

JOIN MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

LED BY PASTOR LANCE CUNNINGHAM

APRIL 18 - APRIL 27, 2018

Imagine walking where Jesus and the great biblical characters of the Old and New Testaments walked and lived. Imagine seeing and experiencing the places where God revealed His glory and power among His chosen people. Imagine the names, places, and events of the Bible become more than words or pictures on a page as you stand where they stood and experience firsthand the land of Israel. I invite you to do all of this and more with Connie and me as we journey together to the Holy Land April 16-25, 2018. Look over this brochure and you will find I have chosen the very best tour company with the finest tour leaders and best possible dates to see Israel in the beautiful spring. Five star



accommodations, wonderful Israeli buffets, and great travel schedules will help make this the trip of a lifetime. If you have further questions, please contact me for more information. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining me as we explore the land of the Bible together.

Pastor Lance Cunningham

\$3,485 Air & Land Package
Per Person in Double Occupancy - based on 33 travelers



JOIN US ON A
JOURNEY
OF A LIFETIME

ITINERARY

Day 1 | WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2018

USA DEPARTURE

Our journey begins today as we depart on our way to Israel – the Land of the Bible. Our flight departs from CVG at approx. 11:AM. 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 | THURSDAY APRIL 19, 2018

ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL / TEL AVIV / JAFFA

Today we arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. Our flight arrives at approx. 10AM. 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). 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 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 | FRIDAY APRIL 20 2018

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 (Mushakra), 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 and the Church of the Annunciation (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. Our last stop will be in 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. We'll check in at our lovely kibbutz hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Sea of Galilee

Day 4 | SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018

SEA OF GALILEE AND THE UPPER GALILEE / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES / TABGHA / CAPERNAUM / UPPER GALILEE / CAESAREA PHILIPPI

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. 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 natural Banias nature reserve to the water falls. We will drive through the natural Hula Valley and the Upper Galilee region back to the Sea of Galilee. We'll return to our hotel for dinner and a restful evening.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Sea of Galilee

Day 5 | SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2018

SEA OF GALILEE AND JORDAN RIVER / SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / "JESUS BOAT" / YARDENIT / BETH SHEAN / DEAD SEA / FREE TIME TO FLOAT & ENJOY THE RESORT

Today we will visit the baptismal site - a \$10 pp is required for the robe and certificate (to be paid directly in the site) 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. We conclude our Galilee tour with a visit to Yardenit - the wonderful baptismal site on the Jordan River. 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 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. You can also take this opportunity to enjoy the Dead Sea famous mud and mineral treatments at the hotel's spa.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Dead Sea

Day 6 | MONDAY APRIL 23, 2018

EXPLORING THE DEAD SEA AND THE JUDEAN DESERT / DEAD SEA / MASADA / 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 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. 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 for overview 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. 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) 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 our hotel for dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 7 | TUESDAY APRIL 24, 2018

JERUSALEM OLD & NEW CITY / TEMPLE MOUNT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS / SOUTHERN WALL / SOUTHERN STEPS / DAVIDSON CENTER / WESTERN WALL / JEWISH QUARTER / MT. ZION / ROOM OF THE LAST SUPPER / CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALlicantu

Today we walk where Jesus walked. Following breakfast, we will head to the Old City and enter via the Dung Gate to 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. We will walk through the historic Jewish Quarter all the way to Mt. Zion. We will visit the room of the last supper and then continue to 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 a festive dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Jerusalem

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Day 8 | WEDNESDAY APRIL 25, 2018

JERUSALEM OLD CITY / LION'S GATE / VIA DELAROSA / ST. ANNE CHURCH / POOL OF BETHESDA / JUDGMENT HALL OF PILATE / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / CHRISTIAN QUARTER / GARDEN TOMB

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 enjoy some free time to rest and shop at the colorful Old City bazaars. We will end our day visiting the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. Return to our hotel for dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 9 | THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018

BETHLEHEM / "YAD VASHEM" HOLOCAUST MUSEUM / SHIRE OF THE BOOK / HOLY LAND MODEL

Today is our last touring day in Israel. After breakfast, we will drive to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7). We 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 head to the new city of Jerusalem and pass by the Knesset, Israel's parliament. We will head to Mt. Herzl area for a visit to the newly renovated Holocaust Museum – "Yad Vashem". From here we will continue 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. Return to our hotel for our Farwell dinner.

Meals Included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Jerusalem

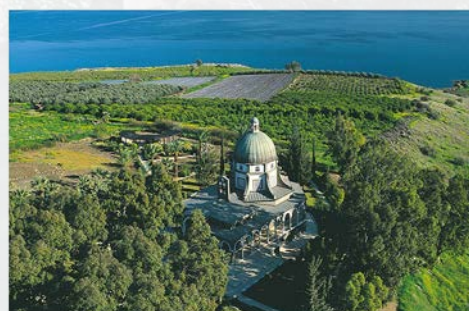


Day 10 | FRIDAY APRIL 27 2018

ARRIVE BACK IN THE US

This morning we will take an early transfer back to the airport. Our departure flight departs @ 11:50am and arrives CVG at approx. @ 10pm

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



LAND & AIR PACKAGE - \$3,485

ALL TAXES INCLUDED

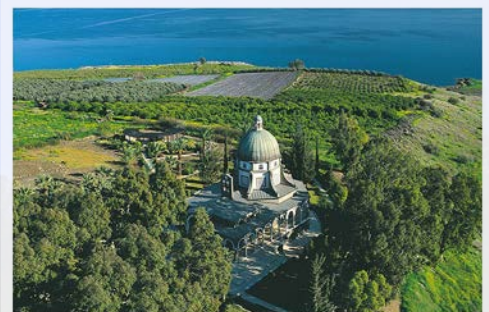
Single Room Supplement - \$795

* Based on min. 33 travelers

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INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE:

- Roundtrip flight from Cincinnati to Tel Aviv, Israel
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges are included
- 8 nights' accommodation in superior first-class hotels
- Daily Breakfasts and Dinners: full buffet breakfasts and dinners served daily at the hotels
- "Meet & Assist" at the airport by an America Israel Tours airport representative.
- Group arrival and departure transfers escorted by your tour guide
- All entrance fees as per your requests
- 7 Full days of private touring with your private tour guide + arrival day tour to Jaffa
- 7 Full days of private transportation in deluxe A/C coach & professional driver + arrival day
- Porter fees at airports and hotels
- Sea of Galilee boat ride
- Cable car transportation from/to Masada
- All land and service taxes are included
- Online registration for fast and easy registration



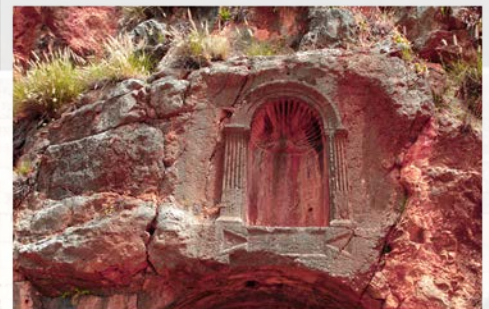
NOT INCLUDED:

- 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

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REGISTRATION

You may register online by visiting: www.americaisraeltraveltours.com/mcbc

We offer online and mail registration. For those who prefer to register by mail or fax, please complete the "Register By Mail" form and mail / fax it with your \$500 deposit per person to: America Israel Tours, 5000 N. Parkway Calabasas | Suite 104, Calabasas, CA 91302

Please make all payments payable to: **America Israel Travel**

A \$500 pp Tour Deposit is due upon registration but no later than Monday, December 18, 2017

* Final payment is due by Monday, January 8, 2018

