

16-Day Study Tour In Israel, Jordan and Egypt

May 29-June 13, 2009

**With Hosts
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Excellent Tour Hosts

The Norths are all experienced Bible teachers, and each one has been on several trips to Bible lands. Dr. North has led many study tours to these places and will plan meaningful visits to each site. As a distinguished professor of Bible at Oklahoma Christian, he will provide useful information each day and everyone on the trip will gain new insights into the meaning of the Scriptures. The four hosts on the trip will help all to go smoothly.

This trip to the Bible lands can greatly increase your faith and your Bible knowledge. Everyday you will see things and experience things that will make Bible stories come alive. You will walk on steps where Jesus walked, see the place where the three thousand were likely baptized on Pentecost, and visit the pyramids Moses saw. Being at the very places where Bible stories happened will capture the images and geography of those places in your mind. Experiencing the sites where Bible stories happened will make the stories real to you and increase your faith.

Special Features of the Trip

- Each evening, the group will gather for a devotional and a discussion of what they have seen and will see the next day. You will find that these daily meetings will make the trip a more valuable learning experience.
- In addition to the tour hosts, specially trained local guides will lead you in the daily visits to Bible sites.
- You will walk through the 2,700-year old Hezekiah's tunnel in Jerusalem, visit rarely seen Tanis in the Egyptian Delta, where the Israelites lived, and in Jordan see the beautiful city of Petra. Spending a night at a Dead Sea resort, you can swim or wade if you wish, and at Eilat on the Red Sea you'll have a morning for diving, snorkeling, or visiting an observatory to see the beautiful waters and fish.
- In Egypt, you'll visit Memphis where Abraham, Joseph, and Moses were, and in Israel you'll see many ancient sites and be where Jesus and the apostles taught.

Itinerary

Friday, May 29 – Leave Dallas/Ft. Worth airport at 4:10 on Lufthansa 439. Arrive Frankfurt at 9:05 a.m. Leave Frankfurt at 10:05 on Lufthansa 686.

Saturday, May 30 – Arrive Tel Aviv 2:20 p.m. Check into the **Sharon Hotel** in Herzelia which has direct access to the beach for a walk or swim.

Sunday, May 31 – Visit Caesarea to see the amphitheater where Paul probably spoke in one of his trials (Acts. 24-26) and where Herod Antipas was stricken with worms (Acts 12). We will also see other sites in Caesarea. Lunch stop along the way. Visit Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, the Valley of Jezreel, Nazareth, and Mt. Tabor. Overnight in Tiberias at the **Caesar Hotel** near the Sea of Galilee. Church in the evening by the Sea.

Monday, June 1 – Sail on the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to see the remains of the city where Jesus taught and healed. See other sites along the northern edge of the Sea of Galilee and then visit the Mount of the Beatitudes where Jesus likely gave the Sermon on

the Mount. After a lunch of fish from the Sea of Galilee (included), see the first century boat. See the Jordan River and Bet Shean, and then drive to Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem at the **Grand Court Hotel**, within walking distance from the Old City.

Tuesday, June 2 – Visit Bethlehem, then return to Jerusalem to see the Israel Museum and Shrine of the Book which features the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the model of the City of Jerusalem as it was in Jesus' day. Late short lunch stop. Visit Solomon's Quarry. Go to Mount Zion to see the steps and a view of the temple grounds, and then to Ophel Hill to see the Jebusite Shaft, the Burnt House, the ancient walls of Jerusalem, and walk through the 8th century BC Hezekiah's tunnel. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday, June 3 – See the steps and pools at the south end of the Temple Mount. Visit the Temple Mount including the Dome of the Rock. See the Western Wall and walk through the Hasmonean Tunnel.

Visit the Pool of Bethesda, and the Fortress Antonia where Jesus was may have been tried by Pilate. Lunch stop. In the afternoon, visit the Garden Tomb, the Citadel, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Hezekiah's wall, the Cardo, and shop in the Old City, and/or take a walk along the upper part of the walls of Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday, June 4 – Walk down the processional way, observe the eastern wall of the Temple Mount and the Kidron Valley, see the Garden of Gethsemene, the Mount of Olives, and Bethany including Lazarus Tomb. Travel to Jericho and on the way observe the old Jericho road. Lunch stop in Jericho. See Jericho then Qumran. Overnight at the **Moriah Plaza** on the Dead Sea. Can swim if you wish.

Friday, June 5 – See Masada and Ein Gedi. Lunch stop. Cross the Allenby Bridge (arriving by 1 p.m) and after crossing into Jordan see Mount Nebo and the Madaba map. Then overnight at Petra at the **Crown Plaza Hotel**. Internet access in the rooms.

Saturday, June 6 – Early start to visit Petra, riding part of the way in on horseback. After the visit and lunch (included), drive to Eilat, arriving at the border crossing into Israel at Arava by 3 p.m. Arrive in Eilat by 5 p.m. Overnight at the **Isrotel Yam Suf** (formerly the Ambassador Hotel).

