

'ANCIENT MOUNTAINS ' ISRAEL JOURNEY

13 OCT – 27 OCT, 2006

Hosted by
Pastor Deborah Lynch
Gates of Praise
Christian Fellowship



Friday, 13 OCT
N. America to Israel.

Today we enjoy complimentary in-flight service as we embark on our flight(s) to Tel Aviv, Israel, in great anticipation of our Ancient Mountains Journey.

Saturday, 14 OCT
Israel arrival, Tel Aviv.

As we come closer and closer to Israel, our hearts begin to beat faster. There before our eyes is the Ben Gurion airport, and it is touchdown to the **Promised Land**. Our guide Roni and coach driver will meet us upon arrival as we begin to share a unique and memorable experience over the next twelve days. We leave Ben Gurion airport and travel to the city of **Tel Aviv** where we check-in to our hotel. Here we enjoy our 'welcome dinner'.

Sunday 15 OCT
Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo.

After our first Israeli buffet breakfast we drive from Tel Aviv, following the Mediterranean coast, by way of the Via Maris to the ancient Roman port and city of **Caesarea**. Not far from here is **Mt. Carmel** (Muchraka) the powerful site where Elijah challenged and defeated the 450 prophets of Baal. Driving down from here we reach **Megiddo**, the fortress city of King Solomon. The Books of Daniel and Revelation will come alive as we view the **Plains of Jezreel** and learn about the final Battle of Armageddon. Our journey brings us to the Upper Galilee and the lovely Kibbutz Hagoshrim. Here we unpack and rest before enjoying dinner. (B,D)

Monday 16 OCT

Immersion, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi.

After breakfast we are given an insightful tour of Hagoshrim, giving us a better understanding of Kibbutz life and the changing face of the Kibbutzim. After the tour we will take time to immerse ourselves in the River Jordan before touring the Upper Galilee. This afternoon we will walk through Tel Dan, an important biblical city and breathtaking nature reserve. From here we visit nearby **Banias**, one of the sources of the Jordan River, also known as **Caesarea Philippi**. It is here that Peter first proclaimed Jesus as The Messiah. Dinner tonight will be at our kibbutz. (B,D)

Tuesday 17 OCT

Mt. Hermon, Mt. Bental, Golan Heights.

Today we stay in the upper Galilee. From our kibbutz we journey past the Crusader fortress of Nimrod Castle and **Mt. Hermon** before reaching **Mt. Bental**. Here we view the lush valleys of the Golan and also the border with Syria and the road to Damascus. We will pass many army bases, UN guard posts and memorial sites. After a visit to the In the afternoon we will visit **Gamla** before returning to our kibbutz, but not before we visit both the **Golan Winery** and the world famous **Naot shoe factory**. Dinner will be at our kibbutz this evening. (B,D)

Wednesday 18 OCT

Mt. Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Mt Arbel.

Our first stop today is **Tel Hazor** the largest Tel in Israel. Continuing south we arrive at **Mount of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. From here we enjoy a spectacular view of the **Sea of Galilee**. A visit to **Capernaum**, home to Jesus ministry once he left Nazareth, is followed by **Tabgha**, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. A St. Peter's fish lunch gives us sustenance to sing and dance as we sail on the Sea of Galilee in our private boat. At the end of today we enjoy a donkey ride to the summit of **Mt. Arbel** for a breathtaking view of the Sea of Galilee as the sun sets on a memorable day. (B,D)

Thursday 19 OCT

Mts. Of Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Gilboa.

Today we leave the Galilee and head towards Nazareth, but not before driving through the city of **Cana**, where Jesus performed his first miracle. Once in **Nazareth** we walk through the market place to the ancient Synagogue and then journey back through time as we visit the Nazareth village, or **Hoshaya**, (the biblical village.). From here we go to **Mt. Kdumim**, the cliff where the people of Nazareth tried to push Jesus over the edge; however, He walked through the crowd and went on His way. From Nazareth we visit **Mt. Tabor**, where we take a wild taxi ride to the top. Looking down from Deborah and Barak's mountain we have a beautiful view of the Jezreel Valley. From Mt. Tabor we drive to the ancient Roman city of **Beth Sh'an** before visiting **Mt. Gilboa**, site of the final battle between King Saul and the Philistines. Our journey takes us south through the Jordan Valley towards our kibbutz for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Friday 20 OCT

Dead Sea to Negev Desert, Bedouin Tent.

Today we drive towards the Negev Desert. Our first stop is **Qumran**. Here we will listen to the story and see the exact location where the 2000 year old **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered. Following the shoreline of the Dead Sea we reach **Mt. Sodom** where we view the area of Sodom and Gomorrah. The topography has drastically changes as we drive through the Tzin valley onto **Avdat**, the largest Nabatean city built in 2AD. The **Ramon Crater** is our last place of interest today before we arrive at our camp and sample typical Bedouin hospitality. Tonight we sleep under the stars of His Land in tents and sleeping bags. (B,D)

Saturday 21 OCT

Mt. Karkom to Dead Sea.

