

The Holy Land

In the Footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets

March 18-29, 2020

"If you want to understand the poet, you must go to the poet's land." – Goethe.

Join us on our in-depth and unique Holy Land tour as we follow the life of Christ and the prophets. Walk in the footsteps of the Savior and see, hear, know, and feel the history and future of this sacred land. Your understanding of the scriptures will never be the same. You will never be the same.

March 18 Wed: USA – Tel Aviv, Israel

Depart home city to Tel Aviv. (In-flight meals)

March 19 Thur: Arrive Tel Aviv

Afternoon arrival at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport. Airport welcome. Transfer to Netanya for dinner and overnight. (D)

March 20 Fri: Netanya – Nazareth

After breakfast we travel north to **Caesarea Maritima** archaeological site. Caesarea, a historic seaport and home to the summer palace of Herod the Great built in 22 BC and later home to Pontius Pilate. We continue along the coastal plain to **Haifa** and the German Templar Cemetery and burial site of early LDS converts and missionaries dating to 1888 and then to the **Haifa Observatory** to view the **Baha'i Gardens**, which mark the world center of the Baha'i faith, and **Haifa Bay**. Here we will point out locations and discuss LDS dedications of the Holy Land. We travel up **Mt. Carmel** passing **Daliyat Carmel** to a unique, local Druze restaurant for lunch. After lunch we continue to the **Muhkraqa Monastery** to view the Holy Land and **Jezreel Valley** and recount the stories of the prophet Elijah and the priests of Ba'al recorded in 1 Kings 18. Winding down the mountain we come to **Megiddo**, the royal city of the Canaanites, fortified by Solomon as a "chariot city", and the **Valley of Armageddon**, site of the last great battle before the Second Coming of Christ. Crossing the **Jezreel Valley** we ascend **Mt. Tabor**, site of the **Mt. of Transfiguration** and visit the **Basilica of the Transfiguration**. Our final journey is to **Nazareth**, the boyhood town of Jesus for our dinner and overnight. (B, D)



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March 21 Sat: Lower Galilee and the Valley of Jezreel

This morning we visit **Mary's Well**, the **Church of the Annunciation** and **St. Joseph's Carpentry shop**. We proceed to the 1st century reconstructed **Nazareth Village**. We tour the village, built as Jesus would have known it in his lifetime, and enjoy a 1st century lunch. Following lunch, we travel through the **Nazareth hills** past **Cana**, where the first recorded miracle of Christ took place turning water to wine, and the **Horns of Hittin**, where the Crusaders suffered their final defeat in 1187. We will stop at the **Arbel** overlook, where according to Jewish tradition the Messiah will be revealed. From this magnificent view of the Galilee region we review the significant events from ancient to modern times and what prophecy holds for this area. Leaving Arbel, we descend through **Tiberias** and visit the beautiful chapel of **Magdala** and stand in a 1st Century synagogue where Jesus and his apostles stood. From here we transfer to **Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar** to view the **first century AD fishing boat** and **Yigal Alon Center Museum**. Here we **board a fishing boat to cross the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Ein Gev**. Today is Saturday, the Sabbath in Israel. We will hold a devotional service today. Overnight at **Ein Gev** perfectly located right on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. (B, L, D)



March 22 Sun: Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Tel Dan, & Golan Heights

Following breakfast, we travel along the Eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee below the Golan Heights, passing **Kursi** (Jesus feeds the multitudes), **Bethsaida**, and the northern Jordan River to **Capernaum**. In Capernaum we see the synagogue where Jesus preached and nearby what is believed to be **the house of Peter**. Not far from here is **Primacy of the Rock** where the resurrected Jesus asks Peter, "Lovest thou me?"; **Tabgah**, site of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves; and the **Mt. of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered His epic "Sermon on the Mount". We continue our journey past **Chorazin**, **Hatzor**, **the Hula Valley**, to the Lebanese border near **Tel Dan**. Time permitting, we will visit **Banias (Caesarea Philippi)** at the foot of **Mt. Hermon** where Peter confessed the Savior's divinity. ("Whom do men say ye that I am?") We see the northern **borders of Israel with Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan**. We visit the bunkers in **the Golan Heights** at **Bental**, and after a **memorable fish dinner** at Kibbutz Ein Gev, we return to **Ein Gev Resort Village** to enjoy an evening swim or just relax. (B, L, D)

