did 2,000 years ago. We will reflect on the great miracles Jesus did on and around this lake: calming storms, walking on water, providing miraculous catches of fish, and appearing to his disciples after the resurrection. Then we drive to the beautiful Golan Heights and visit Banias (ancient Caesarea Philippi), where Jesus said “On this rock I will build my church”. We continue to the Hula Valley and Upper Galilee, returning to the Sea of Galilee and visiting the baptismal site, Yardenit on the Jordan River, where believers celebrate John’s baptizing. Some take the opportunity to submerge themselves in the same waters Jesus did. We return to the kibbutz for dinner and overnight.
Overnight: Galilee  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Tuesday, May 22, 2018
After breakfast we see a few sites in Galilee and begin our journey south. Along the way we visit places important to Jesus’s ministry. First is the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached his famous Sermon on the Mount. Then we visit Tabgha, the site of the feeding of the 5,000, visiting the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Next comes Capernaum, Jesus’s adopted home and center of his ministry. Here we can stand in what is left of the synagogue in which Jesus ministered and where he performed many miracles. Our final visit will be to the newly excavated city of Migdal, home of Mary Magdalena. Then we journey through the Valley of Beit She’an and the Jordan Valley past the city of Jericho to our destination at the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea.
Overnight: Dead Sea  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Wednesday, May 23, 2018
This morning we have time to enjoy the facilities of the hotel and swim in the **Dead Sea** before making our way to **Masada**. We take the cable car up to the summit where we visit the excavations and our guide tells the story of the Zealots who chose suicide over slavery in the war against the Romans. We visit the synagogue, bathhouses, and food storage areas before taking the cable car down and driving further south to the resort town of **Eilat**.

Overnight: Eilat  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Thursday, May 24, 2018
We start this long day early in the morning as we head for **Petra**. After crossing from Israel to Jordan, and a bus ride to Petra, we begin walking the gorge with towering rock walls. At the end of the gorge, we view the magnificent and dramatic façade of the most famous monument in Petra, the **Treasury**. Various walks and climbs reveal literally hundreds of buildings, façades, baths, funerary halls, soaring temples, royal tombs, markets, paved streets, as well as the 3000-seat theater from the early 1st century. A boxed lunch will be provided during the tour. After completing border formalities, we transfer to our hotel in Eilat. *A visa is required for this day and arrangements will be made with our tour guides.*

Overnight: Eilat, Israel  Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Friday, May 25, 2018
Today we head up to **Jerusalem**, traveling through the **Negev Desert** to Mizpe Ramon where we will learn more about this fascinating region. Next stop at Kibbutz Sde Boker, the final home and self-chosen burial site of Israel’s first Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. Driving towards Beer Sheva, we will make our way to Jerusalem and check into our hotel for dinner and the night.

Overnight: Jerusalem  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Saturday, May 26, 2018
We start the day with an orientation to Jerusalem from the **Mt. of Olives**. Then we walk the traditional Palm Sunday route to the church known as Dominus Flevit (“Our Lord weeps”). After viewing the Golden Gate, we walk downhill to **Gethsemane**, where we take time to meditate on Gospel texts. Next we make our way to the Lion’s / St. Stephens Gate. Here we stop at the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne’s Church. Then we follow the Way of the Cross (**Via Dolorosa**) through the bazaars as far as the Holy Sepulcher and continue on to the Damascus Gate and walk to the **Garden Tomb**, where we will end our day with a special communion service. We return to the hotel for dinner. After dinner we will drive to the Jaffa Gate to see the **Sound and Light Show at the Tower of David**.

Overnight: Jerusalem  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sunday, May 27, 2018
Another early morning with a lot on our agenda. We return to the Old City, including the Jewish Quarter. We view the remains of the wall of Jerusalem from the first temple period. We walk through the Jewish Quarter and come to the **Western Wall**, Judaism’s holiest site. We walk along southern wall excavations and examine ruins near the south side of the temple complex, including steps where Jesus and the disciples walked. Next we visit the **Israel Museum**, which includes the Dead Sea Scrolls and a detailed model of the old city of Jerusalem. We end our day at **Yad Vashem**, the memorial museum dedicated to those that lost their lives during the Holocaust. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Jerusalem  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Monday, May 28, 2018
Transfer either to Bethlehem for “Christ at the Checkpoint” Conference or to the airport for the flight home. Participants should be ready to cover some meals on this day.

Meals: Breakfast