

# Holy Land

10 Day Land Tour

05/02/2022 - 05/11/2022

Private Group: By Invitation Only

Join Donald Parry on a private group tour this spring to the Holy Lands. This tour is one day longer than most of our tours and visits sites that are not typically included in our base tour. Some of these sites are in the West Bank territory. Because of this, we have to check the conditions at those sites the week of the tour to confirm they are safe to visit. These include sites such as Shiloh, Beth-el and Hebron. If we are unable to get into these sites, they will be substituted with other sites such as the Herodian or others. This tour will be an amazing opportunity to experience the Holy Lands with an amazing tour director! Make the most of your tour with our optional Jordan/Petra extension.

## Headliners:



Donald Parry

## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Depart Home

May 2, 2022 (Monday)

Depart for Israel. Overnight on the trans-Atlantic flight.

### Day 2: Arrive in Israel

May 3, 2022 (Tuesday)

Enjoy a relaxing evening, walk on the beach or swim in the Mediterranean as you recover from jet lag and prepare for our wonderful adventure.

## **Day 3: Tel Aviv - Mt. Carmel - Nazareth Village - Church of the Synagogue**

May 4, 2022 (Wednesday)

We will begin our vacation with a bus tour of Tel Aviv. We will go to Nazareth stopping at Mt. Carmel on the way, where we will discuss the epic battle between Elijah and the wicked priests of Baal. We will visit Nazareth Village, which will demonstrate life in a small, first century village such as Nazareth.

## **Day 4: Megiddo - Mount Tabor - Magdala**

May 5, 2022 (Thursday)

We start the day off by heading to Megiddo. We will visit the site of Magdala, which is believed to be the home town of Mary Magdalene and the site of a first century synagogue.

## **Day 5: Sea of Galilee Boat Ride - Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes - Caesarea Phillipi/Banias**

May 6, 2022 (Friday)

Today will begin with a peaceful boat ride across the Sea of Galilee before arriving at traditional site where Christ delivered the Sermon on the Mount. On the Sea, we will read through and discuss several of the miracles that took place here. Upon arriving at the Mount of Beatitudes, we will find a quiet place to study the doctrines of that amazing sermon. Then we will visit Capernaum, which was the center of Jesus's Galilean ministry. In Capernaum, Christ performed many miracles and gave many profound teachings, including the Bread of Life sermon. We will see the remains of a synagogue from the time of Christ, which very well may have been the synagogue in which He taught. Lunch today is included as everyone will have the opportunity to try St. Peter's Fish. We will continue our day with a visit to Banias (Caesarea Phillipi), which is the site of Peter's testimony of Savior (Thou art the son of the living God - Matthew 16) and one of the sources of the Jordan River as it emerges from the foothills of Mount Hermon.

## **Day 6: Jordan River (Bethabara) - Bethel/Ai - Gibeon - Shiloh**

May 7, 2022 (Saturday)

We will stop at the traditional site where Christ was baptized and near where the Israelites crossed into Canaan. Bethel is first mentioned in Genesis 12:8 as being near where Abram pitched his tent. Later in Genesis, it is the location where Jacob dreamt of seeing angels and God, and which he therefore named Bethel, "House of God."

## **Day 7: Mount of Olives - Western Wall - Davidson Center Museum -**

## **Southern Temple Steps - Church of the Holy Sepulchre/Old City - Hezekiah's Tunnel - Pools of Siloam - Pools of Bethesda**

May 8, 2022 (Sunday)

This morning will begin with a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane where we will discuss the miraculous events that took place along this hillside and where you will be given a moment to ponder those events prior to sacrament service. Today we will tour the Old City in which we will see Mount Zion, visit the St. Anne's Church with the Pools of Bethesda, and the Antonia Fortress. We will walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall, visit the Herodian Quarter. In the afternoon, we will have an optional tour by way of the via dolorosa ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Hezekiah's tunnel and the Pools of Siloam will be our last stops of the day. If you are claustrophobic or don't want to get a little wet, you can have more free time in the Old City for those who would prefer.

## **Day 8: Old City - Garden Tomb & Golgotha - Bethlehem - Free Time Old City**

May 9, 2022 (Monday)

Today we will spend in the Old City Jerusalem. In the afternoon, we will head out to Bethlehem, where we will see the church of the Nativity as well as the Shepherd's fields. Coming back from Bethlehem, we will go to the Garden Tomb, where we are also able to view the ancient Golgotha. Here we will be discuss and ponder the final moments of Christ's mortal life and his glorious resurrection.

