

# Your Invitation

Dear Friends,

I invite you to join me for a "Once in a Lifetime Experience" to see the very places where Jesus walked, taught and lived His earthly life. Come with me on a tour of the Bible Lands. The Bible will come alive for you. I would like to share this experience with you and encourage you to join me.

I am certain you will return filled with enthusiasm, gratitude and a renewed faith.

"To walk in the footsteps of Jesus cannot be described. It can only be experienced."

Complete the enrollment form and mail it to me today. I look forward to your companionship.

Sincerely,

*Dr. & Mrs. Donald M. Gillette*

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## Your Journey Features:

- Roundtrip air transportation from Washington DC (IAD)
- First Class & Deluxe Hotels
- Land transportation via deluxe, private motor coach including free Wifi
- Taxes & fuel surcharge (\$748) and tips (\$95) included
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- A boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, and Masada included.

## **Please Read This Important Information:**

**Deposit** - \$300 due upon booking

**Second Payment due** - May 5, 2018- 50% of balance

**Full Balance due** - June 19, 2018

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport that is valid until at least April 15, 2019. Application forms are available at your local Passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. **Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.**

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Rates based on double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge (\$748) and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

# THE HOLY LAND, PETRA & DEAD SEA



**11 Days**



Departing  
**October 2, 2018**  
from Washington DC (IAD)  
**\$3,998.00**  
All Inclusive!  
(except lunches)

Hosted By:  
**Dr. Donald M. Gillette**



## The Holy Land, Petra & Dead Sea

**Day 1 - TUE OCT 2: USA - TEL AVIV.** Tour members gather at the ticket counter at the airport two hours prior to the departure to Israel. Dinner and breakfast are served in flight.

**Day 2 - WED OCT 3: TEL AVIV.** Upon our arrival at the Tel Aviv airport, we are met and transferred to our hotel in Nethanya - situated on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner is served at our hotel. Weather permitting; we suggest a walk on the beach.



**Day 3 - THU OCT 4: THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA - CAESAREA - MOUNT CARMEL - HAIFA - PLAIN OF ARMAGEDDON - NAZARETH - CANA - TIBERIAS.** After a good nights rest and a hearty breakfast, we begin the thrilling journey following in the footsteps of Jesus. At Caesarea by the sea we visit the Crusader's Castle, the Roman Amphitheater and water duct, and the port from which the Apostle Paul sailed to Rome. We continue northward along the Mediterranean coast to Mount Carmel where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal by the Brook Kishon. After Haifa, we view Megiddo and the Plain of Armageddon, Jezreel and Esdraelon. Visit Nazareth and Cana. Eastward, we arrive in Tiberias for dinner and overnight at our hotel and get our first glimpse of the beautiful Sea of Galilee.

**Day 4 - FRI OCT 5: TIBERIAS - SEA OF GALILEE - CAPERNAUM - MT. OF BEATITUDES - TABGHA - CAESAREA PHILIPPI - MT. HERMON - GOLAN HEIGHTS - JORDAN RIVER.** This will be an exciting day in the Galilee area. After a delicious breakfast, we depart from the Roman hot springs resort city of Tiberias via a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (*John 6:24*) to visit the ancient ruins of this first century synagogue where Jesus preached (*Matthew 4:13-17*). Then on to the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5-7*), and to Tabgha, the chapel dedicated to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (*Mark 6:34-44*).

We then proceed to Upper Galilee and the site of Peter's Confession (*Matthew 16:16*) at Caesarea Philippi and to Mt. Hermon (*Psalms 89:12*), the probable site of the Transfiguration (*Matthew 17:1-8*) and the present day Golan Heights where Israel, Lebanon and Syria come together. We follow the fresh mountain waters of Mt. Hermon to the Sea of Galilee and to the outlet passage at the southern tip of the sea. We then stop at the beautiful Pilgrims Park at the Jordan River. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 5 - SAT OCT 6: TIBERIAS - MT. NEBO - PETRA.** Today we depart Tiberias and drive to the Sheik Hussein Bridge and cross into Jordan. We visit Jerash, the "Pompeii of the Middle East," one of the most beautifully preserved Greco-Roman provincial cities in the Middle East, standing in the mountains of Gilead 30 miles north of Amman. Buried until 1920, this one-time city of Decapolis contains an impressive number of sites - temples to Artemis and Zeus, a vast Roman Forum, Hadrian's Triumphal Arch and a mile long Street of Whispering Columns. Continue to Mt. Nebo, and then on to Petra "The Rose Red City - Half as Old as Time". Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



