

A Study Tour & Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Hosted by Daniel & Dawn Harrell and Dave & Anne Williamson

Colonial Church of Edina, Minnesota

February 19 - March 2, 2013



Highlights & Inclusions

Spiritual and educational enrichment of traveling with a community under the leadership of Daniel & Dawn Harrell and Dave & Anne Williamson.



Customized itinerary and comprehensive program featuring visits to Caesarea, Megiddo, Sea of Galilee, Sepphoris, Caesarea Philippi, Capernaum, Nazareth, Mount of Beatitudes, Old City Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea and more.



Professional services of a licensed English-speaking tour guide throughout itinerary.



Special visits to dialogue with local community leaders involved in peacemaking and reconciliation.



International air fare on US Airways from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Tel Aviv, Israel including current fuel surcharge.



Accommodations in a combination of Superior First Class and First Class hotels and use of Jerusalem hotel room until airport transfer on the last day. Accommodations based on sharing a room.



20 meals included: buffet breakfast daily, 10 dinners and one lunch.



Private deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach for transfers and touring including handling of one piece of luggage at hotels.



Entrance fees and donations for included visits and honoraria for speakers.

Climate in the Holy Land

Travel during February in the higher elevation around Jerusalem offers average temperatures from the mid-50s°F to the high-60s°F. Expect temperatures at least 10°F warmer in lower elevations such as along the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. On average, rainfall is infrequent and days are mostly sunny. The geography of this itinerary varies from the lowest point on earth at the Dead Sea of 1200 feet below sea level to nearly 3000 feet above in Jerusalem. Due to the varied terrain and geographically small area of the Holy Land, it's common to travel a wide range of altitudes and experience varying temperatures and weather conditions within one day.

Average high/low temperatures in February are:
Jerusalem 65-41°F Tiberias 72-48°F Dead Sea 78-53°F

About the Tour Hosts

Daniel Harrell is the Senior Minister of Colonial Church and author of two best selling books. Daniel loves exploring the Biblical text for fresh, deeper understanding and application. **Dawn Harrell**, a mom, teacher, spiritual director and writer, is the author of *Ten Ways to Pray: A Short Guide to a Long History of Talking to God*.

Dave and Anne Williamson have led several pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Dave is a former Associate Minister at Colonial Church, and Director Emeritus of a retreat center in South Texas. Both value the Christian growth from visiting the Biblical sites. Anne knows the good shopping spots and Dave values the significance of specific places for enhanced reading of both the Bible and today's newspaper.

You are invited to join them on this pilgrimage and study tour to the Holy Land.

Customized Itinerary

Day 1 Tue, February 19 **Depart Twin Cities**
Leave Minneapolis/St. Paul on US Airways flights to Tel Aviv, Israel via Philadelphia. (meals in-flight)

Day 2 Wed, February 20 **Arrive Tel Aviv**
Afternoon arrival in the Holy Land. Shalom from tour guide and transfer to a Tel Aviv hotel for dinner and a night's rest. Time permitting, brief visit at Jaffa before hotel check in. (meals in-flight,D)

Day 3 Thu, February 21 **Tel Aviv - Galilee**
Travel through the Sharon Plain to Caesarea and discover the city built by Herod and where Apostle Paul was imprisoned. Continue to the archeological site of ancient Megiddo. Walk among the remains and take in a panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley. Descend to the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight at Scots Hotel in Tiberias. (B,D)

Day 4 Fri, February 22 **Galilee**
Travel this morning to Nazareth visiting the Church of the Annunciation and Synagogue Church where Jesus first learned, prayed and preached. Lunch on own in Nazareth. In nearby Sepphoris, visit the capital of Galilee in the first century. Enjoy a memorable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and marvel at the ancient wooden boat found buried in the sea. Return to Tiberias hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 5 Sat, February 23 **Galilee**
This morning, journey to the nature reserve of Baniyas, location of biblical Caesarea Philippi. Weather permitting, picnic lunch en route today. Return to the area around the Sea of Galilee for a panoramic view from on top of Mount of Beatitudes. Visit the Church of the Multiplication and the place along the shore where it is believed Jesus appeared to disciples after resurrection commemorated at the Church of the Primacy of Peter. Discover the ancient city of Capernaum where Jesus began preaching. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Tiberias. (B,L-boxed,D)

