## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**TRAVEL DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS** All travelers must travel with a passport valid for at least 6-months beyond vour return travel date. Non-US passport holders contact LT regarding credentials required to travel. LT reserves the right to alter itinerary if necessary. Tour Level: Moderate Active Traveler. Please read our LT Terms and Conditions of Travel. \*All prices will be confirmed 11-months prior to travel dates.

## YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Round Trip Airfare from Denver, CO or Albuquerque,
- Professional Driver and Private Deluxe Motor Coach throughout the tour
- Private Custom Designed Itinerary offering a relaxed comprehensive travel experience
- Professional English-speaking Tour Manager throughout
- Life Enriching Sightseeing daily including entrance fees
- Private Guided Sightseeing Tours by licensed guides with expertise in Christian history
- 8-Nights First-class Hotels with private bath and Hotel Taxes
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily and 1-Lunch
- Nazareth Village visit including a Bedouin lunch
- Wooden Boat Ride upon the Sea of Galilee and Cable-Car Ride to Masada
- Baggage Handling for 1-checked luggage

## ISRAEL TOUR & AIRFARE FROM DENVER, CO

Prices are per person/double occupancy.

\$3090 with minimum of 20 passengers ~ \$2990 with minimum 30 passengers

#### **ALBUQUERQUE departure add \$350**

\$600 Airline taxes, fees and fuel charge (subject to change by airline until tickets are issued)

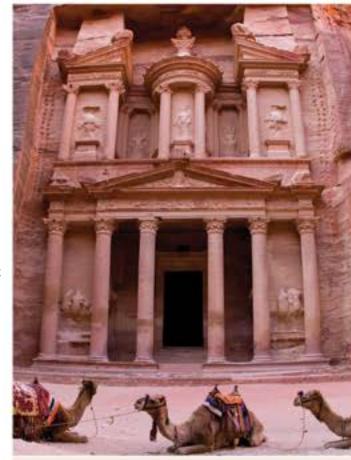
\$595 additional for Single Occupancy

Confirm by October 31 and SAVE \$100 per person off Israel

Additional departure cities available, contact LT regarding availability and price.

**3-DAY JORDAN EXTENSION** per person based on double occupancy, minimum of 15 travelers \$590\* including Transportation, Tour Manager, Sightseeing and Admissions, Breakfast & Dinner daily, 4-star Hotel Accommodation and Tax. Add \$125 for Single Occupancy.

NOT INCLUDED Meals and beverages not listed, Passport or Visa fee, Tour Gratuities (local guides, tour manager and coach driver) Travel Insurance, personal items such as Internet usage and phone charges, Jordan extension travelers are responsible for Israeli Departure Tax USD52pp payable at lordan border.



# **REGISTRATION:**

## **CONFIRM ISRAEL TOUR BY NOVEMBER 26. 2014** AND SAVE \$100

2 Easy Ways to Register and Confirm Your Reservation To submit your Reservation Form and \$350 per person refundable\* deposit:

- #1 Visit our web site at www.luthertours.com. click Contact Us
- #2 Complete the Reservation Form and submit a \$350 per person credit card payment securely on-line
- #3 Click Download Reservation Form to print, complete and mail your form along with your refundable \$350 per person deposit to:

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Pastors Graff and Wolfmueller hosted a trip through the steps of St Paul in Turkey and Greece in 2012, and they invite you to join them on the next memory-making adventure.

## AT A GLANCE:

### **DATES:**

ISRAEL: Saturday, June 6- Monday, June 15, 2015 JORDAN: Monday, June 15- Thursday, June 18

Departing from Denver, Colorado

## COST:

ISRAEL: \$2,990\* **JORDAN: \$590** 

\*See back page for pricing details.

# YOUR INVITATION TO ADVENTURE

"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee ... and Jesus went out ... to the villages of Caesarea Philippi ... and they came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house ... and Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple." (Mark 1:9, 8:27, 9:33, 11:11)

Our Lord has his own history. It's wall-to-wall with real places, with dirt roads and stone walkways, with actual cities and the homes and hang-outs of real people with names. We all come from our own time, our own places—our lives trek from our home-town on to the other places we've lived, from events that happened when we were in school, to world shaking events we experience as adults. Jesus is the Lord over all, having created and now upholding the stars of the heavens and the crustaceans of the deep seas, who has bound himself to actual history and geography just as we are bound to ours.

