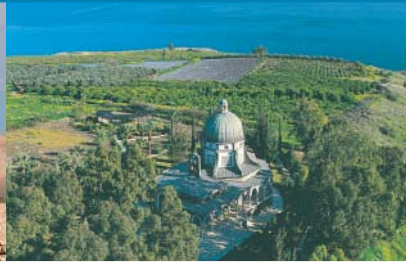


# JOIN GATEWAY CHRISTIAN CENTER ON AN 11 DAY BIBLICAL JOURNEY TO ISRAEL MAY 01 - 11, 2010

2010



## 11 Days to Israel

### Day 1 Saturday, May 01, 2010

#### U.S.A Departure

Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Continental flight departs Tampa at 6:30pm. Prepare yourself for a life - changing experience. Get some rest on the flight... Tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked! *Overnight: onboard*

### Day 2 Sunday, May 02, 2010

#### Arrival - Welcome to Israel

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport (flight arrives around 4:15 pm) where you will be met by our airport representative to assist you through security & customs. At the arrival hall we will meet our Israeli tour guide: Yossi Dagan and our bus driver. We will ascend to Jerusalem, the Holy City of Zion. Upon arriving in Jerusalem, experience a breathtaking panoramic view of Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade. Continue to our beautiful hotel for check in. Introduction & welcome dinner. Free time to rest, relax and enjoy your first evening in Jerusalem. *Overnight: Grand Court, Jerusalem*

### Day 3 Monday, May 03, 2010

#### Old City Jerusalem

Following breakfast, we begin our first day in Jerusalem with a visit to the "Southern Steps", the archaeological reconstruction of the Temple Steps where Jesus walked so often. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money changers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place that Peter stood and preached. And where thousands were saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost. \*We will visit the Temple Mount if visits are allowed. At the Western Wall (Wailing Wall) we will study the importance of this site to the Jewish people and will have the opportunity to pray together with many Jews at the site touching what many Israelis consider to be "the stones of our heritage." Then on to the fascinating Rabbinical Tunnels, running along the base of the Western Wall and leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman Street where our Lord was led to judgment. After lunch we will have free time to explore the Jewish quarter. Continue to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room (Luke 22) - the traditional site, where Jesus instituted the Lord's supper and where later Thomas cried, "My Lord & my God" and visit the tomb of King David. Return to the hotel for dinner. *Overnight: Grand Court, Jerusalem*

### Day 4 Tuesday, May 04, 2010

#### OLD City Jerusalem

Following breakfast we will visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the site of Caiaphas the high priest's house (John 18) where Jesus was

scourged. See a likely pit where Jesus was held for the evening and the ancient hillside steps he walked as He was taken to be condemned. Next we will head to the top of the Mount of Olives and stand where our Lord ascended into heaven (Acts 1). From the Mount of Olives we take in a breathtaking view of the city across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate which is blocked up and shut where the Prince of Peace will enter. (Ezekiel 44) we will visit the Garden of Gethsemane where we will see olive trees that date back to the time of Christ. We will continue to the Garden Tomb to celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise (Luke 23). After lunch we will enter the old city and take a free afternoon to enjoy the old city ambiance and walk through the colorful Markets. Return to the hotel for dinner.

*Overnight: Grand Court, Jerusalem*

### Day 5 Wednesday, May 05, 2010

#### New City Jerusalem / Dead Sea

After breakfast we will head on to explore the sites of the New City. Driving via the Knesset (the Israeli Parliament) we will visit the Israel Museum, hosting a scale model of the city set in New Testament Times, including the Second Temple. Visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls collection displays the authenticity of God's eternal Word. We will end our touring in Jerusalem with an emotional visit to the newly renovated Holocaust Museum - Yad Vashem. We will depart from the city of Jerusalem and travel east to the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. Arrive in our lovely Dead Sea hotel. Check in and dinner at the hotel. *Overnight: Moriah classic, Dead Sea*

### Day 6 Thursday, May 06, 2010

#### Dead Sea / Judea

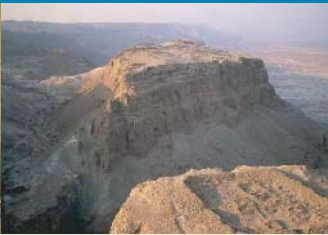
Following breakfast, we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea and arrive at Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod, famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. We will visit the oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid in a cave when running from Saul (1 Samuel 23). It was here that David composed several of the Psalms. Free time to dip (actually float) in the salty and healing water of the Dead Sea. Return to our hotel and take a free afternoon to enjoy the hotel facilities and spa treatments. Dinner at the hotel. *Overnight: Moriah classic, Dead Sea*

### Day 7 Friday, May 07, 2010

#### From The Dead Sea to the Sea of Galilee

After breakfast we depart from the Dead Sea. Our first stop will be Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and an ancient Essene community. We will drive through the Jordanian valley and pass the ancient city of Jericho to the city of Beth Shean for an overview of this remarkable archeological site. It was here that after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31). Continue on to the Sea of Galilee and drive along the eastern shores to our tranquil, lake front kibbutz guesthouse. Before check in we will take a breathtaking view of the Sea of Galilee. Check in and dinner.

