

## **IGLESIA BAUTISTA FAMILIA DE DIOS** **DESCUBRE LA TIERRA SANTA**

**MARCH 25 - APRIL 03, 2017**

### **LED BY PASTOR TITO & ANA CAMPOS**

Come and awaken your faith to a whole new level with a trip to Israel! Discover the land of God for yourself. We encourage you to go to Israel and create an everlasting experience of a lifetime.

From discovering the footsteps of Jesus, to baptism in the Jordan River, that and more will bring the scriptures to life and reveal God's connection to you in the Holy Land.



**JOIN US ON A  
JOURNEY  
OF A LIFETIME**



## ITINERARY

### Day 1 | SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 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 | SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

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

Today we arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. We 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). Check in at our Hotel. You'll have free time to rest and relax in your hotel room or stroll the Tel Aviv famous sidewalk. After our welcome dinner, we'll join together to worship God in the homeland of His people, and to pray for the week ahead. Enjoy your first evening in Israel! (Evening Activity) For those who would like to explore Old Town Jaffa at night, meet with our tour guide after worship for a free optional escorted tour. After a short walk on the famous Tel Aviv sidewalk 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.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Dinner

**Overnight:** Tel Aviv, Herods Hotel

### Day 3 | MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

#### FROM TEL AVIV TO THE SEA OF GALILEE / CAESAREA / MT. CARMEL / MEGIDDO / MT. PRECIPICE / SEA OF GALILEE

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 (Mushrakka), 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 Jezreel valley to visit the town of Nazareth (Luke 1:26, 4:16-29; Matthew 2:23). We will take in an unforgettable view of the city of Nazareth from the top of Mt. Precipice, also known as Mount of Precipitation, or Mount of the Leap of the Lord. It is believed to be the site of the rejection of Jesus, described in Luke 4:29-30. From Nazareth we will drive through the Lower Galilee region to the beautiful Sea of Galilee. We'll check in and have dinner at our lovely Kibbutz 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, Leonardo Plaza Tiberias

### Day 4 | TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

#### SEA OF GALILEE AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS / SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / "JESUS BOAT" / GOLAN HEIGHTS / UPPER GALILEE / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / YARDENIT

Today we will discover the tranquil Galilee region and the beautiful Golan Heights. 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 dock at Kibbutz Nof Geonsar and visit the "Ancient Jesus Boat" - the remains of a 2,000 year old boat that was discovered in 1986. This boat was used at the time of Jesus and his disciples. Next, we will drive up to the beautiful Golan Heights and learn about the ancient Jewish settlements in this region. We will 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 drive through the natural Hula Valley and the Upper Galilee region back to the Sea of Galilee. We conclude this remarkable day with a visit to Yardenit - the wonderful baptismal site on the Jordan River. We'll return to our hotel for dinner and a restful evening.

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

**Overnight:** Sea of Galilee, Leonardo Plaza Tiberias

### Day 5 | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

#### JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY ALONG THE SEA OF GALILEE AND THE JORDAN RIVER / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES / TABGHA / CAPERNAUM / BETH SHEAN / DEAD SEA / FREE TIME TO FLOAT & ENJOY THE RESORT

Today we will experience the area of Jesus' early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. After breakfast 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. We will continue to Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy of Peter (Matt. 13; Mark 33-45; John 21). Here we will visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. 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. From here we will drive south along the Beth Shean valley and the ancient city of Beth Shean (Mark 5:20, 7:31) for an overview of this remarkable archeological site. 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 drive through the Jordanian Valley past the city of Jericho and arrive at the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. 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 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 of our resort hotel. You can also take this opportunity to enjoy the Dead Sea famous mud and mineral treatments at our hotel's spa (\* optional)

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

**Overnight:** Herods Hotel, Dead Sea

### Day 6 | THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

#### EXPLORING THE DEAD SEA AND THE JUDEAN DESERT / DEAD SEA / MASADA / EIN GEDI / QUMRAN / 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 breakfast we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit one of the most spectacular sites in Israel - the 1,500 feet 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 for a look out on the oasis of 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. Next, 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. 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). From the Mount of Olives 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 & visit Dominus Flevit where "the Lord wept" as he beheld the Holy City. We will 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. We will end our day and continue to our hotel for check in and dinner. We will have free time to rest and enjoy our first evening in Jerusalem.