This is the geography and history he entered in his work of going to the cross to save those who belong to every age, every topography. Join us as we visit some of these places, as we read and study his Word together on this trip, and as we contemplate and give thanks for his great work of salvation for us at Calvary, outside of Jerusalem, under Pontius Pilate.

Warren Graff Grace Lutheran, Albuguerque, New Mexico

Bryan Wolfmueller Hope Lutheran, Aurora, Colorado

# **DAY 1:** Depart USA

# DAY 2: Arrival Israel, Jaffa, Mediterranean Sea (D)

Welcome to Israel! After completing customs, our group will be met by a professional English-speaking tour manager who will escort us throughout our journey. We begin our journey "following in the Footsteps of Jesus" with a scenic driving tour of Tel Aviv before continuing to the coastal city of present day Jaffa, the oldest port in the world and where Jonah set sail for Tarshish and said to be "swallowed by a large fish". Here we visit Simon the Tanner's house where Peter saw the vision that opened Christianity to Gentiles. We have time on our own for lunch before we continue our drive to a relaxing coastal village where we check-in to our hotel before we enjoy a joyous "Welcome to Israel" dinner. Overnight Coastal City Netanya

# DAY 3: Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth (B, L, D)

After breakfast we travel toward the Sea of Galilee, along the way we stop in Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the way of salvation from Peter and where the baptism of Gentiles began. It was here Paul was imprisoned on his way to his trial in Rome. We visit the sunken harbor, the hippodrome, the ancient theatre and the Roman aqueduct. Next, we drive to Mt. Carmel with its panoramic view of the Plain of Jezreel and to Har Megiddo for the background to Armageddon (Revelation 16), the site where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization! Afterwards we visit Nazareth, where Jesus spent his early life. We will visit the unique Nazareth Village for a Bedouin lunch and to witness the ancient process of olive oil pressing, completing our day in Cana commemorating Jesus' first miracle, the transformation of water into wine. We check-in to our hotel for the next 2-nights. Overnight Sea of Galilee

# **DAY 4:** Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi (B, D)

We begin our unforgettable day with a wooden boat ride on the Sea of Galilee for picture taking and a Scripture reading which brings to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples. Afterwards, we drive to Capernaum the headquarters of our Lord's Galilean ministry, also known to be the site where archaeologists believe to have uncovered the house of Peter (Mark 1 and 2). We continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7) and a reading of "the greatest sermon in history" and to Tabgha where Jesus multiplied the bread and fish and fed his disciples breakfast after his resurrection (Mark 6), we visit the Chapel of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of the Primacy of Peter. Next, we travel along an ancient trade route, pass Hazor and on to Dan. Here we stroll along the nature walk along the Upper Jordan River. We continue to Caesarea Philippi (Banias), where Peter answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Our route takes us over the Golan Heights, skirting Mt. Hermon, concluding a wonderful day! Overnight Sea of Galilee

# **DAY 5:** Beth Shean, Ein Harod, Jericho (B, D)

This morning we drive around the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the archeology site of Beth Shean – one of the most spectacular in all of Israel. We'll walk the streets of the ruins of this ancient Roman and Byzantine city. Our journey continues through the Jezreel Valley west to Ein Harod (Judges 7), which describes Gideon's actions in thinning out his army. Next, we travel into Harod's Valley- the fantastic view from this location on Tel Jezreel one can imagine the crowned Jehu "driving like a madman," on his way to killing the kings of Israel and Judah. And 900 years later known to be the location where Jesus healed the ten lepers. Next we visit Jericho – one of the oldest cities on earth -- where "the walls came tumbling down". Off in the distance you see the Mt. of Temptation, where following His baptism Jesus spent 40 days. Ascending the Roman road along Wadi Qilt, we stop for a look at St. George's Monastery before reaching Mt. Scopus, to behold majestic Jerusalem. Overnight Jerusalem

