

Join Thirstysouls Ministries  
**Best of Israel Tour**

**March 17-26, 2024**

With hosts

**Pastor Lenny & Marilyn Matthews**

**Rev. Vern & Kathleen Annis**



**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** Not included in pricing. Group airfare will be available. Cost TBD.

**TOUR INFORMATION:** Contact Kathleen Annis 717-451-2002 [Traveltsm@comcast.net](mailto:Traveltsm@comcast.net)

**Cost of Tour \$2459**

**\$2359** if paying by check/cash

**Land only - per person sharing room**

(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$950)

- Deposit of \$300 per person due by September 30, 2023
- Final payment January 1, 2024

**Cancellation Policy:**

- All cancellations must be submitted in writing – email acceptable.
- Cancellations received prior to January 1 forfeit \$200 per person.
- Cancellations received after January 1 are non-refundable.

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

**ITINERARY:**

**Day 1: Sunday, March 17** Today you begin your amazing adventure departing from a Washington or Orlando area airport. Overnight flight to Israel.

**Day 2: Monday, March 18** You will Arrive in Israel at Ben Gurion Airport. After clearing customs your guide will escort the group to the hotel on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner and orientation before getting a restful night of sleep. **Hotel in Netayna – Island Suites Hotel**

**Day 3: Tuesday, March 19** After breakfast, we travel along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where the 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 to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit Nazareth Village - a wonderful re-creation of Biblical Nazareth with costumed guides. **Overnight at the Kinar Galilee Hotel on the Sea of Galilee (2 nights).**

**Day 4: Wednesday, March 20** Our travels today take us to sites around the Sea of Galilee beginning with Kursi and Korazim. We will see the ancient Fishing Boat from the time of Jesus and then sail on 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 where Jesus based his Galilean ministry. Here we will view Peter's home and a synagogue whose foundations date back to the time of Jesus. Our next stop is the unearthed town of 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: Thursday, March 21** We begin our day at the baptismal site of Yardenit. Here you will have an opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River. We then travel southward to Beit Shean /Scythopolis, one of the most magnificent archeological sites 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, and the children of Israel entered the Promised Land. We then begin our ascent to the City of the Great King – Jerusalem. **Grand Court Hotel (5 nights)**

**Day 6: Friday, March 22** We begin our day at the City of David, “where it all began” over 3,000 years ago. After viewing a 3D movie, we will traverse the lower city and ancient Canaanite water tunnel (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 7: Saturday, March 23** Our day starts at the Israel Museum where we will see a model of Jerusalem as in Jesus’ time on a 50:1 scale. We will view the Dead Sea Scrolls before heading to the Mount of Olives where we will experience a wonderful panoramic view of Jerusalem, Mount Moriah and the Dome. We will traverse the 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 8: Sunday, March 24** Today we travel to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea. We will begin with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of Masada where we learn the history of 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.

**Day 9: Monday, March 25** 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 the 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. (Optional Bethlehem tour may be offered.) Our tour concludes with communion and worship at the Garden Tomb, a most memorable experience.



**Day 10: Wednesday, March 26.** 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 2024 Mail to: Kathleen Annis, 15 Kratz Rd. Shrewsbury PA 17361 Online payments at [www.thirstysouls.net](http://www.thirstysouls.net) (credit card only).

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