## **Day 9: Masada - Qumran - Gethsemane**

May 10, 2022 (Tuesday)

We will begin our day by at the Garden of Gethsemane. Then we will drive to Masada, passing by the Qumran caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Once we get to Masada, we will take a cable car to the top of Masada to see the ruins of the palace-fortress built by King Herod. We will discuss the history of the Zealots' last stand against the Romans. From Masada, we will transfer to the Red Sea, where we will cross into Jordan. Those going home will go from Masada back to the airport in Tel Aviv. Transfer to airport around 7:00 PM for late night flight home. Flight should be scheduled for around midnight. You will arrive home on the 11th.

## **Day 10: Arrive Home or Continue to Jordan**

May 11, 2022 (Wednesday)

Arrive home for those not going onto Jordan

## **Day 10: Wadi Rum - Red Sea**

May 11, 2022 (Wednesday)

The morning begins with a pickup ride through the Wadi Rum desert. The scenery is surreal and the site of many movies, ranging from Lawrence of Arabia to the most recent Star Wars movie. After returning from the desert, you will have free time to enjoy shopping, swimming, snorkeling or just relaxing on the beach. The hotel is right on the beach. Or you can also try out the world class snorkeling in the Red Sea. For about \$30 you can grab a shuttle to the reef where snorkel gear is included (paid for at the hotel).

## **Day 11: Petra**

May 12, 2022 (Thursday)

Today we will leave our amazing resort on the Red Sea around 9:00 AM to visit the amazing site of Petra. Petra is a historical and archaeological city in the Jordanian governorate of Ma'an that is famous for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system. It was made famous from the Indiana Jones movie. Petra was established sometime around the 6th century BC as the capital city of the Nabataeans. It is a symbol of Jordan as well as its most visited tourist attraction. We will have about 4.5 to 5 hours on site in Petra before leaving for the airport in Amman. We will arrive to the airport around 9:30 PM. Schedule your flight to depart after 11:00 PM.

## **Information:**

Space is limited so BOOK NOW!

### **INCLUDED**

4-5 Star Hotels – Herods (5 star Tel Aviv), Sea of Galilee Hotel and Olive Tree/Dan Jerusalem

Local Guide & LDS Tour Director

Breakfast & Dinner (lunches not included)

First Class Coach/Bus

All entrance fees

Whisper Head Sets

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Tips: Additional information in pricing section below

International Airfare: We email the group about 4 months prior to the tour with the suggested flight schedule. We do not arrange group airfare since usually it is considerably more expensive to do so. We are flexible on flights and we will give you an arrival time for when you should arrive in Tel Aviv. Flights

are usually around \$1,300-\$1,500 out of SLC.  
Lunches, Personal Items, Phone, Internet, etc.

## **Pricing:**

### Price

- \$2,350 per person based on double occupancy for cash or check payments.
- \$2,430 per person based on double occupancy for credit card payments.
- Single Supplement â€“ \$150 per night

### Optional Petra Add-on

- \$650 per person based on double occupancy

### Tips

- We collect pre-paid tips in advance of \$100 per person for the Israeli guide and driver. You will need to tip hotel baggage porters if they take your luggage for you. We are often asked about tipping the LDS tour director. They greatly appreciate tips. We recommend about \$4-\$5 per day. If you feel they did a good job and would like to thank them, this is an appropriate way to do so. As with any service, tipping is at your discretion.
- Tips are not collected in advance for any tour extensions, such as Jordan or Egypt. We recommend \$4-\$5 per day for the guide and \$2-\$3 per day for the driver on those tours.

### Payment Schedule

- \$250 per person due at time of booking (deposit is non-refundable â€“ it can be transferred to another person on the same tour date. We will attempt to find someone to take your spot if you cancel but we cannot guarantee it).
- Final Payment: Final payment is due three months before the tour departure date.

### Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel: Deposit is non-refundable; however, it is transferable to another guest on a new booking, traveling on the same tour date. After final payment, the full amount is non-refundable. If you

cancel and you can find someone to take your spot, we will refund the deposit. If we have a waiting list, we will refund your deposit by placing someone in your spot.

- If we cancel the tour for any reason: Deposit is non-refundable; however, it can be transferred to any other tour or kept as a future tour credit to be used at any time on one of our advertised tours (cannot be transferred to a cruise). The balance will be refunded or applied to a future tour as a credit.

- The only way to avoid trip cancellation penalties is to buy trip cancellation insurance. If you are interested in the insurance, we can help you purchase it.

**Check Your Invoice Names:** Please check to see that your names are spelled correctly. Your first and last names must appear as they appear on your passport for International travel and Driver's License for domestic tours.

**COVID:** Vaccines are currently required to enter Israel

**PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED** and should be valid 6 months after the end of the tour.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to the nature of this tour you must be able to climb stairs and walk unassisted at a moderate pace.

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better accommodate our group.