What Makes for Peace: Introduction to the Holy Land

November 8-18, 2019  11 Days
Optional extension to Jordan, November 18-20

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**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

**FRI 08 NOV**  Depart Chicago  
Your journey of faith and discovery begins today. This evening board your Turkish Airlines flight in Chicago and fly transatlantic, overnight to Istanbul. (Meals in-flight)

**SAT 09 NOV**  Arrive Tel Aviv/Bethlehem  
Connect in Istanbul this afternoon with the continuing flight to Tel Aviv. Upon evening arrival your guide and driver will be waiting to greet you. Transfer to Bethlehem for hotel check-in and overnight. Grand Hotel (Meals in-flight, D)

**SUN 10 NOV**  Bethlehem  
Take an early morning a guided walking tour of the Old City, including a visit to the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Then attend Sunday worship (in Arabic) at Christmas Lutheran Church, and join the congregation for fellowship following the service. This afternoon meet with a settler at Efrat Israeli Settlement followed by a contrasting visit to Deheishe Refugee Camp. Grand Hotel (B,D)

**MON 11 NOV**  Bethlehem  
This morning visit Hebron for a brief walk through the city center and the market. Shop for Hebron glass, then continue to Beit Jala to meet with a representative at the Environmental Education Center and also visit Hope Lutheran School. Late this afternoon meet with The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb (subject to availability). Grand Hotel (B,D)

**TUE 12 NOV**  Bethlehem/Galilee  
This morning meet for a one-hour introduction to Diyar Ministries to learn about the varied ministries of the Diyar Consortium and tour the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB). Learn how the organization empowers Palestinians by fostering training for employment, and creativity among local children. Drive to the Separation Wall and visit an representative of the English-language pastor and a representative of the Young Adults in Global Mission. Gloria Hotel (B,D)

**WED 13 NOV**  Galilee  
Today sail on the Sea of Galilee and stop at the point where the Jordan River flows from the Galilee. Travel to St. Peter’s House at Capernaum and visit the Ancient Synagogue. Drive along the shore to Tabgha for visits to the Church of the Primacy of Peter and Church of Multiplication, built on the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Next visit the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee, and walk down the mountain stopping for communion along the way. Pilgerhaus (B, D)

**THU 14 NOV**  Galilee/Jenin vicinity  
Depart for Jenin this morning stopping to visit Mary’s Well in Nablus. Upon arrival in Jenin meet with representatives of Canaan Fair Trade, which is dedicated to helping marginalized Palestinian rural communities sustain their livelihoods and culture. Assist the local farmers with their olive harvest, then spend the night with a local family. Homestays arranged by Canaan Fair Trade (B, D)

**FRI 15 NOV**  Jenin vicinity/Jerusalem  
Travel to Jerusalem and arrive atop the Mount of Olives for a breathtaking view of Jerusalem. Nearby visit Augusta Victoria Hospital, supported by the Lutheran World Federation and hear of the healing work being done. This afternoon meet with a local organization such as the Israeli Committee Against Housing Demolition. Proceed to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for a meeting with the English-language pastor and a representative of the Young Adults in Global Mission. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

**SAT 16 NOV**  Jerusalem  
Visit the Garden of Gethsemane then embark on a walking tour along the Via Dolorosa through the Old City to experience all of the Stations of the Cross including last few Stations located inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Stroll through the Jewish Quarter and view the Western Wall considered to be one of the holiest sites in the Jewish tradition. Gloria Hotel (B,D)

**SUN 17 NOV**  Jerusalem  
Worship at the English-language service at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and join in fellowship afterward. The rest of the day will be free for individual exploration. This evening gather for a farewell dinner. Gloria Hotel (B,D)

**MON 18 NOV**  Return to Chicago  
After breakfast transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for flight check-in and departure. Connect in Istanbul with the continuing flight to Chicago. Arrive home this day enriched with your discoveries of the past and present in the Holy Land. (Meals in-flight)