March 23 Mon: Galilee – Jericho

We depart Ein Gev and the Galilee and drive south along the **Jordan River** to **Beit She'an**, inhabited more than 6,000 years ago, and later occupied by the Romans. After touring the **Roman Byzantine city**, we continue south along the Jordan River Valley to **Jericho**. We visit **Tel Jericho**, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. And here we see the remains of the **Walls of Jericho** that came "tumbling down" during Joshua's siege of the city. Also near Jericho we visit the site recently identified as **Bethbara** (identified by Lehi as the baptism site of Jesus) on the Israeli side of the border with Jordan called **Qasr Al- Yahud**. Overnight in Jericho. (B, D)

March 24 Tue: Jericho – Jerusalem

We depart Jericho and drive south to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth, and continue along its banks to **Masada**, a magnificent Herodian mountain fortress once occupied by Jewish zealots under siege by the Romans. From here we continue to **Qumran**, site of the original **Dead Sea Scrolls** found by shepherds in local caves. Before we continue to Jerusalem, those who choose will have an opportunity to "float" in the waters of the Dead Sea. Departing the Dead Sea Rift Valley, we pass through the **Judean hills** to **Jerusalem**. We detour near the **Old Roman Road** of Jesus' day to view the **Judean wilderness** and take a walk to see **Kozeba** or **St. George's Monastery** across **Wadi Qelt**. This area was the likely site of the Inn of the Good Samaritan. Upon arrival in Jerusalem we check into our hotel for an early dinner. We then transfer to **West Jerusalem** and the **Shrine of the Book** and **Dead Sea Scrolls** at the **Israeli National Museum**. Here



we see a **Model City of Jerusalem** that is a reconstruction of the Herodian city before its destruction in 70 AD. A brief stop at the **National Menorah** and **Israeli Knesset**, or Parliament building, will end our day. Overnight Jerusalem. (B, D)

March 25 Wed: Old City of Jerusalem & Bethlehem

Today we visit the four quarters of the **Old City**, including Jewish and Christian quarters. We visit the **Temple Mount, Western or Wailing Wall of Solomon's Temple** and site of Ha Kotel excavations, and the **Ophel Museum**. We travel a few miles south of Jerusalem to **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus. We also visit **Manger Square, Church of the Nativity**, and **Shepherd's Fields**. We return to Jerusalem for overnight. Optional tour is offered this evening to **Ha Kotel excavations** along the length of the Western Wall. (B, D)



March 26 Thur: Last Week of the Savior's Life, Old City of Jerusalem, Bethany, & Bethpage

We travel to **Bethany** this morning to visit the tomb where Jesus raised **Lazarus** from the dead. At **Bethpage**, on the eastern side of the **Mt. of Olives**, we visit the **Church of Mounting**, traditional place of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus during the "Passion Week" or last week of the Savior's life. After a panoramic view of Jerusalem from atop the Mt. of Olives, we visit the sacred **Garden of Gethseman** to remember the Atonement and Christ's final hours before His arrest. We visit **Mt. Zion** and the "**Upper Room**" of the Last Supper, the traditional **House of Caiaphas at St. Peter in Gallicantu**, the **Pool of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the paralyzed man and follow a portion of the **Via Dolorosa** or "**Way of the Cross**", which is the route Jesus took when He carried His cross. Other sites include **King David's Cenotaph, Lions' Gate**, and the **Damascus Gate**. Our day will end at the **Garden Tomb** where Christ was buried and resurrected with time for instruction and personal thought and reflection. Overnight Jerusalem. (B, D)



