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Join Rev. Dr. Bill Burch & Northside UMC Holy Land 2025

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March 3 – Depart the USA to the Holy Land

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart the USA on our overnight flight.

March 4 – Arrive in Israel

We will be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport and transferred to our hotel in Netanya for dinner and our overnight stay.

March 5 – Caesarea Maritima, Nazareth & Megiddo

This morning, after our first Israeli buffet breakfast, we make our way to Caesarea by the Sea, where Peter preached the Good News to the Roman Centurion Cornelius. We will travel to Megiddo (Valley of Armageddon), then on to Nazareth, the birthplace of our Lord. We continue to the tiny village of Cana, where our Lord performed His first miracle. Here, we will celebrate a renewal of wedding vows. We pass Mount Hittin, where Saladin defeated the Crusaders on July 4. We arrive at our beautiful hotel on the banks of the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy dinner and overnight at our hotel.

March 6 – The Galilee

We stop at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, where we will see the “Jesus Boat,” discovered in the Sea of Galilee after nearly 2,000 years. Then, enjoy a service aboard a boat on the Sea of Galilee. We make our way to the Mount of Beatitudes and remember to hear the Teachings of Christ (Matthew 5 - 7). We travel to Tabgha, where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes. We continue to the Church of St. Peter’s Primacy, where Peter declared Jesus as Lord. Enter the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Luke 4) and stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We travel to Magdala, home of Mary of Magdalene. Walk a portion of the Valley of the Doves, the original road that our Lord would have traveled from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. We finally wind up at our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

March 7 - Upper Galilee

This morning, we make our way to the Tel of Hazor, the site of the ancient city of Hazor. We continue to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter made the Great Confession. In the distance stands Mount Hermon. We will see the Golan Heights, overlooking Syria in the distance. We walk the site of Tel Dan, home of the Tribe of Dan. We visit the beautiful Dan Nature Preserve. Stop at Mount Bental and see the UN observation center and into Syria. See the streets of Bethsaida, one of the “cities of woe” mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 11 and where Jesus chose five of His disciples (Matt. 4:18 -21; John 1:39 -51). Remember your baptism (or get baptized) in the Jordan River at Yardenit, where the Jordan exits the Sea of Galilee. We return to our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

March 8 – Samaria

This morning, we make our way to Beit Shean, where the Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and his son Jonathan. Pass the Mount of Transfiguration. We continue through the Valley of Jezreel on our way to Samaria, the site of King Ahab’s Palace. We will enjoy lunch in Sebastia (not included in the price), then we travel through the valley between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim, the Mountain of Blessing and Cursing. We travel to Nablus, where we visit Jacob’s Well, where Jesus preached to the woman at the well. Continue to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and our overnight stay.

March 9 – Bethlehem

This morning, we travel to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity, which is built over the birthplace of our Lord. We continue to Shepherds' Field, where the shepherds saw the star and heard the great news from the angels. We will visit the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and where you can visit the site of the model of the first-century city of Jerusalem. Explore the poignant exhibits of Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial. Continue to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. We will walk the road Jesus walked on Palm Sunday, winding up at the Garden of Gethsemane. Finally, we are back at our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

March 10 - Masada, Jericho, Ein Gedi & the Dead Sea

We will enjoy a cable car ride up to Masada, Herod's Winter Palace, and the place where the Jews held out against the Roman Army, finally committing suicide rather than surrendering. We will visit the Ein Gedi, where David hid out in the caves from King Saul. Stop for a visit in Jericho (the oldest city in the world) and visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua. Nearby is the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus. We will make a stop at the Dead Sea, where you can float in the water where the minerals are so strong you cannot sink! Look out over Wadi Qelt and the Old Roman Road on our way back through the Judean Wilderness, passing the Good Samaritan Inn. We wind up back at our hotel in time for dinner and our overnight stay.

March 11 – Jerusalem

We make our way to the Temple Mount, where the beautiful Dome of the Rock stands on the traditional site of Solomon's Temple. We make our way to the Wailing (Western) Wall, the only remnants of Solomon's Temple. Walk along the foundations of Herod's Second Temple in the Rabbi's Tunnels. We continue to the Cardo, the excavated main street of Jerusalem in Jesus' time. This afternoon, we will visit the House of Caiaphas, where our Lord stood before the High Priest. We will visit Mount Zion, King David's Tomb, and the Upper Room. Wander through the excavations of the City of David. Walk the steps to the Pool of Siloam, recently uncovered at the foot of the city. Explore Hezekiah's Tunnel, an amazing engineering feat that was dug from either end and met in the middle! (Note: Those who are claustrophobic may want to meet the group at the other end of the tunnel!). Return to our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

March 12 – Jerusalem

This morning, we will visit the Church of St. Anne and the site of the Pool of Bethesda. We continue to the Fortress of Antonia, where Jesus was mocked and scourged by the Roman soldiers and the trial before Pilate. We will walk the Via Dolorosa (way of sorrows), finally arriving at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We finish at the Garden Tomb, the traditional site of the burial place of our Lord, where we will enjoy a communion service. We return to our hotel to freshen up before we enjoy our farewell dinner. Then we head to the airport where we board our flight back to the USA.

March 13 – Arrive Home

Today, we arrive back in Atlanta, our hearts filled with many fond memories of this journey of a lifetime.

Register Early & Save

\$150 Register by April 3, 2024	\$125 Register by May 3, 2024
\$100 Register by June 3, 2024	\$75 Register by July 3, 2024
\$50 Register by August 3, 2024	\$25 Register by September 3, 2024

Full deposit required. Savings deducted from balance.

Starting at \$4,696* from Atlanta

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing
Round-trip International Airfare

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply;
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Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes
Subject to change

Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees

Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches
First-Class Hotels & much more!

*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.



PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1098 during the basic tour.

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$300	Due upon registration
Second Deposit	\$1,500	11/08/2024
Full Deposit	\$1,800	Payment received between 11/08/2024 - 12/17/2024 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Final Payment	12/18/2024. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
Travel Protection Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 11/8/24 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after November 8, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 11/18/24. Registrations received between 11/19/24 - 12/03/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 12/04/24 - 12/18/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 12/19/24 - 01/02/25 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 01/03/25 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 11/08/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 03/24/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, EOT acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOT be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that EOT assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

EOT does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold EOT harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world. Educational Opportunities Tours is the tour operator and is solely responsible for the travel program. Educational Opportunities Tours is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration No. ST24130. CST2027682-40.

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Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*
\$0 - \$1000	\$99	\$3501-\$4000	\$399	\$6501-\$7000	\$699
\$1001-\$1500	\$149	\$4001-\$4500	\$449	\$7001-\$8000	\$799
\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
\$2501-\$3000	\$299	\$5501-\$6000	\$599		
\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		

Schedule of Benefits

Maximum Benefit

Trip Cancellation	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay	Up to \$150 Per Day, to Maximum of \$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains	\$50,000
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	Up to \$200

Additional Cancellation Protection

When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Opportunities Tours Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver that allows you to cancel your Educational Opportunities Tours travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Opportunities Tours Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be reimbursed in cash or in travel vouchers (depending on your reason for cancellation). Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Opportunities website (www.eo.travel). **Plan costs must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect. Part A - Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate.** *In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.

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