Sunday, June 7 – Morning in Eilat for diving and snorkeling, viewing the Underwater Observation Aquarium or walking along the beach. These activities are at your own expense. Leave at 1:30 p.m., crossing into Egypt at Taba. Box lunch on the bus. Drive across the Sinai Desert for overnight in Cairo arriving at the **Le Meridian Pyramid Hotel** about 8 p.m. Church on the bus.

Monday, June 8 – Pyramids, Sphinx, Cairo Museum including the King Tut finds, and the Papyrus Factory. See the Sights and Sounds of the Pyramids (included) at 8:30 p.m. Overnight in Cairo.

Tuesday, June 9 – Drive through the Nile Delta to see Tanis, Pi Ramses, and Avaris. Overnight in Cairo. Box lunch included.

Wednesday, June 10 – Memphis, Saqqara, ride a camel and see the Serapium, burial place of embalmed bulls. Lunch included. Return to Cairo and spend time in the Khan al-Khalili Bazaar or take an optional tour of the Pharonic Village.

Thursday, June 11 – Early flight to Luxor. See the Valley of the Kings in the morning (including Tombs of Seti I, the Tombs of Ramses sons, and Tutankamun if possible). Lunch included. See the Temple of Thebes in the late afternoon. Overnight in Luxor at the **Steigenbergen Luxor Hotel**. Felucca ride in the evening (included).

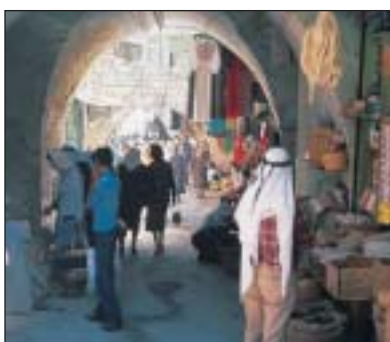
Friday, June 12 – See Temple at Karnak in the morning. Lunch included. Fly back to Cairo in the afternoon. Stay overnight at the **Fairmont Heliopolis** in Cairo.

Saturday, June 13 – Very early rising to make our flight at 5:25 a.m. on Lufthansa 585. Arrives Frankfurt at 8:45 a.m. Depart on Lufthansa 438 at 10:30 p.m. for arrival in DFW at 2:20 p.m. Return home on your own.

Optional add on excursion: Saturday morning flight to Istanbul. Saturday and Sunday sightseeing. Flight back to the US on Monday. Request additional price.

Cost

The tour cost from Dallas/Fort Worth is \$5990 for payment by check or cash. A surcharge applies for payment by credit card. Price is subject to minor changes based on fees that may vary.



Tour Conditions and Information

Features included in the tour price are:

TRANSPORTATION: Air transportation is included from Dallas/Fort Worth by economy class jet based on the advance purchase excursion fare. Cancellation fees are imposed by airlines if the air reservations are cancelled within 60 days of departure. Land transportation is by private motor coach.

HOTELS: Accommodations are in first class, well located hotels based on sharing twin bedded rooms with private bath. Supplement for a single room is \$1075.

MEALS: All meals are included in the trip price except five noon meals in Israel.

TRANSFERS: All transfers between airports and hotels are included as well as the handling of one average sized suitcase per person.

SIGHTSEEING: All sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary is included with entrance fees and the services of excellent English speaking guides.

TIPS AND TAXES: Baggage handling tips at airports and hotel service charges and taxes are included.

NOT INCLUDED IN COST: U.S. passport fee, visa fee for Jordan and Egypt, personal and baggage insurance, tips to guides, drivers and hotel staffs, items of a personal nature and any other items not specifically mentioned as being included. An added charge of \$160 will be made on the final billing to cover the tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staffs. Tour host will then care for all such tipping.

RESERVATIONS: A deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure space on the tour. Balance of the tour cost is due 75 days before departure.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: The free air allowance is in a state of change by many airlines at this time. We expect that one bag weighing no more than 50 pounds will be allowed. However, to be certain, we recommend that you check with Lufthansa nearer to departure time. During the land portion, tips for handling one bag per person are included.

CANCELLATIONS: The deposit is fully refundable until 90 days before departure. From 89 days to 60 days before departure, a \$200 penalty will apply. All monies paid are subject to forfeiture after this time. Trip cancellation, travel accident and baggage insurance is recommended and can be secured through Fowler Tours.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Tour prices are based on rates in effect September 1, 2008, and are subject to adjustment should rates change.

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Please make a reservation for _____ person(s) on the Holy Land Tour with the North Family from May 29 to June 13, 2009. Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$400 per person) as deposit. (Make check payable to Fowler Tours.)

LEGAL NAME(S) (as on Passport)

Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____ Email _____

I will be sharing a room with _____.

I prefer a single room at the applicable supplement.

I plan to depart from _____.

Please make the most economical air reservations for me from there to Dallas/Fort Worth.

I apply for membership in the Holy Land Tour with the North family subject to the conditions outlined in the tour brochure. I have read the "Responsibility" clause.

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