



**Israel/Palestine Mission Network**

# **STEADFAST HOPE PEOPLE & PLACES OF THE HOLY LAND**

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 12, 2010 13 DAYS

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO PETRA IN JORDAN

*"...come and see..."  
John 1:46*

**Hosted by:  
The Rev. Marthame Sanders,  
Peter Mann and Don Mead**

Join us for a once in a lifetime experience as we travel to the land of Christ's birth and meet the complex mix of people who dwell in that land today!

Offered by the Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the PC (USA), this Presbyterian pilgrimage will spend time in the major holy sites of Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Galilee, and Jerusalem. We will meet Israelis and Palestinians, Jews, Muslims and Christians, as we learn about a complex conflict through their eyes. We will also spend time in a rural area in the Northern West Bank, a major source

of Palestinian olive oil, where we will lend a hand in the olive harvest (if the timing is right) and take part in a regional festival celebrating the harvest.

Special to this trip will be time spent with Palestinian Christians and other long-term partners of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our hope is that pilgrims will establish on-going relationships with one or more of those PC (USA) partners. In order to sustain these partnerships, we are planning this pilgrimage to include people from a few locations in the U.S., preferably coming from more than one congre-

gation in a Presbytery or adjacent Presbyteries. The trip will be co-led by three experienced Presbyterians: Marthame Sanders, a pastor who spent three and a half years as Presbyterian missionary; and Peter Mann and Donald Mead, both Presbyterian Elders who have spent time in the Middle East. Peter is the founder and president of Import Peace, a fair trade olive oil partnership. Don is a retired economist whose introduction to the region came through work with Palestinian refugees in Cairo, in the late 1950s.

Come and see!

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### SUN 31 OCT Depart USA

Depart Atlanta on the non-stop, overnight flight to Israel via Delta Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

### MON 01 NOV Arrive Tel Aviv/Bethlehem

Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport at 4:20PM - your guide and driver will be waiting to transfer you to Bethlehem. After hotel check-in enjoy some time to relax and freshen up before joining the group for dinner this evening at ICB's Il'ilyeh Restaurant. (Meals in-flight, D)

### TUE 02 NOV Bethlehem

This morning meet at the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB) for an introduction to the staff and their work as part of the Diyar Consortium. The Lutheran based, ecumenically oriented institutions of this consortium serve the whole Palestinian community from "the womb to the tomb," with an emphasis on children, youth, women and the elderly through unique programs that are contextual and holistic in nature. Take a walking tour of the Old City visiting the Church of the Nativity and Manager Square. This afternoon visit Shepherds Fields in Beit Sahour. Dinner at ICB's Il'ilyeh Restaurant. (B, D)

### WED 03 NOV Bethlehem /Galilee

This morning meet with representatives of the Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem at their Bethlehem office. Then meet during lunch with a local speaker regarding Israeli/Palestinian reconciliation. Tour an Israeli settlement with a resident and visit Deheishe Refugee Camp. Late this afternoon, travel to the Galilee for hotel check-in and dinner. (B, L, D)

### THU 04 NOV Galilee

Today tour the Galilee region. See the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum. Drive along the shore to Tabgha for visits to the Church of Multiplication, built on the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter. Visit the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee. End the day with a boat ride on the peaceful waters of the Sea of Galilee. Stop at Mt. Arbel for a lovely panoramic view. (B, D)

### FRI 05 NOV Galilee/Zababdeh

This morning transfer from the Galilee to Zababdeh. Begin activities planned by our local hosts including attendance at this evening's Olive Harvest Festival. Haddad Hotel (B,D)

### SAT 06 NOV Zababdeh

Enjoy another full day of local activities including olive picking. Haddad Hotel (B,D)

### SUN 07 NOV Zababdeh/Nazareth

Join morning worship in Zababdeh then say farewell to newfound friends. Travel to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Greek Orthodox Church and Mary's Well. Nazareth is located between the open space of the Jezreel valley and the mountainous regions of the Galilee. During the first 20 years of his life spent in Nazareth, Jesus had many an opportunity to walk on the mountain ranges, to look over and think about the history of his people. Overnight in Nazareth. (B,D)

### MON 08 NOV Nazareth/Jerusalem

Visit Nazareth Village where first century Biblical life is recreated. Then Drive to Ibilin to meet with Elias Chacour, Archbishop of Galilee of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church and author of *Blood Brothers* and *We Belong to the Land* (subject to his availability). Archbishop Chacour will share his journey of peacemaking, including the establishment of Mar Elias Educational Institutions, whose motto is "building peace through education." Continue to Jerusalem for hotel check-in and overnight. (B,D)

### TUE 09 NOV Jerusalem

Begin the day atop the Mount of Olives with its stunning panoramic view of Jerusalem. Then walk in Jesus' footsteps down the Palm Sunday Road to arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane. Cross the Kidron Valley and visit the ancient City of David excavations. Continue to Mt. Zion for a visit to St. Peter's in Gallicantu, which commemorates Peter's three denials of Christ and Caiaphas' House where Jesus was imprisoned. This afternoon learn about the work of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolition (ICAHD) and view the controversial Separation Wall. (B,D)

### WED 10 NOV Jerusalem

Start the day at the Temple Mount (Haram al Sharif in Arabic) with the Al Aqsa Mosque, sacred for the Muslims, second only to Mecca; continue to the Western Wall, the holiest site for Jews; then walk the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa ending at the Church of Holy Sepulchre. En route stop at the Church of the Sisters of Zion (Ecce Homo) to see the original street level pavement from the time of Jesus. During the course of the day meet with representatives of B'Tselem, the Israeli policy human rights organization, for a meeting with one of their representatives. (B,D)

