

Join ThirstySouls Ministries'
Best of Israel Tour
March 11-20, 2019



PRICING INCLUDES:

- Hotel, breakfast and dinner daily
- All entrance fees per itinerary
- Transportation and licensed Israel Guide throughout
- Airport transfer fees and taxes

PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare
- Travel Insurance (Highly recommended)
- Tips to Guide and driver
- Lunch
- Personal expenses
- Extra nights (available on request)

AIRFARE is not included in the pricing. Group airfare is available. If you opt to do your own air, it is your responsibility to meet the group at Ben Gurion Airport on 12 March. Time TBD. Please contact Kathleen (info below) before booking your flight.

INFORMATION: Contact Kathleen Annis @ 717-451-2002 - Kathleen@thirstysouls.net

Cost of Tour \$1849

\$1799 if paying by check/cash

Land only - per person sharing room (SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$800)

Group Air \$950.00 per person (20 seats available) or purchase independently (see notes under Airfare section)

**Deposit of \$200 per person due by December 23, 2019 (extended date)
Final payment due January 10**

Cancellation Policy:

- All cancellations must be submitted in writing – email acceptable.
- Cancellations received up to December 5 forfeit \$100 per person.
- Cancellations received after January 10 are non-refundable.

Once issued, airline tickets are non-refundable. See airline rules for full penalty information.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Monday, March 11 Departure from Washington area airport.

Day 2: Tuesday, March 12 **Arrival in Israel** at Ben Gurion Airport. After clearing customs, we travel to the old City of Joppa to view the house of Simon the Tanner. It was here where Peter received the vision that would open the Gospel to the Gentile world. After a time of prayer for our tour and thanking God for our great salvation we then proceed to our hotel north of Tel Aviv. Enjoy your first night in Israel with a walk along the Mediterranean Sea. **Hotel In Netayna, Israel.**

Day 3: Wednesday, March 13 After breakfast, we travel along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter. At Caesarea, we will see the Roman Amphitheatre, hippodrome, and view a film on history of this ancient city. A short ride will take us atop

Mt. Carmel, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. We will have a short visit to Megiddo, one of the fortified cities of Solomon and then drive through the area of Cana and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides. **Overnight at our kibbutz Hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.**

Day 4: Thursday, March 14 Our morning travels take us to a valuable northern site, Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's Confession and a pagan worship site. We then travel to Korazim and view the ruins of this ancient city and a well preserved "seat of Moses". After Lunch, we will visit the ancient Fishing Boat followed by a relaxing cruise on the Sea of Galilee. As we read the scriptures detailing the events of Jesus in and around the sea, they will be brought to life. In Capernaum, we view the excavations of the seaside village and Peter's home, followed by a visit to Magdala, home town of Mary Magdalene. The recent excavation of the First Century Synagogue and well-preserved village makes Magdala one of the most Interesting Biblical sites in Israel.

Day 5: Friday, March 15. We begin our day traveling southward to Beit Shean /Scythopolis, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis - a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley southward, your guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey". We pass ancient Jericho and view from a distance this city famed as the oldest in the world. To the east of Jericho along the Jordan River Valley we visit Quasar El Yehud. In this area Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, Elijah and Elisha crossed the Jordan, as well as where the children of Israel, entered the Promised Land.

Those wishing to be baptized in the Jordan can do so at this location. **We lodge tonight at the Dead Sea – the lowest place on earth.** You may want to take a dip or enjoy a natural mud bath in the sea before dinner.

Day 6: Saturday, March 16 Our day begins with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of Masada where we learn the history of the the fortress and the famous Zealot stand. Next we proceed to Ein Gedi, "Spring of the Goat", an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. This is where King David hid from Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we visit the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered before our journey up to Jerusalem. **Our lodging for the next four nights will be in Jerusalem.**

Day 7: Sunday, March 17 We begin our day at the City of David where the city of Jerusalem began over 3,000 years ago. After viewing a 3D movie, we will traverse the lower city and ancient Cannanite water tunnels (or opt for the wet tunnel build by King Hezekiah) ending at the Pool of Siloam. We then travel a short distance to the Southern Steps and Archeological digs surrounding the Temple Mount. After lunch, we visit the Western Wall for a time of prayer after which we will enter the Rabbinical Tunnels to see the foundations of the Temple Mount and Archeological finds.

Day 8: Monday, March 18 We begin our day at the Israel Museum where we will see a model of Jerusalem as in Jesus' time on a 50:1 ratio. We will view the Dead Sea Scrolls before heading to the Mount of Olives where we will experience a wonderful panoramic view of the city, Mount Moriah and the Dome. We will traverse the downhill Palm Sunday Path ending at the Garden of Gethsemane before entering the Old City via Stephen's Gate where we will view the Pools of Bethesda and

take time to worship amid the wonderful acoustics of St. Ann's Church. Our guide will then lead us along the Via DelaRosa remembering Jesus' "Way of Suffering" ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Day 9: Tuesday, March 19 After breakfast we will board our bus and travel to the house of Caiaphas where Jesus' last hours will become vivid as we descend into the dungeon and see the courtyard where Peter denied Jesus. A short trip will bring us to the Upper Room where we will take time to read the account of that Last Supper followed by a time of Worship. We will view David's tomb before entering the Old City via Zion Gate. A short walk takes us to the Temple Institute where you will see and hear of the preparations for a new temple as well as the history of the old. Choose your own lunch in the Old City and spend some time for last minute shopping. Our tour concludes with communion and worship at the Garden Tomb, a most memorable experience.



Day 10: Wednesday, March 20. Our tour will depart the hotel for the Tel Aviv Airport for our return flight to the US. Many wonderful memories and experiences from the Land will accompany you. **You Will Never Be The Same!**

REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT) Make checks payable to TSM/ Best of Israel. Mail to: TSM . PO Box 96 . Hanover PA 17331

Credit Card Payments and/or registration can be done online after June 1 at www.thirstysouls.net - Tours

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