Day 6 Sun, February 24 **Galilee - Dead Sea**
Travel the Jordan River Valley, stopping at a baptismal site near Jericho. Continue to the north end of the Dead Sea with a brief stop at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. By mid-afternoon arrive at hotel along Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth at over 1200 feet below sea level. Try a float in the Dead Sea before dinner and overnight at hotel along the shore. (B,D)

Day 7 Mon, February 25 **Dead Sea - Jerusalem**
Early this morning take the cable car to the top of Masada where Herod built a palace and Jewish zealots resisted the Romans. Ascend to almost 3000 feet above sea level in about an hour upon arriving in Jerusalem. End the day on top of the Mount of Olives walking the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Jerusalem. (B,D)

Day 8 Tue, February 26 **Jerusalem**
Special visit this morning to see the facilities of the Jerusalem International YMCA, one of the landmarks in Jerusalem, and possible meet with director, Forsan Hussein. Learn about the unique mission including an integrated preschool. Travel to West Jerusalem for a reflective visit of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum and memorial. View the scale model of Jerusalem during Jesus' lifetime and the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum. Visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu in commemoration of Peter's triple rejection of Jesus. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Jerusalem. (B,D)

Day 9 Wed, February 27 **Visit Bethlehem**
Journey to nearby Bethlehem for a visit to the Church of the Nativity. Free time to explore Manger Square. Walk through the market to the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB), also known as Dar Annadwa, and visit Christmas Lutheran Church. Tour the facilities, shop in the arts and crafts center and possibly meet with Palestinian minister Rev. Mitri Raheb or another ICB staff member to learn more about this important Bethlehem ministry. Visit the nearby Dheisheh refugee camp. End the day in Shepherds' Fields. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,D)

Day 10 Thu, February 28 **Jerusalem Old City**
Today is a full day walking tour to discover Jerusalem's Old City. Begin the day with an early visit at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, believed to be the site of crucifixion and burial. Continue into the Old City and discover the Western Wall and the Temple Mount with the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa Mosque. Tour the Southern Wall excavations revealing remains of the Second Temple period. Trace the Via Dolorosa and visit the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church. Dinner this evening is optional at the hotel (no additional cost for hotel buffet) as some may wish to try local cuisine on own at a Jerusalem restaurant. Overnight at Jerusalem hotel. (B,D)

Day 11 Fri, March 1 **Jerusalem**
Morning stroll from the hotel to the Garden Tomb for communion service. The remainder of the day is leisure time for individual exploration and to prepare for this evening's departure. Perhaps shop at Sunbula, the fair trade arts and crafts shop specializing in locally produced handicrafts. Another option is to climb the tower of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the Old City for one of the best views from inside the walls. Early final group dinner at hotel. Hotel rooms available until transfer to the Tel Aviv airport at approximately 7:00pm for overnight flight back home. (B,D)

Day 12 Sat, March 2 **Return Home**
Continue homeward arriving in Minneapolis/St. Paul this morning. (meals in-flight)

20 included meals: B=buffet breakfast,
L=lunch, D=dinner

Itinerary subject to adjustment as needed for operation.

Passport, Visa, Health & Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at www.travel.state.gov. No visa is required for U.S. citizens. No vaccinations are required for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and visa requirements. Without proper documents entry can be denied at tour member's expense.

This travel program requires walking on uneven surfaces including steps and inclines at times for significant distances and periods of one to two hours. One full day in Jerusalem is a walking tour will periodic breaks. If you have concerns about your abilities, consult CrossingBorders or the tour hosts.

