

## JOIN GRACEPOINT ADVENTIST CHURCH 10 DAYS BIBLICAL JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

LED BY PASTOR WALT GROFF

**NOVEMBER 19 - 28, 2017**

Join Gracepoint in Israel this fall. Seeing Israel in person will bring the Bible into living color. Seeing it with your church family will build bonds for eternity.

*Pastor Walt Groff*



**\$3,400** Air & Land Package  
Per Person in Double Occupancy - based on 33 travelers



JOIN US ON A  
JOURNEY  
OF A LIFETIME



## ITINERARY

### Day 1 | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

#### USA DEPARTURE

Our journey begins today as we depart on our way to Israel – the Land of the Bible. Sit back, relax and enjoy your flight. Get some rest...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

**Meals included:** On Board

**Overnight:** On Board

### Day 2 | MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

#### ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL / OLD JAFFA / TEL AVIV OVERNIGHT

Today we arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. You will be met and assisted by our Israeli tour guide and bus driver. We drive to Tel Aviv - Israel's largest and most modern city (20-30 minutes' drive from the airport). After our welcome dinner, we will explore Old Town Jaffa at night. We will arrive in Jaffa and walk through the narrow passages of Old Jaffa, believed to be the oldest port city in the world. See the amazing St. Peter Church at night and take in a spectacular view of the Tel Aviv shoreline from Jaffa's Hilltop. Return to our hotel.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Dinner

**Overnight:** Tel Aviv

### Day 3 | TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2017

#### FROM TEL AVIV TO THE SEA OF GALILEE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN CAESAREA / MT. CARMEL / MEGIDDO / NAZARETH / CANA / SEA OF GALILEE / TIBERIA

After breakfast we start our tour heading north to the Sea of Galilee. We will have a relaxing drive along the beautiful coast of the Mediterranean Sea and stop at Caesarea Maritime (Acts 9:30; Acts 10: 24-48), which was the center of early Christians. Here Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10), and it was also here where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). Next, we will stop at Mount Carmel (Muchraka), where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets. Then on to Megiddo (1 Kings 4:28, 9:15; 2 Kings 23:29 & Rev.16:16), and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16), to see the remains from Solomon's days, and view the site where the Battle of Armageddon will be fought. We continue along the Jezereel valley to visit the town of Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26, 4:16-29; Matthew 2:23). We will drive to Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first public miracle - the turning of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11). Drive through the Lower Galilee region to the Sea of Galilee and the town of Tiberia. We'll check in and have dinner at our hotel. Enjoy a free evening to walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Sea of Galilee

### Day 4 | WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2017

#### SEA OF GALILEE AND THE UPPER GALILEE / SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES / CAPERNAUM / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / TEL DAN

Today we will experience the area of Jesus' early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. After breakfast, we will board a wooden boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee as the disciples did 2,000 years ago. We will drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and visit the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5,6,7,8), where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. We will visit the famous chapel, constructed in 1939 by the noted architect Antonio Barluzzi, and enjoy the breathtaking view. Continue on to the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Matt. 4:13, 13:54, 17:24; Luke 7; Mark 1:2; John 4:46-54). Here we can stand in what is left of the synagogue in which Jesus ministered. It was from this city that Jesus did most of his Galilean ministry, where he performed many miracles, and where Peter's mother-in-law lived and was healed. We will drive to the upper Galilee to visit Banias - ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16:13 and Mark 8:27), where Jesus said "on this rock I will build my Church". We will hike through the Dan nature reserve to visit Tel Dan. We will drive through the Hula Valley and the Upper Galilee region back to the Sea of Galilee. We'll return to our hotel for dinner.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Sea of Galilee

### Day 5 | THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2017

#### SEA OF GALILEE AND JORDAN RIVER / YARDENIT BAPTISM / BETH SHEAN / QUMRAN / DEAD SEA / FREE TIME TO FLOAT & ENJOY THE RESORT

After breakfast will depart the Sea of Galilee. Our first stop will be in Yardenit for a baptismal service. Continue south along the Beth Shean valley and visit the ancient city of Beth Shean (Mark 5:20, 7:31) It was here that after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31). We will continue to the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. We will visit Qumran and walk through the ruins of this ancient Essene community. In this spot, an amazing cache of ancient biblical texts was discovered in 1947 - commonly called the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will check in at our hotel, located on the shores of the Dead Sea. After check in and before dinner we will enjoy relaxing free time at our wonderful Dead Sea resort hotel, conveniently located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Walk to the beach and float in the salty water of the Dead Sea. Take a dip in the beautiful swimming pool. You can also take this opportunity to enjoy optional Dead Sea mud and mineral treatments at the hotel's spa.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Dead Sea

