

12 Inclusive Days

The BEST of Israel 2012

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Hosted by:

Pastor Cody Sandahl

March 12 – 23, 2012



Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you to come with us for an unforgettable journey, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2012.

Traveling in Israel will bring new meaning to the Old and New Testaments as you read the text with new eyes. We will visit places where Jesus lived, walked, served and became a sacrifice. Daily we will open the text of the Bible to draw out its meaning for our lives as we visit the sites where the events happened.

We will be traveling with **IGM TOURS**, pioneers of a travel experience that will take us beyond crowded church shrines and souvenir shops. Our tour has been refined by an experienced cadre of scholars and leaders that will allow us to go deep into the Biblical text, history and geography of the Holy Land.

There are daily panoramic views, gentle walks and a hands-on approach to authentic Bible sites that get to the heart of the message. Combining the tour with some wonderful resources from IGM will allow us to read and understand the narrative of the Bible with a fresh perspective.

On our Tour we will stand atop Mt. Arbel to view the expanse Jesus' ministry in the Galilee area. We will visit major Bible crossroads, circle the entire sea and sail the Galilee in a double scale replica of a Roman fishing boat.

In Jerusalem we will walk beneath the ancient city for the length of the Western Wall tunnel, sit on the Temple steps where we know Jesus walked and taught parables. We also plan to have worship in the Garden Tomb before returning home.

As you consider our plan for this Holy Land adventure with IGM please take a few moments to read over the tour conditions. Notice that the group cost of the trip includes airfare, hotels, meals, transfers, entrance fees, scholarly guides, and is fully escorted. In addition, the Group will have 5 pre-trip education gatherings that will provide an orientation to the land, culture and sites that we will experience during our travels.

Please fill out and return the Registration Form (signed and dated) along with your deposit. This will assure you of your space on the Trip.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Cody Sandahl

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\$3696 – 25 or more participants

\$3785 – 20/24 participants

\$3905 – 15/19 participants

Price is per person, double occupancy.
(price adjusted for less than 15 persons)

PRICE INCLUDES: Turkish Airlines group economy airfare (non-refundable) r.t., standard 1st class & deluxe hotels (twin bedded, dbl. occ.), daily breakfast & dinner, English-speaking guides, group airport transfers, entrance fees, portorage of one suitcase, \$115 local tips (guides, drivers, porters, dining & hotel desks), \$515 estimated air taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE: Daily lunches, \$20 Turkey visa (to be paid in cash upon arrival at Istanbul), personal services requested.

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$745

ISRAEL LAND ONLY PRICE: \$2900 – Air transportation and individual airport transfers are not included.

Here is your itinerary:

DAY 1 Mon Mar 12 USA DEPARTURE

Be at the airport at least 3 hours prior to departure for international check-in procedures. Hot meals and in-flight entertainment are per airline policies.

BLR = Bible Lands Resource: daily reading.

BLR: p. 2 - Roads, Rivers & Crossroads

DAY 2 Tue Mar 13 ARRIVE TEL AVIV

Region: Coast of Sharon

Change aircraft at Istanbul and arrive Tel Aviv mid afternoon. Proceed through passport control (keep the white entry paper in passport). Meet your guide outside in the group parking lot. Depart to your hotel for lodging.

DAY 3 Wed Mar 14 TO SEA OF GALILEE

Region: Coast of Sharon, Jezreel Valley, Sea of Galilee

Visit Caesarea Maritima (Acts 10, Peter's encounter with Cornelius) to view the Roman theater, Pontius Pilate stone, Caesar's seaside home and the stadium. Continue to the Caesar's harbor and the Roman aqueducts. Ascend Mt. Carmel to visit Muhraqa (Elijah encounters the prophets of Baal). Continue to Nazareth to visit Mary's Well. Proceed to your lodging for the next four nights.

BLR: p. 6 - Coastal Plains #2, Coast of Sharon, #5 Lower Galilee

DAY 4 Thu Mar 15 SEA CIRCLE TRIP

Region: Sea of Galilee

Circle the sea visiting sites of Jesus' ministry. Depart for the Yarmuk River and ascend the Aphek Plateau for an unobstructed view of the Sea of Galilee from Kfar Haruv. Continue past Koursi (Jesus cast demons into swine) to Bethsaida, home of Peter, Philip, Andrew. Visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7). Optional is a foot descent to the seaside of Tabgha. Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry. Optional is a lunch-break to sample St. Peter's fish. Sail the sea in the Jesus Fishing Boat, a double-scale replica of a Roman fishing boat. Visit Mt. Arbel for a dramatic overview of Jesus' public ministry on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Visit the modern baptismal site of the Jordan River.