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

**Overnight:** Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza



## ITINERARY

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### Day 7 | FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

**THE STONES OF YOUR HERITAGE: TEMPLE MOUNT IN JESUS TIMES / JERUSALEM OLD & NEW CITY TEMPLE MOUNT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS / SOUTHERN WALL / SOUTHERN STEPS / DAVIDSON CENTER / WESTERN WALL / JEWISH QUARTER / MT. ZION / UPPER ROOM / TOMB OF KING DAVID**

Today we walk where Jesus walked. We will return to the Old City, where we will enter via the Dung Gate and visit 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 fascinating documentary of the excavation and a 10 minutes film describing the visit of a pilgrim to the second temple – to better understand what the Temple was like in Jesus times. We will continue our Old City exploration and walk through the historic Jewish Quarter all the way to Mt. Zion. Here we will visit the Tomb of King David and worship in the Upper Room (Luke 22) – the traditional site where Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper and where Thomas later cried, "My Lord and my God". In the late afternoon, we will return to the Western Wall Plaza and visit the Western Wall ("Wailing Wall") – the holiest site in Judaism and one of the original ancient walls that retained the Temple. We will have some free time to experience this holy site, to pray at the wall, and to sense the importance of this site to the Jewish and Christian people just before the entrance of the Shabbat. We will return to our hotel for a festive Shabbat dinner.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner  
**Overnight:** Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza

### Day 8 | SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

**CITY OF ZION – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: JERUSALEM OLD CITY AND BETHLEHEM LIONS' GATE / VIA DOLOROSA / ST. ANNE CHURCH / POOL OF BETHESDA / JUDGMENT HALL OF PILATE / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / CHRISTIAN QUARTER / KNESSET / BETHLEHEM / CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY / SHEPHERD'S FIELD / GARDEN TOMB**

Following breakfast we will enter the Old City via the Lions' Gate. The Lions' Gate, located in the Eastern Wall of the Old City, is the entrance that marks the beginning of the last walk of Jesus from prison to the crucifixion – the Via Dolorosa. We will start our walk along the Stations of the Cross to visit the St. Anne Church and the Pool of Bethesda. We will continue to the Judgment Hall of Pilate all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt. 27: 33-57, 28:10). After lunch we will enjoy some free time to rest and shop at the colorful Christian Quarter bazaars. We will drive through the New City of Jerusalem and pass by the Knesset – Israel's parliament- and continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7). We will venture out to the Shepherd's Field, referenced in Luke 2:8-20, where an angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. We will end our touring day visiting the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the resurrection with a time of prayer (Luke 23). We will end the day by driving back to our hotel for our great farewell dinner. We will share food with our new friends and be inspired by all the memories from our journey – memories that will last a lifetime.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner  
**Overnight:** Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza

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**\$2070** Per person in double room

Price based on 16 passengers / Single Supplement of \$775



### Day 9 | SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

**FREE MORNING / BETHLEHEM / HOLOCAUST MUSEUM/ FAREWELL DINNER /AIRPORT & DEPARTURE**

After breakfast we will enjoy some free time in our hotel for last minute shopping. Around noon time we will gather at the hotel lobby and board our bus for our final touring day in Israel. We will drive through the New City of Jerusalem and pass by the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7). We will venture out to the Shepherd's Field, referenced in Luke 2:8-20, where an angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. We will drive back to Jerusalem and head to Mt. Herzl area for a visit to the newly renovated Holocaust Museum – "Yad Vashem". We will end our journey by driving to the village of Abu Gosh to celebrate the end of our tour with a great farewell dinner at a Middle Eastern restaurant. After dinner we will drive to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport for our return flight.

### Day 10 | MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

**ARRIVAL BACK IN THE USA**

Today we will arrive back in the US.

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



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