*Overnight: Kibbutz Ein Gev*



**Day 8** Saturday, May 08, 2010

**Around the Sea of Galilee – Jesus’ early ministry**

Today we will experience the area of Jesus’ early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. After breakfast we will visit Kursi, where Jesus cast the demons into pigs that ran into the sea (Matt.8:28-33). Drive along the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee and visit Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the 5,000 & Primacy of Peter. Continue on to the 2000 year old remains of Capernaum (Luke 4). Here we can stand in what is left of the synagogue in which Jesus ministered. It was from this city that Jesus did most of his Galilean ministry, where he performed many miracles, and where Peter's mother-in-law lived and was healed. Then, on to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. We return to Kibbutz Ein Gev restaurant for our St. Peter fish lunch. We will then board a wooden boat and sail back to western shore of the Sea of Galilee and dock in Tiberias. We will visit the ancient boat from the time of Jesus at Kibbutz Ginosar. We will end the day at the baptismal site of Yardenit. Drive back to our hotel for Dinner. *Overnight: Kibbutz Ein Gev*

**Day 9** Sunday, May 09, 2010

**Golan Heights / Caesarea Philippi / Dan**

Today we drive up to the Golan Heights to the peak of Har Bental, where we can view Mt. Hermon. Here you can enter army bunkers and take in a panoramic view at the crossroads of three countries. From this point we can see across the Golan Plateau bordering with Syria and observe the abandoned Syrian city of Kuneitra and the U.N. outpost located nearby. Continue to Banias - ancient Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus said on this rock I will build my Church. We will continue down to the tranquil Dan natural reservation. A fascinating look at the ancient city of Dan gives us an opportunity to view the high place of the city, condemned by the Hebrew prophets of old. Return to the Sea of Galilee for dinner at our kibbutz hotel. *Overnight: Kibbutz Ein Gev*

**Day 10** Monday, May 10, 2010

**From the Galilee to Tel Aviv and departure**

After breakfast we will depart from the Galilee region. Our final day in Israel begins with a visit to Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16), site of the final battle. After exploring magnificent archaeological excavations at Megiddo we go through the famous water tunnel through the mount to our bus which awaits us at the other side. Then visit Mt. Carmel, site of Elijah’s prayer and fire from heaven. Proceed to Caesaria - the remnants of the city and ancient port built by Herod the Great. In the late afternoon we will arrive in Tel-Aviv. We will stroll along the narrow passages of Old Jaffa and celebrate the end of this great tour with a great farewell dinner at a Middle Eastern restaurant. From here a short drive to the airport for our flight back to the U.S. (Continental flight departs 11:50pm)

**Day 11** Tuesday, May 11, 2010

**Arrival in the U.S.**

Arrive today (around 9:30am) back in Tampa and start planning your next trip to the Holy Land...

*Remember to bring your Bible and Notepad as we study the Scriptures at each site identified in the Bible.*

**OPTIONAL EILAT AND PETRA EXTENSION:**

*Have you ever dreamed to visit the red rock city of Petra in Jordan. One of the seven wonders of the world. Join us on a 3 day extension to discover Eilat and Petra.*

**Day 10** Monday, May 10, 2010

**Fly from Tel Aviv to Eilat**

After the farewell dinner transfer to Sde Dov Tel Aviv airport for our 1 hour domestic flight to Eilat (Israel southern town on the border of Egypt and Jordan. Short taxi drive to our hotel for overnight. *Overnight: Dan Panorama Eilat*

**Day 11** Tuesday, May 11, 2010

**Full day Petra Tour**

After breakfast take a full day tour to the city of Petra. Transfer from your Eilat hotel to the Arava border point with Jordan, cross into Jordan and drive to Petra. Visit the wonders of the ancient city of this Ancient Rose Red City carved by the Nabataeans out of solid rock. A visit to Petra is one of the true highlights of any tour to the Middle East. For hundreds of years, Petra was forgotten until it was rediscovered in 1812. Visit the most famous monuments, carved in the red Sandstone and then eat lunch nearby. After a short city-tour in Aqaba we reach the Arava Border and return to our hotel in Eilat. Dinner together on our own. *Overnight: Dan Panorama Eilat*

**Day 12** Wednesday, May 12, 2010

**Free day in Eilat and fly back home**

After breakfast enjoy a free day in Eilat, stroll the beaches and swim in the chilly water of the Red Sea. Enjoy some of the various water sport activities and exciting attractions such as the underwater observatory and aquarium, the Dolphin Reef, Camel tours, Yacht sailing and more. In the afternoon we will take a sort taxi ride to Eilat airport and fly back to Sde dov airport. Transfer to the Ben Gurion airport for our flight back home (Continental flight departs 11:50pm).

**Day 13** Thursday May 13, 2010

**Arrival in the U.S.**

Arrive today (around 9:30am) back in Tampa and start planning your next trip to the Holy Land...

**Air & Land Package on Double Occupancy- \$2545**  
**Single Room Supplement - \$555**  
**Eilat and Petra Extension - \$650 +\$45 Jordan Visa**  
**Single Room Supplement for Eilat and Petra Extension - \$195**

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