### Day 6 | FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2017

#### EXPLORING THE DEAD SEA AND THE JUDEAN DESERT / DEAD SEA / MASADA / EIN GEDI / JERUSALEM / MOUNT OF OLIVES / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Today we will explore the Dead Sea and the Judean desert region and its biblical and historical sites. After early breakfast we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit one of the most spectacular sites in Israel – the 1,500 foot mountaintop fortress of Masada. Built by King Herod, Masada is famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. We will ascend to Masada by cable car and discover the 1st century Synagogue, Herod's Bathhouse and many other sites. We will continue along the shores of the Dead Sea and stop at Ein Gedi, where David hid in a cave when running from Saul (1 Samuel 23). It was here that David composed several of his Psalms. From here we will ascend to Jerusalem – the holy city of Zion. Upon arriving in Jerusalem we will head to the top of the Mount of Olives to stand where the Lord ascended into heaven (Acts 1) as we take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the city across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate where the Prince of Peace will enter (Ezekiel 44). We will pass by Pater Noster Church and visit Dominus Flevit where "the Lord wept" as he beheld the Holy City, and take the Palm Sunday Road down to the Garden of Gethsemane where we will see 2,000-year-old olive trees that date back to the time of Christ. Ending our day, we will check in to our centrally located hotel, which is conveniently located within walking distance from the Old City of Jerusalem as well as from the city center. Free time to rest, relax, have dinner and enjoy your first evening in Jerusalem

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Jerusalem

### Day 7 | SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2017

#### JERUSALEM OLD CITY / LIONS GATE / VIA DELAROSA / ST. ANNE CHURCH / POOL OF BETHESDA / JUDGMENT HALL OF PILATE / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / CHRISTIAN QUARTER / BETHLEHEM

Following breakfast, we will enter the Old City via the Lion's Gate. The Lion's Gate, located in the eastern wall of the Old City, is the entrance marking the beginning of the last walk of Jesus from prison to the crucifixion – the Via Delarosa. We will start our walk along the Stations of the Cross to visit St. Anne Church (we'll sing with an 11 second echo!), the Pool of Bethesda, then continuing to the Judgment Hall of Pilate and all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt. 27:33-57, 28:10). We will end our touring day visiting Bethlehem. We will return to our hotel for dinner.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Jerusalem



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### Day 8 | SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2017

**OLD & NEW CITY JERUSALEM / TEMPLE MOUNT / WESTERN WALL / SOUTHERN WALL / SOUTHERN STEPS / DAVIDSON CENTER / CITY OF DAVID / JEWISH QUARTER / MT. ZION / CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU**

Following breakfast, we will head to the Old City and enter via the Dung Gate to visit the Temple Mount. We will then visit the Western Wall ("Wailing Wall") – the holiest site in Judaism and one of the original ancient walls that retained the Temple. We will continue to the Southern Temple Mount archaeological excavations. Here we will visit the "Southern Steps" – the archaeological reconstruction of the Temple Steps where Jesus walked so often. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money changers who were exploiting the people. We will visit the unearthed southern end of the western wall, the paved street and the Robinson's Arch. At the Davidson Center museum, we will view a documentary of the excavation and a 10-minute film describing a visit of a pilgrim to the second temple as it was in Jesus' time. Our Next stop will be at the City of David – the oldest and original section of Jerusalem. We will walk through the historic Jewish Quarter all the way to Mt. Zion. We will visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. According to tradition, this was the place of the palace of the high priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought to jail after his arrest. (Mark 14: 72) We will return to our hotel for dinner.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Jerusalem

### Day 9 | MONDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2017

**GARDEN TOMB / "YAD VASHEM" HOLOCAUST MUSEUM / SHRINE OF THE BOOK / HOLY LAND MODEL / FARWELL DINNER/ DEPARTURE TRANSFER**

Following breakfast, we will check out from our hotel. We will conclude our old tour by visiting the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. We will head to Mt. Herzl area for a visit to the newly renovated Holocaust Museum – "Yad Vashem". We will end the day at the Israel Museum and visit the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. We will also visit the Holy Land model to view Jerusalem as it looked like during the second temple period. After Farwell dinner, we will depart from Jerusalem and drive to the airport for our departure flight.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Onboard

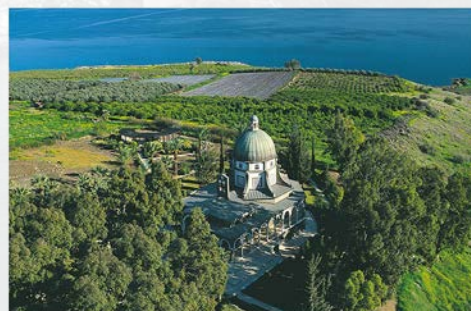


### Day 10 | TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2017

**FLIGHT DEPARTURE / ARRIVE BACK IN SFO**

Today we arrive back in SFO

**\* Remember to bring your Bible and notepad as we study the Scriptures at each site identified in the Bible.**



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- 7 nights first class accommodation
- Daily full buffet breakfast and dinner served at the hotels
- 1 Farewell dinner in a restaurant before departure
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- Group departure transfer escorted by your tour guide
- All entrance fees as per your requests
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- 7 Full days of Private transportation in modern deluxe A/C coach and top professional driver + arrival day
- Porter fees at airports and hotels
- Sea of Galilee boat ride
- Cable car transportation from/to Masada
- Mobile phone will be provided to the tour leader
- All land and service taxes are included

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Daily lunches
- Travel insurance (optional & highly recommended)
- Tip for the tour guide, bus driver and hotel staff (\$75 per person)

### QUESTIONS?

For more information and registration please contact **Pastor Walt Groff** by email at: [pastorgroff@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgroff@gmail.com)

### REGISTRATION

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