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In the Footsteps of Jesus

Logos
BIBLE STUDY

Israel Teaching Trip ~ Led by: Dr. Bill Creasy

Travel Dates: May 26 – June 5, 2024

Trip Price From: \$6,899.00 from Dulles, DC

Trip Price From: \$6,999.00 from Los Angeles, CA

(Includes: Roundtrip flights from Dulles/ Los Angeles Intl. departure taxes,
and standard gratuities)

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DAY 1 - SUNDAY, MAY 26: USA/ TEL AVIV

We depart for Israel for our flight(s) to Tel Aviv.

DAY 2 - MONDAY, MAY 27: TEL AVIV

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and are transferred to our hotel in Tel Aviv. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

DAY 3 - TUESDAY, MAY 28: : TEL AVIV/ CAESAREA MARITIMA/ NAZARETH/ GALILEE

After breakfast we drive to **Caesarea by the Sea** (Caesarea Maritima), the deep-water port built by Herod the Great. Caesarea was the home of the Roman garrison and of Pontius Pilate. We will explore the ancient ruins and Dr. Creasy will teach in the same outdoor theatre mentioned in the Book of Acts where Herod Antipas collapses on the stage, is eaten by worms . . . and dies (Acts 12: 23)! After a self-host lunch in a lovely restaurant at Caesarea, we drive north to Nazareth, where Dr. Creasy teaches about the Annunciation at the **Church of the Annunciation**. We then visit St. Joseph's Church and the remains of the house where Jesus grew up. From here we move to "brow of the cliff," where an angry mob threatened to throw Jesus off the cliff (Luke 4: 14-30). From the cliff we have a magnificent panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley and Mount Tabor where Deborah and Barak defeat the Canaanites (Judges 4-5). Sitting 690 feet below sea level and flanked by mountains, the Sea of Galilee becomes our home for the next three nights as we check into our hotel. After dinner we relax and get a good night's sleep, for tomorrow is a BIG day! (B, D)

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 29: GALILEE: MT. OF BEATITUDES, CAPERNAUM, BETHSAIDA and MAGDALA

We begin this very special day with a study session on the **Mount of Beatitudes**. Then, we descend the hill to Capernaum. Sitting under the trees, we share the story of Jesus driving out the demon from the man who attended his teaching, and we picture the paralytic being lowered through Peter's roof, just 37 yards from where we sit. After an optional lunch of St. Peter's fish, we drive to the **archaeological site of Bethsaida**, the ancestral home of Peter and his brother Andrew, where we discuss daily village life during the time of Jesus and the historical and political environment in which he lived. We end our day with a **stop at Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene**. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 - THURSDAY, MAY 30: GALILEE: DAN and SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

We head north to the Upper Galilee to reach Dan, the northern border of Israel. We stroll along the Dan River, reaching the site of ancient Dan with the **remains of its altar for the golden calf**. After lunch on our own, we return to the Sea of Galilee. Late this afternoon, **we sail on the Sea of Galilee** in a replica first-century fishing boat! We conclude our day with a **visit to the Jesus Boat Museum** where we will see a 2,000-year-old fishing boat, which once sailed the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)



DAY 6 - FRIDAY, MAY 31: GALILEE/ JORDAN VALLEY/ BEIT SHEAN/ JERICHO/ JERUSALEM

Today we leave the Sea of Galilee and head for Jerusalem, driving south through the **Jordan Valley**. We first **visit Beit She'an** where Dr. Creasy tells the story of the death of Israel's first king, Saul . . . which opens the door for David to become king. We then continue south to **Jericho** to visit the site where John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Finally, we head up to Jerusalem where we check in to our home in Jerusalem for the next five nights. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 - SATURDAY, JUNE 1: JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES, GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, OLD CITY and CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