BLR: p. 6 - Mountains & Valleys, Overview, #4, #5, p. 7 - Jesus at Galilee, Rift Valley

DAY 5 Fri Mar 16 TO UPPER JORDAN

Region: Upper Jordan, Sea of Galilee

Depart the sea on the ancient Via Maris, pass Hazor (ancient crossroads, largest Canaanite city) to Tel Dan. Walk through the Nature Preserve beside the roaring Jordan River to Tel Dan (Ps. 42). Continue to the High Place of Jeroboam. Proceed to Baniyas (Caesarea Philippi), Peter's confession of Jesus as Christ. Depart for Nimrod Fortress. Return via Quneita to view the Syrian Border.

BLR: p. 7 - The Upper Jordan

DAY 6 Sat Mar 17 LOWER GALILEE, BETH-SHEAN

Region: Lower Galilee, Sea of Galilee

Visit more sites of Jesus' life at Galilee. At the capital city of Galilee, Sepphoris, view the Roman theater, the mosaic floor, and more. Continue via the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the New Testament Armageddon of Rev. 16. View the tel and the water tunnel. Continue to Tel Beth-shean. From the ruins of Scythopolis consider the demise of Saul, Israel's first king. View ruins of the only Decapolis city west of the Jordan River. Return to the Sea of Galilee with the balance of the afternoon at leisure beside the sea.

BLR: p 6 #6 - The Jezreel Valley

DAY 7 Sun Mar 18 JERICHO, QUMRAN, EIN GEDI, DEAD SEA

Region: Jordan Valley, Dead Sea

Depart the Sea of Galilee for Descend the Jordan River Valley and continue to OT Jericho and visit the tel. Proceed to a Sycamore tree in Jericho for Zachaeus' encounter with Jesus. Continue to Qumran to view caves associated with the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery. Visit the nature preserve at Ein Gedi, and walk to the waterfalls to consider David and Saul. Proceed to an oasis-like resort on the southern shore of the Dead Sea for dinner and lodging.

BLR: p. 6 #8 Mannaseh, #9 Ephraim, p. 8 #18 Lower Jordan

DAY 8 Mon Mar 19 MASADA, HERODIUM, BETHLEHEM

Region: Dead Sea, Judean Hills

Ascend the ancient fortress of Masada by cable car to explore the Zealots' last stand against Roman forces. Explore archaeology of the Zealots inhabitation atop their challenge. Visit the synagogue and then descend the fortress by foot on the Roman siege ramp to your awaiting coach. Ascend from the Dead Sea via Arad to the Judean Hills. Visit the Herodium (Herod's grave) and continue into shepherds' fields. Enter Bethlehem and visit the Guide's Street and the Church of the Nativity. Take time for olivewood shopping. Continue to your Bethlehem hotel for dinner and lodging.

BLR: p. 7 - #12 Judean Highlands

DAY 9 Tue Mar 20**JERUSALEM****Region: Jerusalem**

Depart Bethlehem for nearby Jerusalem. Visit the Mt. of Olives for orientation to Jerusalem's Old City (Ps. 122). Walk the traditional Palm Sunday route past the Dominus Flevit Church to the Garden of Gethsemane. Proceed to the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall. Enter the Ophel Ridge to walk on the Herodian pavement, touch the Temple foundation, and sit on the Temple steps from Jesus' time, the one place where we know Jesus walked and taught (Lk. 19-21). Enter the Dung Gate and ascend the Temple Mount to view the El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Continue to the intact St. Anne's Crusader Church (hymn-sing?), the Pools of Bethesda, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Walk on the Via Dolorosa through the market place (shuq) into the Christian Quarter to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

BLR: p. 7 Jesus at Jerusalem

DAY 10 Wed Mar 21**JERUSALEM****Region: Jerusalem**

Walk through the Damascus Gate into the Jewish Quarter to visit Wohl Archaeology Museum and view the underground excavations of Upper Jerusalem of Jesus' lifetime. The Herodian Mansion may possibly be that of the High Priest Caiaphas. Continue via the Cardo to view the Byzantine Cardo Map (Madeba map replica) and walk the Herodian period pavement. Walk through the Jewish Quarter to Zion Gate and Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room. After a lunch break in the Old City proceed to the southern excavations of the Ophel Ridge. Enter Area G to explore the dig of the City of David and continue to the Warren Shaft. Descend to the Gihon Spring and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel (bring old shoes for the walk through knee-deep water) to the Pool of Siloam (Jn. 9). Proceed to the Jaffa Gate to walk the wall of the Old City's Christian Quarter to the Damascus Gate.