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO JORDAN**

**MON 18 NOV**  Jerusalem/Petra  
This morning transfer to the Allenby Crossing to Jordan and meet your Jordanian guide, driver and coach. Visit Bethany-Beyond-the-Jordan, which has received recognition as the likely site where John baptized Jesus. Nearby visit the new Lutheran chapel. See the ancient map of Jerusalem at Madaba, then continue through the vast desert to the village of Wadi Musa, which embraces the entrance to Petra, one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World. Petra Guesthouse (B,D)

**TUE 19 NOV**  Petra/Amman  
Two thousand years ago the Nabateans carved a city out of rose red rock and it was rediscovered in 1812. Today you will discover the formerly lost city of Petra during a half-day guided tour. Begin by walking through the dramatic “ciq” or canyon that opens upon the Treasury, El Khazneh. Beyond El Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra’s carved and built structures. This afternoon travel to Amman and check in at your hotel for dinner. Larsa Hotel (B, D)

**WED 20 NOV**  Amman/Return to U.S.  
Transfer early this morning for the return flights to the U.S. Arrive home today enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land. (Meals in-flight)
PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of $400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of $1000 is due July 5, 2019. Final payment is due September 5, 2019. The fee for late payment is $50 per traveler. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to July 4, 2019 - $100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; July 5 – October 24, 2019 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; October 25, 2019 or after – No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than July 5, 2019. A minimum fee of $100 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a $50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

WHAT’S INCLUDED?
- AIRFARE: Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via Turkish Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION: Nine nights accommodation in Christian guest house, homestay and superior class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT: Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING: Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE: Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- EXPERT GUIDES: An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- GRATUITIES: Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, $120 per person has been included).
- TAXES: Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently $490 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED: Comprehensive documentation including travel accessories, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

COST SUMMARY

$3349*
Group Flights From Chicago
Tour Gratuities ($120).......................... Included
Airport Taxes ($490)............................ Included
*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement
Single Room (in addition to base tour cost)......$419

Extension to Jordan..................$899
Two nights in superior tourist class hotels; breakfast and dinner daily; transportation by mini-van/coach; entrance fees included per the itinerary; luggage handling of one piece; English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Jordan to departure from Jordan, local assistance in Israel; gratuities to drivers and guides; border taxes for both Israel and Jordan; Jordanian Entry Visa. NOTE: Return flights from Amman are subject to availability and price confirmation at the time of booking. Single supplement = +$149

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (or other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of May 2019; a minimum of 16 travelers (6 on the optional extension), and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

Items Not Included:
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens visiting Israel/Palestine; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#191108 • OR CLIP AND MAIL
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(Name as it appears on passport)
1. First Name Middle Name Last Name
   (Day) ____________________ (Eve.)__________________
   Month/Day/Year

2. First Name Middle Name Last Name
   Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) ____________________________
Tel. (Day) ____________________ (Eve.)__________________
City__________________________ State__________ Zip Code_________________
Email_________________________
City__________________________ State__________ Zip Code_________________
Email_________________________

Roommate__________________________ □ I will pay the supplement for a single room.
□ Sign me/us up for the Jordan extension.

Advising if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)
□ I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.
□ I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from__________airport to join the group.
□ I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.

Please contact GTD for land-only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)
□ Please reserve________space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:
   $______________ per person inclusive of travel protection for the main tour only.
   $______________ per person inclusive of travel protection for the main tour and Jordan extension.
   $______________ per person without travel protection.
   I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later.

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#191108
I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Form of Payment
□ Check
□ Charge my deposit(s) to Credit Card #________________________
Exp ________________
Security Code ______________________

Name as it appears on credit card:
Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 21 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 866-684-0218 (refer to Agency #47346). Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

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**EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS**

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return Home coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

**CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

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Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed the U.S. State Department Travel Advisory for this destination was Level 2 (Exercise Increased Caution); please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

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