Web sites of interest: goisrael.com and travelpalestine.ps

Travel Waiver

I have been advised and am aware of the U.S. State Department Travel Warning to Israel and the West Bank available at www.travel.state.gov/travel.* I am traveling to Israel and the West Bank of my own free will and choice. Accordingly, I understand that neither CrossingBorders, Inc. nor its employees or agents have made, nor can make, any representation or guaranty regarding my safety on this tour. As a condition of participating in this tour, I agree, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to waive all claims, release CrossingBorders and hold it harmless from and against all personal injury, loss and/or property damage that may arise as a result of my participation in the Israel and West Bank tour. By signing this registration form, I agree to all CrossingBorders' travel terms and conditions and understand and agree to the above release and waiver. *Please contact CrossingBorders if you need a copy of the U.S. State Department Travel Warning.

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Tour Cost

\$4199 tour from Minneapolis/St. Paul

Additional costs

Airport taxes - \$97 Gratuities - \$96

Supplement for single accommodations - \$1050
Limited availability of single accommodations.

Costs are current at printing, subject to change
and based on a group size of 34.

Registration

An initial deposit of \$500 per person is due immediately to secure reservation. Make check payable to CrossingBorders Escrow Account and mail to 7805 Telegraph Road, Suite 210, Bloomington, MN 55438

Full legal name as on passport Male Female

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Nickname Birth Date (month/day/year)

Mailing address (No P.O. Box numbers)

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone (day)

Telephone (night)

Email

Roommate

I would like assistance in finding a roommate.

Note: an attempt to find a roommate will be made, however, cannot be guaranteed. Single supplement applies if no roommate.

Please request single accommodations for me.

I understand single accommodations are limited.

I have read, understand and agree to the Terms & Conditions and Travel Waiver.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date



Mount of Beatitudes

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Terms & Conditions

PLEASE NOTE The tour and per person tour cost are based on current airfare from the Minneapolis/St. Paul, shared occupancy, land costs and currency valuations as of April 2012, a minimum group size of 34, and subject to availability and change. For a smaller group size of less than 34, a supplement per person may apply. Airline/airport taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change. A limited number of land only spaces are available; contact CrossingBorders for availability.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST Airline/airport taxes, increases in fuel surcharge, gratuities, luggage handling at Tel Aviv airport, accommodations, meals, transfers and sightseeing not specifically mentioned, beverages, passport fees, insurance, excess baggage, items of a personal nature. Land only registration requires a \$100 fee and must be requested in writing at time of registration; does not include arrival and departure transfers if different times from the group schedule.

PAYMENT Deposit of \$500 due immediately to secure registration. Registration after October 19 subject to a \$100 fee. Within 30 days of departure, no registrations accepted. Final payment including additional costs invoiced and due November 19, 2012. To offer this group cost, both the deposit and final payment by check only; credit cards not accepted. Note: should the tour be cancelled due to a change in travel conditions, a \$200 administrative fee per tour member applies plus any unrecoverable airline or land deposits.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS Airfare is based on tour members departing Minneapolis/St. Paul on the same day; departures from other cities are not available on this group airfare. A limited number of air ticket extensions are available on this group airfare. Requests for special arrangements to extend stay must be in writing and a minimum \$100 per tour member service fee applies in addition to airline service fees and charges. Contact CrossingBorders for rules, fees and availability for special arrangements.

OPTIONAL INSURANCE Optional insurance for baggage, health and trip cancellation is available and recommended; an application is provided at time of registration. Purchasing travel insurance within 21 days of registration may waive pre-existing medical conditions. Contact CrossingBorders for further information.

REFUND POLICY Cancellations received in writing by October 19, 2012 a \$200 fee applies plus unrecoverable deposits. October 20 - January 17, 2013, cancellation fees increase to loss of deposit plus any unrecoverable air and land service payments. After January 17, no refund. Airline tickets are issued in advance and are nonrefundable. No refund for any unused portion of the tour due to the special contracts for tour features, commitments to other tour members, and the services rendered on behalf of all tour members by CrossingBorders. Optional insurance is highly recommended.

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