## **DAY 6:** Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethlehem (B, D)

We begin our sightseeing on the Mt. of Olives with breathtaking views of the ancient city of Jerusalem reflecting toward us. We descend the Palm Sunday Path to the grounds of the church Dominus Flevit "The Lord weeps" (Luke 19), walking to Gethsemane to visit The Church of All Nations where our Lord prayed before his trial and crucifixion. We visit the garden and the church and have time for reflection and devotion. Next, we drive to Mt. Zion- and the grounds of the church Peter in Gallicantu. We complete our



day in Bethlehem, walking through its quaint streets and markets to the Church of the Nativity. Here we descend the stairs to the grotto where we can reach through a hole in the floor and touch the stone below, known to be the place of Jesus' birth. Before returning to Jerusalem, we stop at The Shepherds Field where the angels brought "good tidings of great joy" on the night our Savior was born. We'll have time to recall and reflect on God's love and mercy shown to us that "Holy Night". Return to Jerusalem passing by the Knesset on our way to visit the Shrine of the Book and view the Dead Sea Scrolls. Overnight Jerusalem

# **DAY 7:** Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran Cave (B,D)

Today we travel to the mountain at Masada. A cable-car ride takes us to the top of the mountain where we visit Herod's mountain bunker and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome (66-73 AD). A stop for lunch (on our own) and then we visit the nature reserve of Ein Gedi, rich in flora and fauna, and a peaceful walk to a lovely waterfall. Here we can imagine a possible cave that brings to mind the biblical reference (1 Samuel 24:1-3),"Behold, David is in the wilderness of En Gedi." We continue to the village of Qumran to view the cave which contained the Dead Sea Scrolls discovered 1947. Time for a relaxing swim in the Dead Sea (at minus 1390 feet) it's the lowest spot on earth! Grab a newspaper and a camera; snap a picture floating on your back, you can't sink! Overnight lerusalem

# **DAY 8:** Via Dolorosa, Upper Room, Garden Tomb (B, D)

Our visit continues in the Old City, at the Dung Gate and just inside the gate the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. We walk to the Dome of the Rock, the third holiest site of Islam, located on the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. We visit the Pools of Bethesda (John 5) where Jesus healed one who had been ill for 38 years and St. Anne's Church, with its remarkable acoustics perfectly preserved from the Crusader period. We follow the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) to the Holy Sepulcher and exit the Old City through the Mt Zion Gate to visit the Upper Room, the location of the Last Supper. Time for worship and praise as we complete our day with a special visit at the Garden Tomb for a private devotional. This evening we gather for our farewell dinner. Overnight Jerusalem

# **DAY 9:** Free Day in Jerusalem, Return to U.S.A. (B)

Enjoy the day on our own. Depending on flight schedule the group will be transferred to the Tel Aviv Airport for flights to U.S.A. After following in the "footsteps of Jesus" we will never read our Bible quite the same way again! Those travelers continuing on the Jordon will overnight in Jerusalem.

# **DAY 10:** Petra, Sig, Treasury (B, D)

We travel to Petra via the desert highway through the heart of the Seir Mountains home to the Aaron Peak (highest in Petra) and the burial place of Aaron, brother of Moses. The soul stirring, rose-red city of Petra is a Jordanian national treasure and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Petra, settled by traders more than 2,000 years ago, was renowned for its refined culture, massive architecture, and ingenuous system of dams and water channels. We will visit the "Siq", this winding fissure (nearly ½ mile long) separates overhanging cliffs that appear to meet 300 feet overhead, ending at Petra's most impressive monument Al Khazneh, the Treasury (a.k.a. Indiana Jones' Temple of Doom.) Overnight Petra

# **DAY 11:** King's Highway, Madaba, Mt. Nebo (B, D)

Today we drive along the Exodus route- north along the famed historical King's Highway and stop at the well conserved crusader city of Kerak, drive through Wadi Mujeb to Umm al Rassas, whose churches offer ancient mosaic art. Our journey continues to Madaba, with its mosaic floor from the 6th century showing a map of the Holy Land as Christian pilgrims knew it. Then to Mt. Nebo, from which God showed Moses the Promised Land. Overnight Dead Sea

# **DAY 12:** Dead, Sea, Bethany-Beyond-The-Jordan (B, D)

After a leisurely morning to enjoy the waters of the Dead Sea and the Spa facilities at the hotel, we board our coach for a short drive to the recently discovered baptismal site of "Bethany-beyond the-Jordan." One of the most significant events associated with the River Jordan is undoubtedly the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ by John the Baptist (Matthew 3: 13-17). After Jesus' baptism at Bethany, he spent forty days in the wilderness east of the River Jordan (Mark 1: 13, Matthew 4: 1-11). After our farewell dinner we transfer to Tel Aviv for flights to the U.S.A.