

Israel/Palestine

February 22 – March 5 2014

*Israel/Palestine Mission Network sponsored trip
Saint John's Presbyterian sponsored trip*

Have you ever experienced a moment of “Wonder,” a desire to know what feelings would occur if you were to walk and be where great teachings, miracles and the son of God were chosen to be?

Here is the journey we have organized, and it is with great anticipation we “wonder” what these dates hold for each of us!



Pilgrimage

Move faith forward



Quintessential Holy Places

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus



Meet the People

*Feel their hearts, their rhythm
Create understanding*



Archeology

*Witness, as we uncover
the many layers of our sacred history*



Sea of Galilee

Sermon on the Mount

Capernaum

Nazareth

Jordan River

Church of Multiplication of Loaves & Fishes



Bethlehem

Nativity Church

Hebron's Patriarch Tomb:

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

Jericho retreat

Dead Sea Qumran Scrolls



Jerusalem

Holy Sepulchre Church

Via Dolorosa

Mount of Olives

Gethsemane

Western Wall



World Views

Christians - Reduced to 3% in Bethlehem

Israelis - a political Island

Palestinians - Housing relocation & walls

Settlers - Living in isolation

Bedouin - Nomad

We will visit them all...

INCLUDED:

- A small, friendly group
- Services of PhD guide, local experts
- Spiritual leader, Max Lynn
- All group tours and admissions
- All group transportation
- Airfare from SFO
- 9 nights accommodations in memorable hotels
- All breakfasts and dinners

Optional single supplements for private rooms

Not included: insurance, lunches, drinks and tips

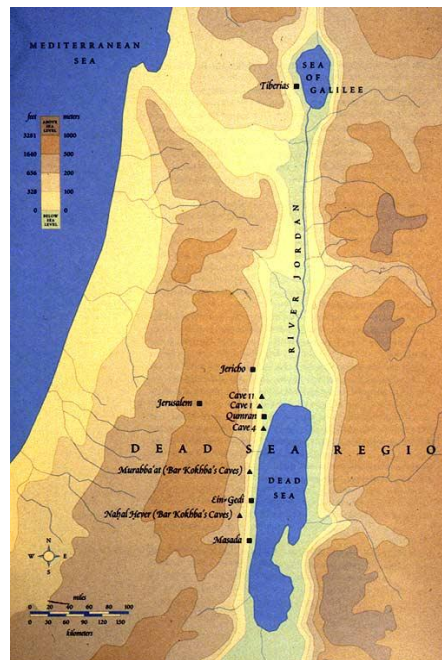
\$300 deposit by 11/1/2013 (diana.brown@att.com)

This cost was carefully researched to allow you a

chance to join this opportunity: \$3040

If 20 sign up by 10/21, price drops by \$290

No airfare: \$1940



ITINERARY:

Day 1 Departure flight (Saturday, Feb 22)

Stay in **Tiberius – West Shores of the Sea of Galilee** (UNESCO World Heritage site)

Day 2 Visit Haifa on the Mediterranean Sea, Mount Carmel (UNESCO) and transfer to Tiberius (Sunday, Feb 23)

Day 3 Visit the Church of the Beatitudes and hold a sermon at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Visit the ancient Capernaum's Synagogue and St. Peter's house. Visit Tabgha Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes with its ancient Byzantine mosaic floor. Take a boat ride on the peaceful waters of the Sea of Galilee. Return to hotel for dinner. (Monday, Feb 24)

Day 4 Travel north to Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas), the headwaters of the Jordan River, and from here up to the Peace Observatory for an impressive view of the Sea of Galilee. Visit Nimrod's Castle, the largest complete fortress in the Middle East. It controlled the northern Galilee and the route to Damascus. Visit Cana, the site of the first miracle, turning water into wine. (Tuesday, Feb 25)

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Jericho Monastery

Day 5 Tour Jesus' childhood home, Nazareth, including the Church of the Annunciation. Travel to Jericho. Archeologist-led exploration of Tell es-Sultan. Retreat in Jericho Monastery at Mount of Temptation. This was believed to be the location where Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights. (Wednesday, Feb 26)



Bethlehem

Day 6 Start the morning with a hike towards the dead sea. Group meets at Dead Sea. Visit the Qumran Scrolls site. Visit Jericho's Zacchaeus' Tree & Hirsham's Palace(*). Open discussion with local expert. (Thursday, Feb 27)

Day 7 Olive Planting AM. Lunch with Bedouin people in their tent. Visit the Nativity Church in Bethlehem (UNESCO) and Nativity Square. Open discussion with local expert. (Friday, Feb 28)

Day 8 Olive Planting AM. Visit Hebron in the afternoon to see the Patriarch tombs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob), old city and glass blowing. Open discussion with local expert. (Saturday, March 1)

Day 9 Commune with local church. Visit Shepherd's Field. Travel to old city Jerusalem. (Sunday, March 2)

Jerusalem (*old city*) (UNESCO)

Day 10 Jerusalem: Walk the Via Dolorosa entering from the East Gate to follow the path of Jesus. Visit the pools of Bethesda. See the beautiful Holy Sepulchre Church. Visit the most holy of Jewish places, the Western Wall. View the Temple Mount / Dome of the Rock. Hear the Israeli perspective on defense from a moderate Zionist. (Monday, March 3)

Day 11 We will visit the Mount of Olives: Gethsemane, Church of All Nations, Pastor Noster Church, site of Ascension, King David's tomb and the site memorializing the Last Supper. Enjoy our final dinner. (Tuesday, March 4)

Day 12 depart (Wednesday, March 5 early AM)

AGENDA MAY CHANGE TO ACCOMMODATE SITUATIONAL CHANGES

(*) alternate activities will be available for hike or other physically challenging activities