DAY 11 Thu Mar 22**JERUSALEM, FREE AFTERNOON****Region: Jerusalem**

9:00 A.M. private tour and communion at the Garden Tomb. Depart for the Israel Museum to visit the 1/50 scale model of Herodian Jerusalem and to see selected exhibits. Continue to the nearby Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. The balance of the day is at leisure for personal interests in Jerusalem.

DAY 12 Fri Mar 23**ARRIVE USA**

Transfer early morning to the Tel Aviv airport for the flight to the USA. Fly while reliving Holy Land experiences. Arrive New York this afternoon. Proceed through passport control, customs, and continue home.

**REQUESTED HOTELS:**

NETANYA: Ramada Hotel

TIBERIAS: Caesar Hotel

DEAD SEA: Le Meridien Resort Hotel

BETHLEHEM: Jacir Palace InterContinental

JERUSALEM: Ambassador Hotel

TOUR CONDITIONS:

1. **DEPOSITS:** Registrations require a signed and dated **IGM** form and a **\$300** deposit per person. Late Deposit fees are: \$50 for less than 100 days and **\$150** for less than 60 days (after invoice period) before departure. Late registrations risk airspace not being confirmed.

2. **FINAL PAYMENTS:** Final payments must be received 60 days prior to departure. Payments received later will be assessed \$50 per person and must be paid by a Cashier's Check or Money Order. If final payment is not received by 40 days prior to departure, the participant's tour space will be canceled and the deposit forfeited.

3. **DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS:** Payable to **IGM TOURS.**

4. **CREDIT CARDS:** **VISA and MasterCard** credit cards may be used for deposits and Final Payments.

5. **FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final tour documents (including airline tickets and any itinerary adjustments) will be available one week before departure to facilitate any last minute changes.

6. **TOUR CANCELLATIONS:** **Written cancellations must be sent directly to IGM TOURS.** Cancellations (for any reason whatsoever) are subject to an **IGM \$50 administrative fee.**

90 days prior: an additional \$100 per person plus \$150 airline fee.

40 days prior: the full tour price is charged.

There are no refunds for international tickets once issued!

7. **AIR TRANSPORTATION:** **Turkish Airlines** group economy airfares (10 persons flying the same route) are non-refundable and issued about 40 days prior to departure. Tickets do not permit changes in names, cities, or dates without penalty. Seats are preassigned by the airline. Airfares are subject to change until ticketed. **Bonus and discount coupons are not applicable.**

8. **HOTELS:** Prices are based on 1st class & deluxe hotel rooms (twin bedded, dbl. occ.). If changed, similarly priced hotels are used. Single room occupants (for any reason) must pay single room surcharge.

9. **MEALS:** Daily breakfasts & table d'hote dinners. Coffee/tea are only included with breakfasts.

10. **GROUP TRANSFERS & ENTRANCE FEES:** Overseas group transfers and entrance fees are included. Individual transfers are not included for those who deviate from tour itineraries.

11. **GUIDES:** English-speaking guides are provided.

12. **PORTERAGE:** Overseas portage of 1 suitcase is included. The fee for additional suitcases/flight bags is \$1 per hotel.

13. **LUGGAGE:** Group touring is limited to one normal size suitcase (not to exceed 50 lbs), one camera case, and one flight bag.

14. **PASSPORTS & VISAS:** Each participant is responsible for a valid passport with 6 months validity for USA return, and must mail to **IGM** a legible copy (do not fax). **Data is required 60 days prior to departure.** A Turkey visa is required on this tour for U.S. passports. Other than U.S. passports must advise **IGM** at the time of registration.

15. **NO SMOKING POLICY:** Smoking is not permitted on coaches or flights.