### THU 11 NOV Jerusalem

Check out of the hotel this morning - two day rooms will be kept until departure to the airport this evening (Travelers going to Petra will stay overnight at the hotel). This morning meet with Ophir Yarden of the Inter-Religious Coordinating Council in Israel, then get new perspectives on a close up visit to the Separation Wall. This afternoon explore the Old City on your own. Gather for a farewell dinner before an evening transfer to the airport for flight check in and departure at 11:50PM on the non-stop flight to Atlanta. (B,D)

### FRI 12 NOV Return to USA

Arrive in Atlanta at 6:05 AM where travelers can connect with continuing flights. Return home the same day enriched with a new understanding of the ancient and contemporary world of the Holy Land. (Meals in-flight)

## Petra, Jordan Option Extension

### FRI 12 NOV Jerusalem/Petra

This morning transfer to the Israel/Jordan border crossing at the Allenby Bridge. Meet your Jordanian guide and coach. Then drive to Mount Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Standing atop the hill you overlook the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond. Nearby visit the Christian village of Madaba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land. Now travel southward, cross-country through the desert to the village of Wadi Musa, which nestles around Petra. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ **AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Atlanta via Delta Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ✓ **ACCOMMODATION:** Ten nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels/guesthouses, double occupancy, with private facilities. Two day-rooms included for Thursday, November 11.
- ✓ **MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily as outlined in the itinerary.
- ✓ **GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- ✓ **SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- ✓ **PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- ✓ **EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced Christian tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- ✓ **GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$119 per person has been included).
- ✓ **TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$380 per person).
- ✓ **ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

## COST SUMMARY

# \$3299

Group flights from Atlanta

Airport/Foreign Departure Taxes (\$380).....Included  
 Tour Gratuities (\$119)..... Included  
*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD*

### Optional Supplements Per Person

Estimated Minneapolis or Detroit add-ons.....\$195  
 Single Room\*.....\$389

*\*In addition to base tour cost  
 Very limited availability on request basis.  
 GTD can assist in finding roommates;  
 however, this cannot be guaranteed*

**Costs:** The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Atlanta (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of February 2010, a minimum of 30 travelers (10 on the optional extension), and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

### Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No visa is required for U.S. citizens entering Israel/Palestine; non-U.S. citizens may require a visa.

## JORDAN EXTENSION

# \$699

Tour Gratuities (\$22).....Included  
 Jordanian Visa (\$40).....Included  
 Border Taxes (\$37).....Included  
*\*Costs per person based on double occupancy, in USD*

Single Room Supplement .....\$109

### Extension Includes:

- Two nights accommodation in first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities.
- Breakfast and dinner daily as outlined in the itinerary.
- Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Jordan to departure from Amman.
- Jordanian visa (fee currently \$40 per person) is required for U.S. citizens; GTD will assist with processing.
- Border taxes for the crossing from Israel to Jordan.
- Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$22 per person has been included).

**PRE-EXISTING  
 medical conditions and other  
 circumstances are covered  
 when insurance is purchased at the  
 time of reservation / deposit.  
 Contact Travel Insured for more  
 info. 800-243-3174**

## RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#101007 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name as it appears on passport) FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Sign me up for the Jordan extension

Address (no P.O. boxes please) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_  I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this can not be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

### FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from from Atlanta.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from \_\_\_\_\_ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.  
Please contact GTD for land- only rates.

### DEPOSIT/TRAVEL INSURANCE (please check one)

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$564** per person inclusive of travel insurance for the main tour only.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$578** per person inclusive of travel insurance for the main tour and the Jordan extension.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$400** per person without travel insurance. I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without

### Form of Payment

Check  
 Charge my deposit(s) to  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#101007

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**SAT 13 NOV**

**Petra/Amman**

This morning tour Petra, the rose-red city carved out of the mountains, which was lost for 1000 years. As you draw near Petra you have the choice of walking or taking a carriage through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon (cost of the carriage ride is not included). From the 3rd century B.C. to the 2nd century A.D., the Nabateans made Sela Edom (red rock city) their capital and carved buildings befitting their status along an important trade route. Visit the most interesting carved monuments such as the elegant Treasury (Al Khazneh), the field of tombs, and the colonnaded street. See the Crusaders' Castle Shawbak, which was built to protect the eastern flank of the Latin Kingdom and its trade routes to the Red Sea and then travel to Amman. Join the group for a final dinner before flight check-in and departure at 11:55PM this evening. (B, D)

**SUN 14 NOV**

**Return to U.S.**

Arrive at JFK Airport 5:30AM this morning where travelers can connect with continuing flights. Arrive home this same day enriched with a new understanding of the ancient and contemporary world of the Holy Land. (Meals in-flight)

*Code: Breakfast, Lnch, Dinner  
Evolving circumstances and opportunities may require adjustments in this schedule.*

**TOUR CONDITIONS**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due June 28, 2010. Final payment is due August 27, 2010. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

**REFUND POLICY:** All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance prior to departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to June 27, 2010 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; June 28 – October 15, 2010– Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; October 16, 2010 or after– No refund.

**CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS:** The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than June 28, 2010. A minimum fee of \$175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

**LATE BOOKINGS:** Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

**NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:**

*Please be assured that GTD continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies, etc. If any such events affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)*

**GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, i.e., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

**GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS**

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Assistance Service.....	included
<i>* a maximum of \$3500 per person</i>	
<i>** a maximum of \$5259 per person</i>	

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is \$164 per person (\$178 with the optional extension). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered.



**CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

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