Join Pastor Brian Russell & Dr. Bob Tuttle

Holy Land Tour

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Feb. 1 and 2 - USA to the Holy Land
Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed to the Holy Land by our airport representative. Journey to Caesarea by the Sea and stand in the place where it is believed Paul addressed King Herod and Festus (Acts 25, 26). This port city reveals many extensive remains of the theater and other sites, including a Roman aqueduct along the Mediterranean shore. Continue on your journey to Mt. Carmel where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Biblically, Mt. Carmel is referenced most often as a symbol of beauty and fertility. Transfer to your hotel where you will enjoy dinner before resting.

Feb. 3 - Nazareth, Mount of Precipice, Megiddo, Bet Shean
Visit Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus (Matthew 2: 23) and the Mount of Precipice, where Luke describes how Jesus was rejected by those in the synagogue after He taught them. Filled with anger they “led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong” (Luke 4: 29). Travel the ancient caravan route to Tel Megiddo where 20 different cities lie superimposed upon each other. Then it’s on to the magnificent ruins of Beit Shean where you will tour the impressive excavations of Scythopolis, one of the ten cities of the Decapolis.

Feb. 4 - The Galilee
This morning, pray and sing hymns as you cross the waters of the Sea of Galilee by boat. See a 2,000 year-old sailing vessel that was discovered and preserved at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. This is a rare find of the kind of boat Jesus and the disciples would have used to cross the sea and fish. Visit the Church of the Fish and the Loaves, at Tabgha, the traditional location for the feeding of the 5000 (Luke 9:10-17). At the Mount of Beatitudes read the sermon on the mount (Matt. 5-7). Next, travel to Capernaum, and Bethsaida Julius (the home of 5 of the Apostles—Peter, James, John, Andrew and Philip.) Along with Chorazim these three towns mark the miracle triangle where 70% of the miracles Jesus worked were performed.

Feb. 5 - Chorazim, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Mt. Hermon, Golan Heights
Walk the streets of Chorazim, listed as a “city of woe” by Jesus (Matthew 11). Visit the ancient remains of Tel Dan and the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30). Journey to Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus traveled with His disciples and where nearby Peter made his great confession to Jesus, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16). See Mount Hermon and travel through the Golan Heights and better understand their strategic importance to the security of Israel.

Feb. 6 - Masada, Qumran, Jericho
Experience a renewal of your baptism at the place where Jesus was baptized by John in the river Jordan. Then venture on to Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod and famous as the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore the fortress. Peer down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. On the way back to Jerusalem, stop at the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, where those who desire may take a quick dip in the mineral-laden waters. Visit Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery, to discuss the mysterious community of Essenes who once lived on the shores of the Dead Sea. From Jericho, you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4: 1-11). Even today, the road from Jericho to Jerusalem twists for miles as it climbs from below sea level into the Judean mountains. Jesus traveled the nearby Roman road, the setting of His parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-36).

Feb. 7 - Bethlehem, Bethlehem Bible College, Israel Museum
In Bethlehem visit the cave where Jesus was born and the church that has been constructed on the site (Matthew 1: 18-25; Luke 2: 1-7). Nearby, you will view Shepherds’ Field where the Good News was first heard. Visit Bethlehem Bible College, see the work of this Christian institution, and understand the trials of today’s Palestinian Christian population. You will better understand the Jerusalem of Jesus’ day with a look at the First Century Model of the City of Jerusalem, now housed at the Israel Museum. The museum itself houses 10,000 years of archaeological artifacts. Also visit the Shrine of the Book, where the Book of Isaiah, discovered among the Dead Sea Scrolls, is displayed.
Feb. 8 - Temple Mount, Davidson Center, Southern Steps, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Yad Vashem
See the Temple Mount, once the site of the Temple of Solomon. Visit the only remnant of the Second Temple of Jerusalem, the Western Wall and sit on the Teaching steps believed to be where Jesus would teach. Learn about present and past excavation work at the Davidson Center. Walk the Via Dolorosa, “the Way of the Cross,” and stand in reverence at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust Memorial.

Feb. 9 - Mt. of Olives, Palm Sunday Road, Mt. Zion, Garden Tomb
Stand atop the Mount of Olives as Jesus did and enjoy a remarkable view of the “Golden City” of Jerusalem. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-12). Walk the Palm Sunday Road, down the Mt. of Olives. Stopping en-route at Dominus Flevit Church, a great view and excellent place to sing. Continue to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas where Jesus was questioned (Matt. 26:57-65). The Last Supper comes to life as you visit the Upper Room (Mark 14:12-26). Your final destination allows time for reflection at the Garden Tomb.

Feb. 10 - Return Home

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