

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

11-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN

MARCH 10-20, 2022

**Hosted by
The Rev. Dr. Chris Girata
and Dr. Saleem Ateek**

Day 1 - Thursday, March 10 **DALLAS/TEL AVIV**

Depart Dallas and arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel, the following day in the afternoon.

Day 2 – Friday, March 11 **TEL AVIV/JERUSALEM**

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel in the afternoon. Transfer from the airport to the city of Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. David Citadel hotel.

Day 3 – Saturday, March 12 **JERUSALEM/BETHLEHEM**

This morning after breakfast we begin on the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. We visit the Place of Ascension and the Pater Noster Church. We then drive to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity built over the cave where Christ was born. Proceed on to Shepherd's Field before returning to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. David Citadel hotel.

Day 4 – Sunday, March 13 **JERUSALEM/WALKING TOUR – OLD CITY**

This morning we walk through the Walled City of Jerusalem. We enter through St. Stephen's Gate to visit the Crusaders Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda. We then proceed to the temple area, Mount Moriah, where Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac, the Dome of the Rock, Mosque of El Aksa, and the Western Wall or Wailing Wall. In the afternoon we drive to West Jerusalem for a visit to the Holy Land Scale Model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. We will then visit the Israel Museum where the Dead Sea Scrolls collection is exhibited. Dinner and overnight – Jerusalem. David Citadel hotel

Day 5 – Monday, March 14**CAESAREA/MT. CARMEL/HAIFA**

This morning we leave Jerusalem via the coastal highway to Caesarea to visit the Roman theater, the water aqueduct and the ruins of the Crusaders' city. Continue to the city of Haifa where we will ascend Mt. Carmel for a view of the Mediterranean Sea and harbor, see the Carmelite monastery and Elijah's Cave, view the Bahai temple and the hanging gardens. Continue to the city of Tiberias for dinner and overnight. Caesar hotel

Day 6 – Tuesday, March 15**NAZARETH**

This morning we begin the day with a visit to Christ Episcopal School where we will have an opportunity to interact with students and teachers of our sister Episcopal school in Nazareth. Our youth will participate in the classrooms with their age group school activities and will attend a luncheon hosted by the school. In the afternoon, we proceed to the Church of Annunciation where the angel appeared to Mary and announced to her about the birth of Christ. We will visit the synagogue where Jesus taught, Mary's Well and the Old Market. Dinner and overnight – Tiberias. Caesar hotel.

Day 7 – Wednesday, March 16**SEA OF GALILEE/CAPERNAUM/MT. OF BEATITUDES**

This morning we begin with a 50-minute boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Capernaum. We will visit the ruins of the second century synagogue, the ruins of the house of Simon Peter where our Lord lived after he was rejected in his home town of Nazareth. We continue to Tabgha where Christ performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes and on to the Church of Primacy of St. Peter. We then proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes where Christ gave the Sermon on the Mount. Dinner and overnight Tiberias. Caesar hotel.

Day 8 – Thursday, March 17**BEIT SHE'AN/ JORDAN/JERESH/PETRA**

This morning we proceed to the country of Jordan. Before crossing the border, we will visit the city of Beit She'an, one of the oldest cities in the ancient Near East. It is one of the largest archaeological excavation sites in Israel and is one of the decapolis cities of the Roman Empire. We will also have the opportunity to compare Beit She'an with Jeresh, another decapolis city once we cross into Jordan. We enter the country of Jordan via Sheikh Hussein bridge and drive south into the city of Jeresh, the best preserved Roman provincial city with its magnificent arenas, theaters, and temples. Continue to Petra. Dinner and overnight - Petra. Movenpick hotel.

