

Bidwell Presbyterian Church presents

# The BEST of Israel 2020

## With Petra, Jordan

“Ask for the ancient paths; ask where the good way is, and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls.” – Jer. 6:16

*Hosted by:*

*Rev. Tammie Veach*

March 14 – 25, 2020



## Dear Friends,

We invite you to come with us for an unforgettable journey, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is timed to coincide with Spring Break so that you can bring your high school or college student on this educational and spiritual adventure with you. Traveling in this land will bring new meaning to the Old and New Testaments. We will visit places where Jesus lived, walked, served, and became a sacrifice. Daily times of devotions will connect the texts with the sites we visit.

We will be traveling with **IGM TOURS**, pioneers of the **Regionaltour**, a unique high quality experience created with a cadre of scholarly guides and leaders who wanted tours to be more than crowded traditional church shrines and souvenir shops. This tour takes us deep into the text, history and geography of the Bible. There are daily panoramic views, gentle walks, and a hands-on approach to the authentic Bible sites to get to the heart of the message. Combining the tour with the tour resources may enable oneself to read the Bible with fresh eyes.

We will stand atop Mt. Arbel to overview the sites of Jesus' public ministry around the shores of the Sea of Galilee. One day we will circle the sea entirely, renewing the ministries of Jesus, and sail on the sea in a double-scale replica of the Roman fishing boat (the **Jesus boat**) found on the sea shore a few years ago. In Jerusalem we will walk beneath the ancient city for the length of the Western Wall (and maybe walk atop the city ramparts another day from Damascus Gate to the Jaffa Gate). We will walk on the Herodian pavement upon which Jesus walked, and sit on the Temple steps where Jesus taught the parables of the Kingdom (a chief Jerusalem archaeologist insists it is one place we may say with certainty that Jesus was there....and taught!). We also plan a private communion and fellowship in the Garden Tomb before returning home. To top off the tour we will journey to Mt. Nebo and Petra in Jordan!

Please read the brochure carefully, especially the Tour Conditions. Notice that group travel includes airfare, hotels, meals, transfers & entrance fees, scholarly guides, and is fully escorted. It is all done at prices that individual travel cannot afford.

Return your registration form signed and dated with your deposit check. This assures your space with the group.

With warm regards,

**Tammie Veach**

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The Temple Mount, Jerusalem

**\$4355 – San Francisco SFO r.t.**

Price is per person, double occupancy.  
(price adjusted for fewer than 20 persons)

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Turkish Airlines group economy airfare (non-refundable) r.t., 4 and 5 star hotels (twin bedded, dbl. occ.), daily breakfast & dinner, English-speaking guides, group airport transfers, entrance fees, Jordan visa, portage of one suitcase, \$135 local tips (guides, drivers, porters, dining & hotel desks), air taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:** Transportation to and from SFO, daily lunches, beverages other than tea or coffee at breakfasts, personal services requested.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:** \$965

**ISRAEL LAND ONLY PRICE:** \$3755 – Air transportation and individual airport transfers (taxis) are not included. If schedules permit, Land Only persons can use the group airport transfers. Price is valid for group size 15+ persons.



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# *Here is our itinerary:*

## **Day 1 Sat Mar 14 – USA Departure**

Be at the airport at least 3.5 hours prior to departure for international check-in procedures. Hot meals and in-flight entertainment are per airline policies.

*BLR = Bible Lands Resource: daily readings*

*BLR: p. 2 - Roads, Rivers & Crossroads*

## **Day 2 Sun Mar 15 – Arrive Tel Aviv**

### **Region: Coast of Sharon**

Arrive Tel Aviv this evening. Proceed through passport control (keep the white entry paper in passport). Meet your guide outside in the group parking lot. Depart to your hotel for lodging. *BLR: p. 6 - Coastal Plains*



Jerusalem – Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock

## **Day 3 Mon Mar 16 – Caesarea Maritima, Sea of Galilee**

### **Regions: Coast of Sharon, Jezreel Valley, Sea of Galilee**

Visit Caesarea Maritima (Acts 10, Peter's encounter with Cornelius ) to view the Crusader Fortress, the Roman Aqueducts, Roman theater, and the stadium. Proceed to the Jezreel Valley to visit Megiddo (the dig and the water tunnel). Continue to Mt. Precipice at Nazareth for views Mt. Tbaor and the Jezreel Valley. Continue to Magdala to visit the synagogue from the time of Jesus. Proceed to your Sea of Galilee lodging. *BLR: p. 6 - Coastal Plains #2, Coast of Sharon, #5 Lower Galilee*