We begin our pilgrimage on the Mount of Olives, the "**Palm Sunday Road**," and at Dominus Flevit, we look directly across to the Temple Mount with a breathtaking view of the Dome of the Rock, Islam's third holiest site. Here we teach about messianic expectations of the time, and we walk down the path that Jesus took when he entered the city on Passover, A.D. 32. Halfway down the hill we reach the **Garden of Gethsemane** where we discuss Jesus' initial popularity and ultimate rejection, leading to his trial and crucifixion. Then we visit the Church of All Nations. After lunch on our own, we enter the Old City through the Damascus Gate and walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the **Via Dolorosa**, the Way of the Cross. The "Way of the Cross" is not a quiet devotional time; rather, it takes us through busy markets, crowds of people and marked indifference, just as Jesus experienced it. We smell the marketplace and the crowds as we proceed station-by-station to Golgotha. After our visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, we try our hand at bargaining for olive wood and other items in the colorful market. In late afternoon, we head back to our hotel for dinner. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 - SUNDAY, JUNE 2: JERUSALEM: EIN GEDI, MASADA and DEAD SEA

This morning we descend from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, arriving at **Ein Gedi**, a lush oasis which served as David's hideout when he was on the run from King Saul. Here, Dr. Creasy tells the story of David sparing Saul's life (1 Samuel 24) and we hike up the dead-end canyon to a beautiful waterfall. If we are lucky, we see ibex mentioned in scripture, and conies that live among the rocks. Next, we visit **Masada**, where the Jews made their last stand against the Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. We ride the cable car to the top of the fortress built by Herod the Great, explore the archeology, and enjoy a **panoramic view of the Dead Sea** framed by the mountains of Moab to the east. We have a self-host lunch at Masada and end our day with a "**float**" in the Dead Sea (optional). This evening, we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 - MONDAY, JUNE 3: JERUSALEM: ISRAEL MUSEUM and OLD CITY

This morning, we visit the Israel Museum, the **Shrine of the Book** (to see the authentic Dead Sea Scrolls) and the model of 1st-century Jerusalem. Next, we visit the **Western Wall** (or the "Wailing Wall"), the holiest site in Judaism. Here we join the men and women of Jerusalem as they offer prayers to God. Be sure to have your own prayers ready for this very special place.

We then tour the **Southern Wall excavations**, including the Southern Steps excavations, where we watch the film at the guest center and explore the excavations. After lunch on our own in the Jewish Quarter, we visit the City of David, the ancient part of the city that dates back to the Old Testament, and **we splash through Hezekiah's water-filled tunnel**, cut through 583 yards of solid rock in 701 B.C.! Dinner and overnight (B, D)

DAY 10 - TUESDAY, JUNE 4: JERUSALEM: BETHLEHEM and GARDEN TOMB/ TEL AVIV

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel. Our first visit today is Bethlehem to visit the **Church of the Nativity**, the site that remembers where Jesus was born. After a self-host lunch, we return to Jerusalem and we make our way to the **Garden Tomb**, an alternative site for the tomb of Jesus, and one which gives us a good idea of what Jesus' tomb would have looked like. Here, we bring our "Footsteps of Jesus" tour to an end with an ecumenical service in the garden. This evening we enjoy our **farewell dinner** celebration at a restaurant in Jerusalem. This will be a time to share our many joys and memories. (B, D)

Travelers returning to the **Los Angeles** will be transferred to the airport after dinner.

Travelers flying back to **Dulles** will be transferred to their hotel in Tel Aviv.



DAY 11 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5: TEL AVIV/ USA

Travelers flying back to **Dulles** will be transferred early this morning to Tel Aviv Airport for their flights home.

Today we all arrive home. Never again will we read the Bible in black & white; now we will read it in living color and Dolby® sound!

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Trip price includes: round trip group coach air from Dulles/ Los Angeles; US and Intl. departure taxes; group transfers from group flights to group lodgings; accommodation and sightseeing per itinerary; certain meals per itinerary (listed as "B", "L" or "D" in the daily itinerary); entrance fees to sights visited as noted in the itinerary; destination group ground transportation; local guide(s); and all standard taxes and gratuities. Prices are based on a **minimum group size of 31.**

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Registration Form

A signed registration form (Seller of Travel disclosures available online) is required from each traveler agreeing to the terms and conditions for the Trip.

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