**Day 6 - SUN OCT 7: PETRA - DEAD SEA.** This morning after breakfast, we visit Petra. This ancient Edomite and Nabatean capital is an amazing city of prophecy. See this spectacular "City of the Dead" with its famed gorge, ancient street, temples, dwelling places and tombs carved from the solid rock. We arrive at El Ji Post and continue on the one-mile journey on horseback or walk, passing through the famous SIQ (natural gorge) and arrive at the "Treasury". Visit the ancient theater, the Nabatean Judgment Hall, Place Tombs, famous Urn Temple and the Roman amphitheater. Those willing to climb may view the monastery, Jebel Harun (Mountain of Aaron) - reputed to be the burial place of Aaron. Carriage or horseback journey back to El Ji Post. Continue our return to Israel via the Southern Bridge. Then, we travel to the Dead Sea - the lowest point on earth - where we have dinner and spend the night at our resort hotel.

**Day 7 - MON OCT 8: DEAD SEA - MASADA - QUMRAN CAVES - VILLAGE OF THE ESSENES - JERICHO - OLD JERICHO - MT. OF TEMPTATION - BETHANY - JERUSALEM.** After an early dip in the Dead Sea we drive to Masada, - a truly remarkable piece of history. We ascend Masada by cable car to walk among the magnificent ruins of the fortress where, from 70-73 A.D., the Jewish defenders made the last stand of the Judean revolt against Rome and where the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a 6th century Byzantine church are still on view. Then we visit Ein Gedi - a green oasis in the middle of the desert. We return along the Dead Sea to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Visit the remains of the Community Center of the Essenes and the Caves of the Scrolls. Continue to ancient Jericho - where the walls came tumbling down and a commanding view of the Mt. of Temptation (*Matthew 4:1-11*) and Elisha's Fountain. We continue on the Jericho Road viewing the Inn of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:2537*) and the Judean wilderness. Then, we visit Bethany, the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus (*John 11:146*). Dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Holy City of Jerusalem.



**Day 8 - TUE OCT 9: JERUSALEM.** After a night of rest and a hearty breakfast this exciting day will begin with a drive to Mt. Scopus and the Mt. of Olives (*Matthew 24:3*) for a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Chapel of the Ascension, the Church of Pater Noster and the Dominus Flevit. We walk along the Hosanna Road to the Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations that stands on the Rock of Agony where Jesus was betrayed by Judas (*Matthew 26:36-57*). See the Pillar of Absalom, the Eastern (Golden) Gate and the Pinnacle of the Temple. We then drive to Mt. Zion where we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu on the site of Caiaphas' House, the Room of the Last Supper (*Luke 22:1420*) and the Tomb of King David. We continue our journey to New Jerusalem: Hebrew University, the Shrine of the Book that houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, see Yad Vashem - the immensely moving memorial to the six million martyrs of the Holocaust - and the Model City of Jerusalem which

depicts in miniature the Holy City as it appeared in the first century. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 9 - WED OCT 10: JERUSALEM - BETHLEHEM.** Today begins with a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. Starting at the Western (Wailing) Wall, where the faithful Jews cry their petitions to God, we continue to the Temple Area of Mt. Moriah. Visit the El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock that was built on the ancient site of Solomon's Temple (*Genesis 22:9-14*) and over the Rock of Sacrifice where Abraham offered Isaac (*Genesis 22*) and the ceremonial sacrifice of animals took place. After this, we walk along the Via Dolorosa to Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of the Flagellation and the Ecce Homo Arch (*John 19:13*) where Jesus was tried before Pilate (*Mark 15:6*). This afternoon, we continue our tour to Bethlehem. We visit the Church of the Nativity - the birthplace of Jesus - and Shepherds Fields (*Luke 2:1-20*) then the Field of Boaz and Ruth (*Ruth 1:16-17 & 4:13*). Return to Jerusalem passing Rachel's Tomb (if viewable) to our hotel for overnight.

**Day 10 - THU OCT 11: JERUSALEM / JOPPA / Airport.** This morning return to Old City to walk through the bazaars around the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit the Garden Tomb and Golgotha - Place of the Skull - for a worship service. Travel to Tel Aviv for some sightseeing including Ancient Joppa on the Sea where Jonah set sail and where Peter raised Dorcas from the dead. Joppa was the home of Simon the Tanner. Enjoy a farewell dinner before driving to the airport this evening for check-in.



**Day 11 - FRI OCT 12: NORTH AMERICA.** Early morning arrival in the United States and then continue home - the end of a most enjoyable journey.

*\*The above agenda is our plan, but certain things, which are out of our control, could alter our plan. This is always the case when taking a trip such as this.*