## **Day 4 Tue Mar 17 – Sea Circle Trip**

### **Region: Sea of Galilee**

Circle the sea visiting sites of Jesus' ministry. Depart for the Yarmuk River and ascend the Aphek Plateau for an unobstructed view of the Sea of Galilee from Kfar Haruv. Continue past Koursi (Jesus cast demons into swine) to Bethsaida, home of Peter, Philip, Andrew. Visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7). Optional is a foot descent to the seaside of Tabgha. Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry. Optional is a lunch-break to sample St. Peter's fish. Sail the sea in the Jesus Fishing Boat, a double-scale replica of a Roman fishing boat. Visit the modern baptismal site of the Jordan River. *BLR: p. 6 - Mountains & Valleys, Overview, #4, #5, p. 7 - Jesus at Galilee, Rift Valley*

## **Day 5 Wed Mar 18 – Beth-shean, Jericho, Jerusalem**

### **Regions: Jordan River Valley, Jerusalem**

Ascend Mt. Arbel for cliffside overviews of the center of Jesus' operations at Galilee. Depart the Sea of Galilee for Tel Beth-shean. From the ruins of Scythopolis consider the demise of Saul, Israel's first king. View ruins of the only Decapolis city west of the Jordan. Descend the Jordan River Valley and continue to OT Jericho and visit the tel. Proceed to a Sycamore tree in Jericho for Zachaeus' encounter with Jesus. Continue to NT Jericho for a roadside overview of Herod's Winter Palace and the view of the ancient Roman road between Jericho and Jerusalem. Depart on the modern highway up the hills to Jerusalem. Briefly turn off on the Roman road for a view of the cliffside St. George's Monastery (and aqueduct). Then continue to Jerusalem to visit Mt. Scopus for a Genesis welcome and first view of Jerusalem. *BLR: p. 6 #8 Mannaseh, #9 Ephraim, p. 8 #18 Lower Jordan*

## **Day 6 Thu Mar 19 – Jerusalem, Bethlehem**

### **Regions: Jerusalem, Judean Hills**

Visit the Mt. of Olives for orientation to Jerusalem's Old City. Walk the Palm Sunday route past the Dominus Flevit Church to the Garden of Gethsemane. Proceed to the Dung Gate to the Western Wall (Bar Mitzvahs today). Enter the Ophel Ridge. Walk on the Herodian pavement, view and touch the Temple foundation, and visit the Temple steps where we know Jesus walked and taught (Lk. 19-21) for a devotional time (Western Wall Tunnels are subject to time confirmation). Lunch (self-host) will be at the U.N. promenade. Depart for the Judean Hills and Bethlehem. Visit shepherds' fields, the Church of the Nativity, and take time for olivewood shopping before returning to Jerusalem.

*BLR: p. 7 #12 Judean Highland*

### **Day 7 Fri Mar 20 – Jerusalem**

Enter the Dung Gate and ascend the Temple Mount to view the Dome of the Rock. Continue to the intact St. Anne's Crusader Church (hymn-sing?), the Pools of Bethesda, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Walk through the market place into the Jewish Quarter to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Zion Gate, Mt. Zion and the Upper Room. After a lunch-break visit the Israel Museum to view 1/50 scale model of Herodian Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls Museum. Continue the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. *BLR: p. 7 Jesus at Jerusalem.*

### **Day 8 Sat Mar 21 - Jerusalem**

Walk through the Damascus Gate into the Jewish Quarter to visit Wohl Archaeology Museum and view the underground excavations of Upper Jerusalem of Jesus' lifetime. The Herodian Mansion may possibly be that of the High Priest Caiaphas. Continue via the Cardo to view the Byzantine Cardo Map (Madeba map replica) and walk the Herodian period pavement. Walk through the Jewish Quarter to Zion Gate and Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room. Proceed to the southern excavations of the Ophel Ridge. Enter Area G to explore the dig of the City of David and continue to the Warren Shaft. Descend to the Gihon Spring and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel (bring old shoes for the walk through knee-deep water) to the Pool of Siloam (Jn. 9). Proceed to the Jaffa Gate to walk the wall of the Old City's Christian Quarter to the Damascus Gate. The balance of the day is at leisure.

