



# 2023 TOUR

March 9 - March 18

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# WELCOME 2023 PILGRIMAGE

Our visit to Israel will be a life-changing experience as you walk where the Old Testament patriarchs walked, walk where the disciples walked, and walk where our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ walked! See the Bible come alive before your very eyes. You will visit places and experience things that were, just a short time ago, something you could have only imagined.

If you've already traveled to Israel, then you know what an awesome experience it is and you are traveling again to reinforce the experience you've already had. At the various sites we will visit, Pastor Rob will lead a devotion, tying it into the biblical account.

This booklet will give some tips and guidelines as you prepare for this trip to Israel, and a very short explanation of where we will be traveling. Our tour guide, Reuven Zusman, has been leading tours to the Holy Land for over twenty years and is a proficient and professional tour guide with whom it is a joy to travel! We hope and pray that this trip will be an enjoyable and spiritual journey for you!

In Christian Love,

Rob & Jen Pacienza; Brian & Jayne Webb



Modern Day Israel



# PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

With some careful planning and forethought, your trip to Israel can be pleasant and non-stressful.

- Make sure your airline tickets match the name on your passport exactly.
- Make sure your passport is valid for at least six months **after** your return date. NOTE: We found the following Passport Service location to be very helpful: 9239 West Atlantic Boulevard; Coral Springs, FL
- You may want to consider applying to the Trusted Travelers Program from Homeland Security. Choose “Global Entry” and fill out the online application. Approval from this program will simplify your customs entrance back into the United States (includes TSA precheck). Cost is \$100. You can Google “Global Entry” or use this link:  
<https://ttp.dhs.gov/>
- If you take medication, make sure you bring enough to carry you through until your return, and include a few extra in case of any type of delay. Label them clearly or take them in their prescription bottles.
- You may change some money before you leave into Shekels if you so desire. Credit cards work in almost every instance (but not all!) but check to see what your credit card bank charges for an exchange rate.
- Sleep on the transatlantic flight: this is a long flight and we begin strong after a night’s rest at the Carlton Hotel. Bring something to help you sleep on the plane (Advil PM or its equivalent) and maybe the first two or three nights. The “neck supporters,” sold at airports and other places work well for some people.
- If you have a medical condition, please make us aware of it so we can share it with medical professionals if a situation arises.
- Travel Insurance is highly recommended. You can shop the internet for quotes. Recommendation: [insuremytrip.com](http://insuremytrip.com)

# PACKING FOR YOUR TRIP

- Comfortable, sturdy shoes: fashion is not nearly as important as being able to walk among ancient Roman ruins and feel comfortable

- Sunglasses, sunscreen and hats: the sun in the Middle East is intense and you will need these to help you cope.

- Electronic devices: never miss the scenery and experiences by focusing on your electronic devices; keep your attention on the sights, scenery, sounds, smells and especially the people!



The Western Wall

- Comfortable clothing: Israel is a casual country. The weather will be warm and there will be a lot of people visiting while we are there. Bring clothes that you can layer for warm or cool temperatures. Shorts can be worn on some days.

- Attention: visits to holy sites will require that men and women cover the knees and shoulders. If they are not covered, you will not be allowed to enter the holy site.

- Eat a good breakfast daily: Israeli breakfasts will be buffets with fruits, salads, breads, eggs, and pastries. Maybe some fish also! Our days are long and we cannot always predict when or where our lunch will be. It is good to throw a piece of fruit, granola bar or bread into your daypack and bring it with you for a snack.

- Daypack: bring something light with which you can bring your day's supplies: snack, Bible or notebook, iPad, cameras, sunglasses, sunscreen, sweater, etc.



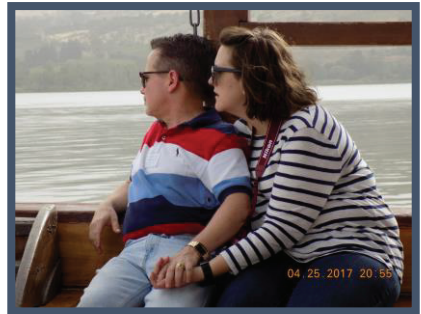
The King David Hotel - Jerusalem

# PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9** Leave Miami for an overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Full dinner en route.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10** Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. Transfer to The Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv for check-in and dinner.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11** Full day touring into the Galilee. We begin by touring the seaport of Jaffa, known for Jonah and the Whale, then head north along the coast to Caesarea-by-the-Sea, the Roman capital of Palestine at the time of Christ, where we will see the Roman Theatre, the Cardo, a Crusader-era Byzantine Fortress, the Aqueduct, and Mount Carmel. We will drive into the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, one of Solomon's chariot cities, overlooking the site of the coming battle of Armageddon, and then continue to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, and spend three nights at The Scots Hotel.

