



Come Up to Jerusalem

Holy Land Pilgrimage To the Roots of our Faith

Ben Hill United Methodist Church

Led by Pastor Byron Thomas
April 17–28, 2020

View and download itinerary and application at www.israeltour.com/RevThomas
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“Happy are those who are strong in the Lord, who set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.”

Tour Package Includes:

- Hotels: Dan Panorama–Tel Aviv, Bay View–Haifa, Nof Ginosar –Sea of Galilee, Nabatean Movenpick Petra , Herods Dead Sea Resort, Mt. Zion Hotel Jerusalem,
- Daily buffet breakfasts and dinners daily, plus special lunch in Petra
- Touring with Pastor Byron Thomas and First Lady and one of Israel's Top Tour Guide educators in a WiFi enabled deluxe touring Motor Coach

A Few Tour Highlights:

Experience the Holy Land in a meaningful way• Trace the roots of Christianity and walk in the footsteps of Jesus as you tour through the Holy Land • Some of the New Testament sites remain almost unchanged and provide a window into the land and era that inspires our faith • Other highlights: Ancient port city of Jaffa (Joppa) Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon; the ancient city and harbor of Acre • Visit Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum and then to Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of Fish and Loaves • An opportunity to have a baptism in the Jordan River and see the excavations in Beit Shean • Visit Yad Vashem, the memorial to the victims of the Holocaust and the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, as well as a miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple Period • Temple Mount, Bethesda Pools, Via Dolorosa, Garden Tomb then visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth to Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. • You will ascend Masada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system, and Herod's Palace • Your trip will visit the ancient city of Petra in Jordan and much more!. Join Pastor Thomas on this once in a lifetime experience to the Holy Land

Trip Costs and Reductions

Land Only Package – \$3230**
Discounted price for check payment
Land and Air Package – \$TBA*
Discounted price for check payment
Single Room Supplement – \$1099
Discounted price for check payment

Land Only Package – \$3359**
Full price for credit card payment
Full cost Land and Air Package – \$TBA*
Full price for credit card payment
Single Room Supplement – \$1143
Full price for credit card payment

Reduction for 3rd in a room – Subtract \$200

**Prices based on 25 paying participants. If less than 25, price will increase, with more than 30 price will be reduced.
Added to above costs are tips for Guide, Driver, \$180
Flights price to be arranged within the next 30 days as flights are not in the system until 11 months from return date
please call Janine at 800-247-7235

*Fuel and security surcharges are subject to fluctuation until tickets are purchased

Friday, April 17

Depart U.S.A. on an overnight flight to the Holy Land Israel

Saturday, April 18

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport – Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport to be met by a CHT representative (today's program depends on arrival time). Visit the ancient port city of Jaffa (Joppa) from where Jonah tried to flee from his appointed mission and Solomon brought the Cedars of Lebanon. Joppa was the place of the miracle of the resurrection of Tabitha (Acts 9:36–43) and the house of Simon the Tanner, on whose roof Peter had a vision that changed the face of Christendom (Acts 10:9–16). After touring Old Jaffa and lunch on your own, we will check in to our hotel on Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast. Welcome Dinner and Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Sunday, April 19 – Jaffa/Caesarea/Jewish-Arab Co-existence Seminar/Haifa

We begin the day by traveling north to Caesarea Maritima to visit the Roman Theater, Herod's Palace, Palace of the Roman Procurator (Acts 23:23 and Acts 26:23 – Paul; Acts 10:20–48 – Peter and Cornelius), Amphitheater and Crusaders' City and Harbor. Participate in a fascinating seminar on Arab-Jewish coexistence at Givat Haviva, including a visit to an Israeli Arab village. Travel to Haifa for a panoramic view of the city, its harbor and northwestern Israel, followed by hotel check-in and dinner at hotel. Dinner and Overnight: Bay View, Haifa

Monday, April 20 – Mount Carmel/Megiddo/Nazareth/Tiberias

After breakfast, we ascend Mount Carmel to visit the Monastery of the Muhraka, where Elijah fought with the Baal priests. From the roof of this Monastery, we have a beautiful view of the Jezreel Valley. Driving south, we reach Megiddo, associated with Armageddon of the Book of Revelations, its biblical tel inspired James Michener's book "The Source." Archaeological digs have revealed over 20 layers of civilization, including remains from the times of Solomon and Ahab. We continue to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. We enjoy some time at Nazareth Village where the Bible comes to life. We travel through Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle to the Yardenit Baptismal Site on the Jordan River near the southern part of the Sea of Galilee, where we conclude our day. Dinner and Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, Galilee

Tuesday, April 21 – Sea of Galilee Sites/Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas)/Ginosar

We start our day at the Yigal Alon Museum on Kibbutz Ginosar, where we see the wreck of a 2,000 year old fishing boat from the time of Jesus that was found just off its coast. Then we set out by boat on the Sea of Galilee (Ginosar-Ginosar) where Jesus walked on the water (Matthew 14: 22–32)

