



Advent Lutheran Church, Charlotte NC

HOLY LAND ADVENTURE

January 19-29, 2021 11 Days

With Pastor Ward Misenheimer & Esther Abdel-Hameed

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Group Travel Directors

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

TUE 19 JAN

Depart U.S.

Your journey of faith and discovery is here. Depart Charlotte on the transatlantic, overnight flight to Munich via Lufthansa Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

WED 20 JAN

Arrive Tel Aviv/Tiberias

Connect in Munich with the continuing flight to Tel Aviv. Meet your guide and driver and transfer to Tiberias for hotel check-in. After time to refresh, gather for a welcome dinner. Ron Beach Hotel (Meals in-flight, D) www.ronbeachhotel.com

THU 21 JAN

Tiberias

Today focus on Jesus' ministry around the Galilee area. Embark on a boat ride across the peaceful Galilee waters. Visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum; this is where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and others. Travel to Tabgha for visits to the Church of Multiplication, built on the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Gather for communion at the Church of the Beatitudes and take in one of the most beautiful views of the Galilee. View Mt. Hermon and the Golan Heights before returning to your hotel. Ron Beach Hotel (B, L, D)

FRI 22 JAN

Tiberias

Drive to Mt. Tabor and ascend to the Church of the Transfiguration. Continue to Nazareth and visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Greek Orthodox Church, and Mary's Well. Travel to Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle, the changing of water into wine – some couples may wish to renew their wedding vows here. Next is Magdala to see the site of a complete first century city where Jesus himself visited and taught. Stop for a view of the Sea of Galilee from the Cliffs of Arbel before returning to the hotel in Tiberias. The group will gather to reflect this evening. Ron Beach Hotel (B, L, D)

SAT 23 JAN

Tiberias/Bethlehem

After breakfast and hotel check-out, proceed to Megiddo, one of Solomon's chariot cities and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. See the shaft and tunnel made by one of the twenty civilizations that built cities on this land. Arrive at the Mediterranean coast and the site of Caesarea Maritima, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor from which St. Paul was taken to Rome. St. Gabriel Hotel (B, L, D) www.stg-hotel.com/index.php/en

SUN 24 JAN

Bethlehem

This morning attend Sunday worship (in Arabic) at Christmas Lutheran Church, and join in fellowship. Drive to the Israel Museum to visit the Shrine of the Book where the original Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and to see the scale model of Jerusalem at the time of the Second Temple. This afternoon stop at Shepherds' Field where you will view Bethlehem as the shepherds might have on the night of Jesus' birth. Enjoy dinner of Palestinian foods at the Grotto Restaurant – a local dance troupe will entertain and engage the group in traditional dances. St. Gabriel Hotel (B, L, D)

MON 25 JAN

Bethlehem

Take a guided walking tour of the Old City, including an early morning visit to the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Then drive to the Qasr Al Yahud baptismal site at the Jordan River, then to Masada for the cable car ride up to the rocky plateau where the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors, and explore the various remains of this mountaintop village. The Dead Sea is 1373 feet below sea level and is the lowest point on earth. There will be time for a float in the briny waters. Continue to Qumran to see the actual caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Return to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. St. Gabriel Hotel (B, L, D)

TUE 26 JAN

Bethlehem/Jerusalem

This morning hear from The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, former Lutheran pastor and now President of the Diyar Consortium and Dar Al Kalima University College, or Dr. Nuha Khoury, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Dar Al Kalima University College. Transfer to Jerusalem. Visit the Mt. of Olives for a breathtaking panoramic view and walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations – stop at Pater Noster Chapel along the way. Check in at your hotel in the Old City. Gloria Hotel or St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse (B, L, D) <http://gloria-hotel.com>

WED 27 JAN

Jerusalem

Early this morning look upon the Western Wall, one of the holiest sites in the Jewish tradition, then visit the Temple Mount/Haram al Sharif to view Al Aqsa Mosque and the golden Dome of the Rock, an important symbol of the Muslim faith (inside visits of the mosques are not permitted at this time). Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which houses the final five Stations of the Cross which commemorate where Jesus was crucified and buried, and then rose again. Walk in reverse the first nine Stations of the Cross along



the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows) ending at the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. Gather for group reflection this evening. Gloria Hotel or St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse (B, L, D)

THU 28 JAN

Jerusalem

This morning walk to Mt. Zion and visit St. Peter's in Gallicantu, which recalls Peter's three denials of Christ, and the Coenaculum, which is also called the Upper Room (Luke 22) - the traditional site where Jesus instituted the Lord's supper and where later Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God." Meet the English-language pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer to learn of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Holy Land and Jordan. The rest of the afternoon will be free for individual activities – shop in the souks, walk the ramparts or simply wander through the streets of the Old City. This evening gather for a farewell dinner. Gloria Hotel or St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse (B, L, D)

FRI 29 JAN

Jerusalem/Return to U.S.

Transfer early this morning to the airport for check-in and flight departure. Arrive home today enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land. (Meals in-flight)

*Code: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Itinerary subject to change.
Speakers subject to availability.*



TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$395 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second deposit of \$1000 is due September 16, 2020. Final payment is due no later than November 16, 2020. The fee for late payment is \$50 per traveler. **The tour price is based upon cash payment.**

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to September 15, 2020 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; September 16, 2020 - January 5, 2021 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; January 6, 2021 or after - No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than September 16, 2020. A minimum fee of \$100 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Charlotte NC via Lufthansa Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$130 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$750 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

COST SUMMARY

***\$3560**

Group Flights From Charlotte, NC
 Tour Gratuities (\$130).....Included
 Airport Taxes (\$750).....Included
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room (in addition to base tour cost).....\$695

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Charlotte NC, double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of March 2020, a minimum of 32 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only. *Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.*

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

This tour requires considerable walking. Please check with your tour leader if you have any questions.



RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#210104 OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Charlotte.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land- only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$ _____ \$619 per person **inclusive of travel protection.**
- \$ _____ \$395 per person **without travel protection.**
- I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre- existing waiver.

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#210104.

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION

Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 21 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 866-684-0218 (refer to Agency #47346). Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Political Emergency Evacuation.....	\$100,000
ID Theft Resolution Services.....	included
Assistance Service.....	included

* a maximum of \$4000 per person
 ** a maximum of \$6000 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$224 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan

This document contains highlights of the plan. The Plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. Fairmont Specialty and Crum & Forster are registered trademarks of United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2015. The Plan also contains non insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization, OnCall International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.



EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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supplier; or (5) any other cause, condition or event whatsoever beyond the direct control of GTD. GTD cannot guarantee any rates, bookings or reservations of any supplier. Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the foregoing provisions. All prices quoted are subject to change if airlines or ground operators increase their prices, the U.S. dollar is devalued significantly against foreign currencies, the group falls below minimum numbers, or a fuel surcharge, government tax or user's fee is imposed. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. GTD reserves the right to withdraw from any tour any tour member whose conduct is incompatible with the interests of the group as a whole. The above Conditions and Responsibility also covers the group leader(s) and their respective organizations.

NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. For the current U.S. State Department Travel Advisory please refer to the following website. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

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