16. **ITINERARY CHANGES:** The itinerary has been planned under the direction of your tour leader. It is possible that the daily itinerary may be adjusted by unforeseen circumstances.

17. **PRICING FLUCTUATIONS:** Tour prices are based upon current tariffs, agreements, and exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure production, September 2011. These factors are outside the control of **IGM**, and will be defined by **IGM** at least 60 days before departure. **But if the fuel surcharges increase any time prior to ticketing you will be assessed.**

18. **DEVIATIONS/CHANGES:** Deviations/changes must be requested in writing to **IGM** (\$50 per person plus airline fees) at least 90 days before departure. And subject to airline regulations. Requests **less than 90 days** (invoice period) require an added \$75 fee per person. They are **not** accepted less than 60 days. No exceptions.

19. **REFUNDS:** Refunds are made only per the guidelines listed below.

20. **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** **IGM strongly recommends** the purchase of travel insurance for protection of one's tour and luggage investments. Coverage may commence from the day of tour deposit throughout the tour duration.

21. **TOUR OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY:** **IGM TOURS, Inc.**, herein and hereafter referred to as **IGM** and/or its agents, act only in the capacity as a broker agent for the passenger in all matters connected with hotel lodging, sightseeing, tours and transportation, whether by air, rail, motorcoach, boat, or any other means and as an agent holds itself free of responsibility for any damage or expense resulting from any cause whatsoever. **IGM** is a bonded wholesale travel broker, which complies with California's "Seller of Travel State Law": CST#2018950-50. **IGM** and/or its agents will not be responsible for any damage or expenses or inconvenience caused by late registrations, late airplanes, trains, boats, or changes in any of their schedules due to strikes or any other reason whatsoever. **IGM** operates 9:00am to 5:00pm weekdays excluding holidays. **IGM** will not be responsible for the loss or damage to luggage or any passenger's personal belongings. **IGM recommends the purchase of Travel Insurance to cover such events.** **IGM** reserves the right to refuse any person as a tour member at any time before or during the actual tour. **IGM** reserves the right to cancel, change, or withdraw the tour in whole or in part at any time. The sole obligation of **IGM** is to refund payments received in connection herewith if not acceptable by tour members. Refunds for canceled airfares and services abroad for any reason will be made only after having been received from the airlines, hotels, or companies performing these services, less any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the operation resulting from those cancellations and will follow the guidelines herein contained for cancellations. Requests for any refund due to absence from the itineraries abroad must be submitted to **IGM** in writing not less than 60 days prior to departure and are subject to agreements with overseas Operators. Any dispute arising out of these tours will be settled in the courts of the City of Hayward, CA.

22. **AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:** The participating airline, Turkish Airlines, is responsible only for the air travel portion of this tour performed for it on behalf of tour participants in accordance with the terms and conditions of their individual passage contracts and subject to the applicable laws, treaties and regulations governing air transportation. Tour services, including but not limited to carriage by land or sea, guide services, hotel accommodations, restaurants and all services other than carriage by air, are furnished by contractors who are independent and do not act for or on behalf of the above airline and the above airline shall not be responsible for any act, omission or event occurring prior to the tour participants embarkation upon or after his/her disembarkation from the aircraft. The usual passage contract by the airline when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the tour participants and in purchasing a passage contract as part of this tour, the tour participant acknowledges and accepts the foregoing conditions. The above airline is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board its aircraft.

The BEST of Israel 2012 Registration Form

Group: Sandahl – March 12, 2012

Name: _____
(Gender and names exactly as printed on passport!)

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone (area code): _____

E-mail: _____

Citizenship: _____
(Country issuing passport)

Passport #: _____
(Mail a copy of passport to **IGM TOURS**, do not fax.)

Departure City: _____

Roommate: _____
(Singles must pay surcharge!)

I request single room lodging.
(\$745 supplemental surcharge)

I have carefully read the brochure and Tour Conditions and agree to these terms and conditions as a binding contract when my registration and deposit are received by IGM TOURS.

Enclosed is my deposit of \$ _____ (\$300 per person).

Signature(s)

Date

Mail deposit to:

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(510) 727-0380
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E-mail: igmtours@aol.com

VISA and MasterCard payments: Call IGM TOURS or submit the card number, name on the card, expiration date, security code and billing zip code.