March 27 Fri: Jerusalem

This morning we visit **West Jerusalem, Yad Vashem** (Museum of the Holocaust), and **Mt. Hertzl**. This afternoon is free to spend as you wish. You can return to sacred sites and/or explore new ones. It's a great day for shopping the bazaars, and walking the labyrinth of alleyways and side streets throughout the Old City or visiting the "New City" with its many shops, restaurants, and boutiques along **Ben Yehuda Street** and area. This evening we will go to the **Western Wall** to watch the faithful Jewish community welcome *Sabbat*, the Sabbath day which begins at sundown. For those interested, we will visit the **Great Synagogue** in West Jerusalem. An optional tour is offered of the **City of David** and **Hezekiah's Tunnel**. Overnight Jerusalem. (B)

March 28 Sat: Jerusalem – Tel Aviv – USA

Following breakfast, we transfer to the **Orson Hyde Gardens** to discuss and review the Orson Hyde Dedication of the Holy Land, the Ascension and future return of Jesus Christ to this place. Afterward we proceed to the **Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies (BYU)** and participate in the LDS Sacrament meeting. After church services, we depart the Jerusalem Center and return to our hotel for final packing. We bid farewell to **Jerusalem** and travel to the ancient **Emmaus (Nicopolis)** before going on to Jaffa to visit the underground walk through a museum and walk the promenade. It was from Jaffa that **Jonah** embarked on his fateful ocean voyage, and here **Peter raised Tabitha** from the dead. This evening we join for a farewell dinner in Jaffa-Tel Aviv. Following dinner, we transfer to the Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport for our return flights home. (Depending upon your flight schedule, your return flight may depart Tel Aviv late night March 28, or just past midnight March 29. Your *Columbus Travel*® agent will assist you with scheduling your airline flight schedule.) (B, D)

March 29 Sun: Arrive USA Arrival back home.

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Your Tour Hosts:



For 28 years **Larry Gelwix** has served as host of the syndicated “Travel Show” radio broadcast and is known to listeners as the “Getaway Guru”. Larry is one of the leading Holy Land tour organizers having arranged travel for thousands of visitors to Israel, Egypt, and the Middle East. As a tour host and former LDS mission president, Larry brings a unique dimension to understanding the life of Christ and our road to discipleship. For 36 years Larry served as the volunteer Head Coach of the Highland Rugby Team. The team’s success caught the attention of Hollywood which produced “Forever Strong”, a major motion picture which tells the true-life story of Coach Gelwix and the Highland team. Larry was also the subject of a 2012 documentary entitled “Larry Gelwix: No Regrets”, which won an Emmy Award and has aired on national television. A popular convention, seminar, and fireside speaker, Larry has addressed groups across the country and around the world. Larry Gelwix currently serves as CEO of *Columbus Travel*[®], Bountiful, Utah.



Dann Hone is one of the founding members of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies and held virtually every position at the Center, including Academic Coordinator where he was responsible for training and teaching all Jerusalem Center faculty in history, archaeology, geography, and scriptures. His studies include 13 modern and ancient languages and scripts. Dann lived in Israel for many years and received his graduate degree in Biblical History from the Jerusalem University College. A published author, Dann has written study guides and books on the Near East and recently finished volumes one and two of a seven volume *Scriptural Reference and Exploration* series on “scriptural manners and customs.” Dann is emeritus faculty of Ancient Scripture at BYU. After thirty years at BYU, he entered back into teaching as adjunct faculty in the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley University. He currently serves as the Managing Director and faculty for the International Travel Studies Institute.

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- Netanya (Tel Aviv): Island Suites Hotel
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- Nazareth: Nazareth Legacy Hotel
- Jerusalem: Olive Tree Hotel
- Galilee: Ein Gev Resort



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