We then drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to nearby Capernaum, where Jesus lived in the house of Peter, performing his miracles and healings (Matthew 4:13, Matthew 8:14–15). Drive to Tabgha to study about the Miracle of the Multiplication of the Fish and the Loaves (Matthew 14:14–34) and continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:7). We then travel north to the ruins of ancient Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas; Matthew 16:13–20), one of the sources of the Jordan River, where Peter reaffirmed his faith and was given the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:18–19). Time permitting: We will conclude our day at the ruins of Magdala, an ancient seaport which was Mary Magdalene's home town. Dinner/Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginosar

Wednesday, April 22 – Baptismal Site/ Mt. Nebo/Madaba/Amman

We will set out early to cross the Sheikh Hussein Bridge into Jordan. If we cross in good time, we will visit Pella in the northern Jordan Valley, where early Christians sought refuge, fleeing Jerusalem during the Great Jewish Revolt in 66 AD. We then travel south to the baptismal site called Bethany beyond the Jordan on the eastern bank of the Jordan River. Next we will travel south and then east to Mt. Nebo, where Moses looked out at the land that he could not enter. We will then travel to Petra (approx. 3:20 hours). Dinner and Overnight: Nabatean Movenpick Hotel, Petra

Thursday, April 23 – Petra: The Red Rock City

Explore Petra, the amazing red sandstone city carved out of the bedrock by the ancient Nabateans. We will tour its Treasury ("Khazneh"), Roman theatre, impressive caves and rock formations of this Nabatean City. Buffet lunch included. We will also see Hor Hahar, burial place of Aaron the Priest. Dinner and Overnight: Nabatean Movenpick Hotel, Petra

Friday, April 24 – Arava Crossing into Israel/Red Sea/Timna/Dead Sea

After breakfast we drive to the Israeli border at the Arava Crossing. Before turning north we will briefly travel south along the Red Sea coast to avail ourselves of the opportunity to see an extraordinary Underwater Observatory, where we actually stand inside a coral reef. Next we travel north to Timna an ancient Egyptian copper mining site and a magnificent natural sculpture sandstone garden. From there we travel north through the Arava Valley to the Dead Sea Region, the lowest place on earth. There we will check in to our hotel by the Dead Sea. If time and daylight permit, we can go for a brief dip. We can also float in the Dead Sea the next day. Dinner and overnight: Herods Dead Sea Resort Hotel, Dead Sea

Saturday, April 25 – Masada/Ein Gedi/Dead Sea

We begin the day with a short ride north along the Dead Sea Coast to the mountain top fortress of Masada, the last outpost of Jewish independence in the revolt against the Romans, which we ascend by cable car to visit the palaces of Herod the Great with its Roman bathhouse and mosaic pavements. From Masada we board our bus for another short ride to the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve, where after a brief walk we will have the opportunity to bathe in a waterfall and hear how David hid in Ein Gedi from King Saul. We then return to our Dead Sea resort hotel to enjoy a "dip" and "float" in the salty water of the Dead Sea and experience a remarkable sense of buoyancy. The hotel also has a fresh water pool and spa facilities. Massage and spa treatments are available by prior reservation at own expense. Dinner and Overnight: Herods Dead Sea Resort Hotel, Dead Sea


Sunday, April 26 – Qumran/Mount of Olives/Gethsemane/Bethlehem*

After breakfast, we travel north along the Dead Sea coast to Qumran, the ruins of an Essene community, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in a cave by a shepherd. We then ascend to Jerusalem via the Good Samaritan Route (Luke 10: 25-37). Upon arrival in the Holy City, we ascend the Mount of Olives for a wonderful panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. At the base of the Mount of Olives, we reach the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus was arrested (Matthew 26:36–58). Here we see the old olive trees and join together in prayer. We then proceed to Bethlehem* to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2:1–7) and, time permitting, the Shepherds' Field. Dinner and Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel Jerusalem

Monday, April 27 – Temple Mount/Bethesda Pools/Via Dolorosa/Garden Tomb

Early start to enter the Old City and walk across the Temple Mount, where the Dome of the Rock now stands. We exit the Temple Mount to reach St. Anne's Church, the Bethesda Pool and the area of Antonia Fortress. We then walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa (all 14 Stations of the Cross), passing through an exotic bazaar to arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We walk through the Christian Quarter and Jewish Quarter to Mt. Zion to visit the Room of the Last Supper and Pentecost and then travel by bus to the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary to celebrate the resurrection with Communion and a time of praise. Farewell dinner at Olive and Fish Restaurant. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met and assisted by a ITC representative.