### **Day 9 Sun Mar 22 - Qumran, Ein Gedi, Masada**

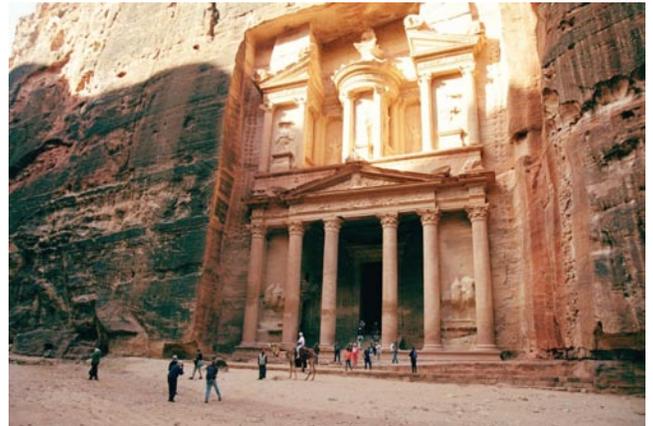
#### **Region: Dead Sea**

Depart Jerusalem for Masada. Visit Qumran to view the caves, and continue to Ein Gedi (David and Saul). Walk the path to the waterfall. Swim in the Dead Sea. Arrive Masada and ascend the fortress by cable car. View the ruins of the last stand of the Zealots against the Romans. Descend the mountain for an optional swim in the Dead Sea. Continue to an oasis-like hotel on the Dead Sea for dinner and lodging. *BLR: p. 7 - Rift Valley, Overview, p. 8 - #19 The Dead Sea*

### **Day 10 Mon Mar 23 – Allenby Bridge, Mt. Nebo, to Petra**

#### **Regions: Ammon, Edom, Moab**

Depart the Dead Sea for the Allenby Bridge (King Hussein). Change to Jordanian services and proceed to Mt. Nebo for Moses' views of the Promised Land. Travel on the desert highway to Ein Musa (Spring of Moses). View the distant Mt. Horeb, and arrive Petra for dinner and lodging. *BLR: p. 8 - Overview: #25 Moab, # 26 Edom, #24 Ammon*



Petra - The Treasury

### **DAY 11 Tue Mar 24 – Petra, to Amman**

Walk about 2 1/2 miles via the Siq to explore the Nabataean ruins which include the Treasury Temple of the Rose City. Optional is an ascent to the High Place of Sacrifice. Depart Petra for Amman and a hotel for dinner and lodging.

### **DAY 12 Wed Mar 25 – To the USA**

Transfer very early to the Amman Airport for the flight home. Fly while reliving memories of walking and learning the Land of the Bible. Arrive San Francisco this afternoon.

*Note: This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment you should be able to walk a mile and climb two flights of stairs easily. Most sites are not handicapped accessible.*

#### **REQUESTED QUALITY HOTELS:**

NETANYA: West Lagoon Hotel  
JERUSALEM: Ambassador Boutique Hotel  
PETRA: Old Village Hotel and Resort

SEA OF GALILEE: Sofia Sea of Galilee Hotel  
DEAD SEA: David Dead Sea Resort  
AMMAN: Marriott Dead Sea Resort

## TOUR CONDITIONS:

1. **DEPOSITS:** Registrations require a signed and dated IGM form and a \$400 deposit per person. Late Deposit fees are: \$50 for less than 100 days and \$150 for less than 60 days (after invoice period) before departure. Late registrations risk airspace not being confirmed.

2. **FINAL PAYMENTS:** Final payments must be received 60 days prior to departure. Payments received later will be assessed \$50 per person and must be paid by a Cashier's Check or Money Order. If final payment is not received by 40 days prior to departure, the participant's tour space will be canceled and the deposit forfeited.

3. **DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS:** Deposits and Final Payments are payable to IGM TOURS.

4. **FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final tour documents (including airline tickets and any itinerary adjustments) will be available one week before departure to facilitate any last minute changes.

5. **TOUR CANCELLATIONS:** Written cancellations must be sent directly to IGM TOURS. Cancellations (for any reason whatsoever) are subject to a \$50 IGM administrative fee.

91 days prior: an additional \$100 per person plus \$100 airline fee.

40 days prior: the full tour price is charged.

There are no refunds for international tickets once issued!

6. **AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Turkish Airlines group economy airfares (10 persons flying the same route) are non-refundable and issued about 40 days prior to departure. Tickets do not permit changes in names, cities, or dates without penalty. Airfares are subject to change until ticketed. Bonus and discount coupons are not applicable. **Requests for special seat assignments may be submitted but cannot be guaranteed.** Requests for upgraded seats may be requested, but those wanting to use points should travel as Land Only tour participants and provide their own air transportation.

7. **HOTELS:** Prices are based on 4 and 5 star hotel rooms (twin bedded, dbl. occ.). If changed, similarly priced hotels are used. Single room occupants (for any reason) must pay single room surcharge.

8. **MEALS:** Daily breakfasts & table d'hote or buffet dinners. Coffee/tea are only included with breakfasts.

9. **GROUP TRANSFERS & ENTRANCE FEES:** Overseas group transfers and entrance fees are included. Individual transfers are not included for those who deviate from tour itineraries.

10. **GUIDES:** English-speaking guides are provided.

11. **PORTERAGE:** Overseas portorage of 1 suitcase is included. The fee for additional suitcases/flight bags is \$1 per hotel.

12. **LUGGAGE:** Group touring is limited to one normal size suitcase (not to exceed 50 lbs), one camera case, and one flight bag.