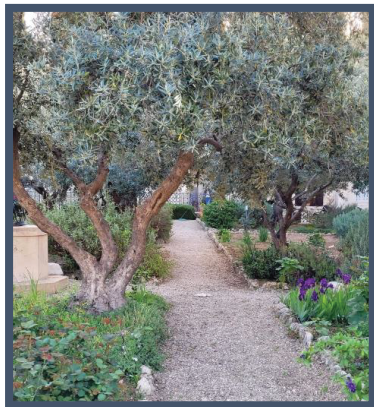


Sea of Galilee Boat Ride

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12** Full day touring in the Galilee. Begin the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (ancient boat). Continue with visits to Capernaum, and Tabgha (loaves and fishes). Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes for lunch and a time of reflection overlooking the whole Sea of Galilee region. Beit Shean and baptisms in the Jordan River.

**MONDAY, MARCH 13** Tour to Cana of Galilee and on to Nazareth, the boyhood city of Jesus, where we'll see Mary's well. In the afternoon tour Caesarea Philippi and the Golan Heights.

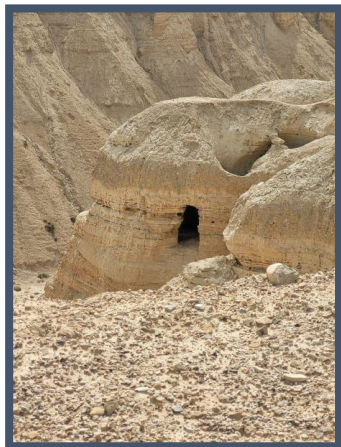
**TUESDAY, MARCH 14** We leave the Galilee heading south through the Jordan River valley passing Jericho and "up to" Jerusalem. Visit the Mount of Olives, room of the last Supper, the model of Jerusalem during the Second Temple Period and the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Check into the King David hotel where we will spend the rest of our time in Israel.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15** Full day touring of Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Kidron Valley. Visit the house of Caiaphas (St. Peter in Gallicantu), tour the Old City within the walls, including the Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Breakfast and dinner at the hotel.

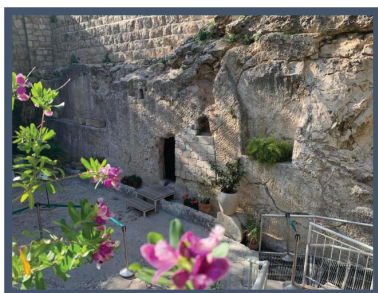
**THURSDAY, MARCH 16** Full day of touring in Jerusalem. Enter the Old City within the walls and visit the Western Wall of the Temple Mount and Western Wall Tunnels. Leave the Old City, visit the village of Ein Karem and the Church of the Visitation. In the afternoon, the memorial to the Holocaust at Yad Vashem.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17** Full day touring the Dead Sea area; visit the National Park at Qumran overlooking the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Afterwards the oasis of Ein Gedi, where we will climb the Wadi of David to the waterfall where David hid from Saul. Take the cable car up to the mountaintop fortress of Masada, lunch at a Spa Hotel with opportunity to float in the Dead Sea. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

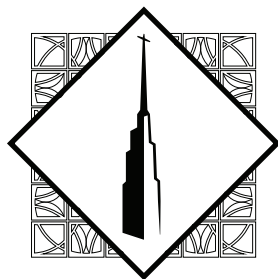


Qumran - Dead Sea Scrolls Site

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18** Full day at leisure in Jerusalem. Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch is on your own today. Check out of the hotel late in the afternoon, visit the garden tomb with communion; enjoy a farewell dinner before the transfer to Ben Gurion Airport with departure assistance. Depart from Tel Aviv, arrive back in Miami.



The Garden Tomb



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