Tuesday, April 28 – Arrive in U.S.A. Begin planning our next trip with Pastor Thomas and ITC tours


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NAME: _____ E-Mail Address _____

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Name as appears on Passport	Passport #	Passport Exp.	Date of birth
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**Check your Passport – It must be valid for 6 months beyond your trip return date.

Please check your choice form of payment(s): prices are per person in a double room

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- Reduction for a third in a room \$200

"Air pricing will be available 11 months from return date"

Added to above Tips for guide, driver, restaurants and portorage \$180.00 payment by check

* Included are airport tax and fuel surcharge and *are subject to change until purchased*

Not included in price - Trip cancellation insurance

Optional travel insurance is available including coverage of pre-existing conditions:

Please call our office for quote (For insurance rates please call our office 973 535 2575)

Please let us know if there are any accessibility requirements, physical limitations or dietary restrictions

Added to price * Tips for guide, driver, restaurants, portage* any visa or travel documents

****Return this application with a deposit of \$250 per passenger**

Deposit Amt: \$ _____ Tips Amt: \$ _____ Optional Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Please make check payable to: ITC Tours, and return to address below. All pricing based on check payment

PLEASE READ REVERSE SIDE AND SIGN- THANK-YOU - PAYMENT IN FULL DUE 90 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

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973-535-2575 ♦ 800-247-7235 ♦ FAX: 973-535-2690 ♦ E MAIL janine@israelstours.com

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ROOMS: Prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of \$1099 ck payment \$1143 credit card payment. **TAXES:** Airport tax and fuel surcharge are included in the ticket price when ticketed. **TIPPING:** Tips for guides and drivers are not included in tour price: \$180.00 per person
INSURANCE: Insurance is not included in the tour price. We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. Please note that we cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses, which you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failing to secure adequate coverage.

MEDICAL CONDITION: ITC is not responsible for any medical conditions that may occur during or prior to the tour.

We offer Group travel/health insurance including coverage of preexisting conditions

Please check our website for coverage details

CANCELLATION: All cancellations must be in writing to us and must be signed by the person who made the original reservation. Cancellations are only effective from the day they are received by us. No refunds are issued for cancellations received after the date the tour departs. Penalties will apply. If you cancel your tour, cancellation fees and penalties will be deducted from your refund or deposit. Cancellation fees will apply to all deposit checks. (Airline penalties could be equal to the total cost of the ticket.) Cancellation fees apply to each person.

MINIMUM FEE OF \$ 100.00 PER PERSON. FOR ANY CANCELLATION PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE CANCELLATION FEE

\$300.00 per person	90 - 80 Days
\$400.00 per person	79 – 69 Days
No Refund	68 Days or less

*Plus any penalties applied by airlines, hotels and tour operators.

BAGGAGE: Luggage is the responsibility of the passenger and that of the airlines. For lost luggage claims, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly.

SEAT ASSIGNMENTS: There is no advanced seat selection for tour departures; however, we will try to meet individual requests upon availability. Three hours advance arrival to the airport is necessary to ensure adequate time for check in.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FLIGHT AND PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES: ITC is responsible for making all arrangements for tour services offered in the itinerary. The airlines, hotels, land operators and other suppliers providing services are independent contractors and not agents, employees or associates of ITC. Acceptance and confirmation of your reservation is at the discretion of the airlines even after full payment has been made.

ITC, Pastor Byron Thomas and Ben Hill United Methodist Church assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the service of an aircraft, motor coach, taxi, or other conveyances, which may be used in the performance of its duty to the passengers. All vouchers and other documents for services issued by the company are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and to the laws of the country where services are supplied. If the tour services as indicated by the itinerary cannot be supplied or there are changes in the itinerary for reasons beyond the control of ITC, we will arrange for provision of comparable services. ITC reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary whenever ITC deems it necessary to the comfort, convenience and safety of the participant at any time. The participant agrees that ITC shall not be liable for any changes in flight schedules, delays, weather conditions, damages, losses (including personal injuries, death and property losses) or expenses occasioned by acts or omissions of any person, including suppliers providing services, or for any acts of war, insurrection, revolts, or other civil uprisings, military actions, strikes, or acts of G-d occurring either in the country of origin, through passage or destination. No person other than an authorized representative of ITC by written consent is authorized to vary, add or waive any term or condition in this agreement. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any tour passenger should such person's health or general deportment impede the operation of the tour to the detriment of the other tour passengers.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Each passenger participant must have a valid passport.

Please make sure the expiration date is at least 6 months past your date of return.

IMMUNIZATIONS: No immunization shots or vaccinations are required at present, unless otherwise noted.

NOTE: The sequence of activities in the itinerary may change or be reversed some may be omitted due to circumstances beyond our control. Pricing is subject to change until the trip is paid in full.

Signature(s): _____/_____ Date: _____ My
(our) signature(s) indicate(s) that I (we) have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions included with this trip package.