This morning we enjoy an early breakfast before beginning the ascent of **Mt. Karkom**- The Mount of God. Here we walk where Moses walked! Picnic lunches have been provided as we journey through the **Uvda Valley** towards the Dead Sea. Here we have the opportunity to 'float' and relax by the shores of the Dead Sea. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

Sunday 22 OCT

Masada, Ein Gedi, Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem.

Today we begin our morning by taking the short drive to **Masada**, the site of one of the most dramatic acts in Jewish history, and ascend it by cable car. Explore the ancient excavation of Herod's Palaces, bathhouse, storerooms, the Ramp and one of the oldest Synagogues in the world. Our bus will take us to **Ein Gedi**, the beautiful oasis where David hid from and then encountered Saul. The climb up will make the book of Psalm come alive.. Our final destination today is the city of **Jerusalem**. Driving from the lowest point below sea level in the world, we climb "up" to Jerusalem and enter the traditional way and view the city from **Mt. Scopus**. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

Monday 23 OCT

Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Jerusalem.

Our day begins with a drive to **Mt. of Olives** for a breath taking panoramic view, including the walls of the old city of Jerusalem and many of the traditional buildings and sites. As we descend the hill we visit the chapel of **Dominos Flevit** and then onto the **Garden of Gethsemane** with its ancient Olive Trees. It is here that Jesus spent his last night before being arrested.) On to **Mt. Zion** and the house of the high priest **Caiphas**. Enter the **Upper Room** where the fire of God fell on 120 faithful and see **King David's Tomb**. Walk through the stoned streets of the **Jewish Quarter** and see the prophecy being fulfilled....'children will play in the streets of the city'.... Visit the **Herodian Mansion** and the **Burnt House**. Continue to the **Western Wall**, a last remnant of the second Jewish Temple. Spend time shoulder to shoulder with the people of Israel as they cry out to God at the Wall. Dinner will be at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

Tuesday 24 OCT

Mt. Moriah, City of David, Jerusalem.

Today we drive to **Mt. Moriah** and walk to the Temple place and to the Golden Gate. From here we visit the **Davidson Centre, Southern Wall excavations** and **Western Wall Tunnels**. Our visit to the **City of David** unveils the possible site of David's Palace and the newly discovered sit of the Pools of Siloam. Dinner will be at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

Wednesday 25 OCT

Yad Vashem – Garden Tomb.

Today we visit **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust Memorial, which reminds us that we must never forget! From here we return to West Jerusalem to visit the **Menorah** and **Israel Museum**. This afternoon we end our day by visiting the **Garden Tomb** before returning to the hotel for our 'Farewell Dinner'. (B,D)

Thursday 26 OCT

Jerusalem and Homeward Bound.

Today has been left free for us to walk the streets and markets of Jerusalem, enjoy the hustle and bustle of Ben Yehuda St, before returning to our hotel for check out. Our late evening departure will provide complimentary in-flight service as we leave His land and begin the journey home. (B,L)

Friday 27 NOV

Arrive home.

The overnight flight(s) brings us back to N. America in the morning.

B: Breakfast. L: Lunch. D: Dinner

Added comments: We know that the Holy Spirit will lead us and who we will meet on our Ancient Mountain journey, but each of us on this team will listen intently to the Holy Spirit in order to lead you all into the fullest, most inspiring journey of your lives.

Christian Journeys' Brian Watt, Amiel Tours' Oni Amiel, tour guide Roni Winter, bus driver Adi Shavit, and, of course, Pastor Deborah have joined hearts together as a team to have you walk the Ancient Paths and to have your faces turned towards Zion until we all see Him face to face.

Pastor Deborah Lynch

ANCIENT MOUNTAINS ISRAEL JOURNEY 13 – 27 OCTOBER, 2006 INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air travel: Air fare from Seattle or Atlanta Tel Aviv, on Delta Airlines. (Prices available from all US cities.)

Hotels: Basel Hotel, Tel Aviv.
Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee.
Kibbutz En Gev, Galilee.
Kibbutz Almog, Dead Sea.
Bedouin Tent, Negev.
Novotel, Dead Sea.
Novotel, Jerusalem.

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily with tea and coffee. 1 lunch for day at Mt. Karkoum.

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour Manager Roni Winter, will accompany the group and work harmoniously with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Bottled water: 2 per person per day in Israel.

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently US\$80.

Gratuities: This will be collected at time of full payment. Equivalent to US\$132.

Fuel surcharge: Currently US\$110.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches. (Unless mentioned in the itinerary.)

Travel Insurance: Insurance rates are available for both 'Comprehensive' or 'Medical' coverage and are based upon age at time of travel. Please ask for more details.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity. N. American passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$300 is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' with coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties. Conditions apply so please ask for more details.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Gates of Praise reserves the right to question participation in certain instances.

15 DAY TOUR PROGRAM

FROM SEATTLE USD\$2947
FROM ATLANTA USD\$2794

Rates available to fly from any
N. American departure point.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: US\$ 395

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