Day 9 – Friday, March 18**PETRA/JERICHO/QUMRAN/MASADA/DEAD SEA**

This morning we begin our experience of the rose-red city of Petra known as Mount Seir in biblical times. Petra is unquestionably Jordan's most spectacular site to visit, always a breath-taking adventure. Petra flourished as a Nabataean city for some 500 years from the second century B.C. to the early fourth century A.D. Petra, the Rock, the Nabataean capital city, is an awesome, indestructible monument to the power and skill of the

Nabataeans, an ancient Arab tribe. The whole city was carved out of solid rose-red sandstone leaving us the rock-cut relics of a civilization that expanded the barriers of human knowledge and technology 2,000 years ago. We will enter the city through its only narrow entrance called “the siq” which is a mere slit between cliffs 300 feet above. In the afternoon we cross back into the country of Israel via the Allenby bridge. On our way back to Jerusalem, time permitting, we will drive to Masada and enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight – Jerusalem. David Citadel hotel.

Day 9 – Saturday, March 19

MOUNT OF OLIVES/GETHSEMANE/VIA DOLOROSA/CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

This morning we begin at the Garden of Gethsemane, visit the Church of All Nations, then on to visit the house of Caiaphas where Peter denied the Lord three times. From there we proceed to Pilate’s Judgement Hall, Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos. We then follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

We will use the afternoon for free family time and shopping as well as our preparation for an early departure the following morning to the U.S.

Dinner and overnight – Jerusalem. David Citadel hotel.

Day 11 – Sunday, March 20

This morning we make our way to Ben Gurion Airport for our trip back to the U.S. We will arrive back in Dallas late that evening.

TOUR CONDITIONS
HOLY LAND AND JORDAN
March10 – March 20, 2022

TOUR PRICE - \$ 4,900

Per Person Based on Double Occupancy
(Airfare not included)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- *First Class Hotel Accommodations
- *Professional Tour Guides
- *Sightseeing Tours Including Entrance Fees
- *Luggage Handling at Hotels
- *All Foreign Taxes
- *First Class Motor Coach Transportation
- *Three Meals a Day
- *All Tipping
- *Departure Taxes

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- *Airfare
- *Items of Personal Nature
- *Insurance
- *Any Beverages

TOUR CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to make a reservation for this tour. \$750 of the deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. Your check should be made payable to SMAA with a notation (SMAA/HLP/2022). A confirmation of your reservation will be sent to you after the deposit is received.

FINAL PAYMENT

The final payment of \$3,900 is due no later than 90 days before departure (December 10, 2021). If you are joining the tour within 90 days of departure, full payment is required at the time of your reservation.

SHARED AND SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Passengers must indicate at the time of booking whether they want to share a room or if they prefer a single supplement for an additional \$1,700. Your roommate, if known, should also be indicated. If you do not have a roommate, we will attempt to find a suitable traveling companion to share a room with you. If you join the tour less than 90 days prior to departure and we are not able to find you a roommate, you will be charged the full single supplement.

CANCELLATIONS:

\$ 750 of your deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. Cancellations after this date are subject to the following maximum cancellation charges:

45 - 90 days prior to departure loss of	\$ 1,500.00
30 - 44 days prior to departure loss of	\$ 2,500.00
0 - 29 days prior to departure loss of	\$ 4,900.00 (0 refund)

INSURANCE:

We recommend that passengers buy insurance to protect themselves against any possible cancellation charges or out of country medical expenses.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS:

A passport is required for all tour participants and should be valid for at least **six months** past your scheduled return date. If you do not already have a passport, please apply for one without delay. If your present passport expires prior to October 2022, you must renew it before the tour.

Visas are required for both Israel and Jordan. Israel issues individual visas at the airport upon entry. The Travel agency will obtain a group visa for Jordan.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

At the time of printing, there are no health certificates or inoculations required to enter any of the countries listed on the tour.

ITINERARY VARIATIONS:

Raji Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to keep the tour as close as possible to the original itinerary. The political situation will be monitored closely to ensure that the group is protected against any disturbance in the areas visited.

SMOKING:

Tour members are not permitted to smoke on motor coaches. There will be enough stops made so passengers who wish to smoke will not be inconvenienced.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Raji Tours acts as agents for the various owners/contractors providing hotels, means of transportation or other services, and the issuance and acceptance of such services shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that Raji Tours shall not become liable or responsible in any way for any personal or property loss, damage or injury howsoever caused or arising.