13. **PASSPORTS & VISAS:** Each participant is responsible for a valid passport with 6 months validity for USA return, and must mail or e-mail to IGM a legible copy (do not fax). Data is required 60 days prior to departure. A Jordan visa, which is included in the tour price, is required on this tour for U.S. passports. Other than U.S. passports must advise IGM at the time of registration.

14. **NO SMOKING POLICY:** Smoking is not permitted on coaches or flights.

15. **ITINERARY CHANGES:** The itinerary has been planned under the direction of your tour leader. It is possible that the daily itinerary may be adjusted by unforeseen circumstances.

16. **PRICING FLUCTUATIONS:** Tour prices are based upon current tariffs, agreements and exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure production, July 2019. These factors are outside the control of IGM, and will be defined by IGM at least 60 days before departure. If the fuel surcharges increase any time prior to ticketing you will be assessed.

17. **DEVIATIONS/CHANGES:** Deviations/changes must be requested in writing to IGM (\$50 per person plus airline fees) at least 90 days before departure and are subject to airline regulations. Requests **less than 91 days are not accepted.** **Persons wishing to travel as Land Only tour participants must notify IGM TOURS at least 90 days prior to departure.**

18. **REFUNDS:** Refunds are made only per the guidelines listed below.

19. **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** IGM **strongly recommends** the purchase of travel insurance for protection of one's tour and luggage investments. Coverage may commence from the day of tour deposit throughout the tour duration.

20. **TOUR OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY:** IGM TOURS, Inc., herein and hereafter referred to as IGM and/or its agents, act only in the capacity as a broker agent for the passenger in all matters connected with hotel lodging, sightseeing, tours and transportation, whether by air, rail, motorcoach, boat, or any other means and as an agent holds itself free of responsibility for any damage or expense resulting from any cause whatsoever. IGM is a bonded wholesale travel broker, which complies with California's "Seller of Travel State Law": CST#2018950-50. IGM and/or its agents will not be responsible for any damage or expenses or inconvenience caused by late registrations, late airplanes, trains, boats, or changes in any of their schedules due to strikes or any other reason whatsoever. IGM operates 9:00am to 5:00pm weekdays excluding holidays. IGM will not be responsible for the loss or damage to luggage or any passenger's personal belongings. IGM recommends the purchase of Travel Insurance to cover such events. IGM reserves the right to refuse any person as a tour member at any time before or during the actual tour. IGM reserves the right to cancel, change, or withdraw the tour in whole or in part at any time. The sole obligation of IGM is to refund payments received in connection herewith if not acceptable by tour members. Refunds for canceled airfares and services abroad for any reason will be made only after having been received from the airlines, hotels, or companies performing these services, less any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the operation resulting from those cancellations and will follow the guidelines herein contained for cancellations. Requests for any refund due to absence from the itineraries abroad must be submitted to IGM in writing not less than 60 days prior to departure and are subject to agreements with overseas Operators. Any dispute arising out of these tours will be settled in the courts of the City of Hayward, CA.

21. **AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:** The participating airline, Turkish Airlines, is responsible only for the air travel portion of this tour performed for it on behalf of tour participants in accordance with the terms and conditions of their individual passage contracts and subject to the applicable laws, treaties and regulations governing air transportation. Tour services, including but not limited to carriage by land or sea, guide services, hotel accommodations, restaurants and all services other than carriage by air, are furnished by contractors who are independent and do not act for or on behalf of the above airline and the above airline shall not be responsible for any act, omission or event occurring prior to the tour participants embarkation upon or after his/her disembarkation from the aircraft. The usual passage contract by the airline when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the tour participants and in purchasing a passage contract as part of this tour, the tour participant acknowledges and accepts the foregoing conditions. The above airline is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board its aircraft.

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## Registration Form

Group: **Veach** – March 14, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gender and names exactly as printed on passport!)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Country issuing passport)

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mail a copy of passport to IGM TOURS, do not fax.)

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Singles must pay surcharge!)

I request single room lodging - \$965 supplemental surcharge.

I request to be a "Land Only" tour participant. I will arrange my own air transportation. I understand that I am free to utilize the group airport transfers. If schedules necessitate individual transfers they are my responsibility.

I have carefully read the brochure and Tour Conditions and agree to these terms and conditions as a binding contract when my registration and deposit are received by IGM TOURS.

Enclosed is my deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$400 per person).

Signature(s)

Date

Mail deposit to:

**IGM TOURS**

**P. O. Box 20488**

**Castro Valley, CA 94546**

PH: (510) 727-0380 / FAX: (510) 538-8777

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**CREDIT CARDS:** Persons wishing to charge the deposit on a credit should call **IGM TOURS** one week after you mail your registration form. VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express credit cards are accepted.

