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TOUR ESCORT



THE SEA OF GALILEE

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE BIBLE

with Pacific Grove Travel

April 1-13, 2024

MONDAY, APRIL 1 –

Depart the Monterey Peninsula to San Francisco International Airport on a private motorcoach. Connect with Turkish Airlines flight #80 nonstop to Istanbul, leaving at 6:15pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 – RAANANA

Arrive Istanbul at 5:15pm. Connect with Turkish Airlines flight #788 nonstop to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport, leaving at 6:20pm and arriving at 8:20pm. Upon arrival, you will be met by a Ya'lla Tours USA Israel representative and transferred to your hotel for overnight. PRIMA MILLENNIUM RAANANA HOTEL is located in the high-tech district of Raanana. www.prima-hotels-israel.com/prima-millennium-raanana-hotel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 – GALILEE (B,D)

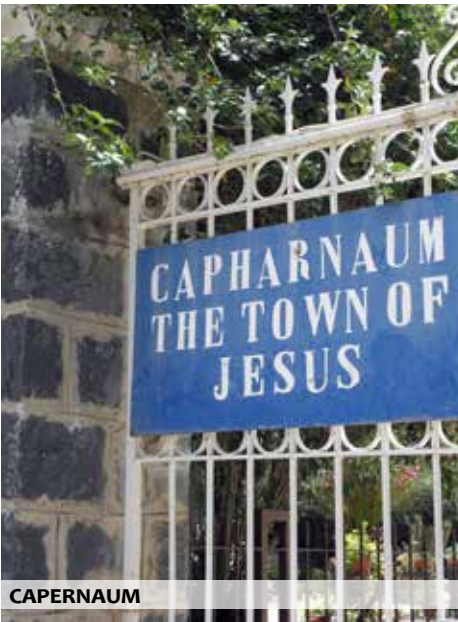
Drive through the Plain of Sharon to Caesarea Maritima, a large port city built by Herod the Great to honor Roman Caesar Augustus. Herod built a port in the bay and erected all the cultural institutions found in every great Greco-Roman city, including a theater, a hippodrome, and a luxurious bathhouse. In order to supply water to the city's ever-growing population, he built an aqueduct system stretching from the springs of Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. Part of this system is still visible today. The Book of Acts refers repeatedly to Caesarea as the city Peter visited (Acts 10). Then to Megiddo (I Kings 9:15), where excavations reveal 26 layers of civilization, including fortifications of King Solomon and a water tunnel of King Ahab. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the Jezreel Valley, prophesied site of Armageddon at the crossroads of the ancient Via Maris. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight. EIN GEV HOLIDAY RESORT is a kibbutz hotel on the Sea of Galilee, 15 miles from Tiberias. www.inisrael.com/kibbutz.co.il/kibbutzhotels

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 – GALILEE (B,L,D)

We take a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to visit the 2,000-year-old Ginosar Boat ("the Jesus boat"). Nearby, we visit the New Testament fishing village of Magdala (Matthew 27:56, 61). Continue to Tabgha, the traditional site of the multiplication of bread and fish (John 6:1), and then to Capernaum, with an ancient synagogue where Christ taught and the disciples Peter and Andrew made their homes (John 6:24). Enjoy a St. Peter's Fish lunch by the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Church of the Primacy, where Peter was first among the apostles to confess the divinity of Christ (Matthew 16:16; Mark 8:29; John 6:69). At Kursi, see the Byzantine church and floor mosaic commemorating the miracle of the swine running into the Sea of Galilee (Mark 5:15). End the day on the Jordan River, where you will have the opportunity to renew your baptism. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 – GALILEE (B,D)

Visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5). Next, we are off to the ruins of the prehistoric settlement at Tel Dan, once a thriving Canaanite community and the northern limit of the Promised Land. It was here that King Jeroboam set up a calf altar that brought disaster on Israel. Back on the bus, we continue north to Caesarea Philippi (Banias Spring), where Peter confessed to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16). From this location, we can see Mt. Hermon, often covered with snow year-round. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.



SATURDAY, APRIL 6 – JERUSALEM (B,L,D)

Visit Cana, where Jesus performed his first public miracle, turning water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11). We continue to Nazareth Village for a first-hand experience of the way of life in Galilee during the days of Jesus, including a biblical-style lunch. While in Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23), we will also visit the Annunciation Church, where tradition says the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary (Luke 1:26-38), and St. Joseph's Grotto. Then visit Mt. Precipice, where Christ was taken "...in order to throw Him off the cliff" (Luke 4:28-30). Take in the view of the Jezreel Valley (Armageddon), Mt. Tabor (The Mt. of Transfiguration) and Mt. Gilboa (where Gideon chose his 300 brave men). Then climb the Judean hills to the most beautiful city in the world, JERUSALEM, for dinner and overnight. GRAND COURT HOTEL is near the historic Mandelbaum Gate and within easy walking distance of Jerusalem's Old City. www.grandhotels-israel.com/grand-court-hotel-jerusalem

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – JERUSALEM (B,L,D)

Drive 6 miles south of Jerusalem to Bethlehem (Micah 5:2 and Luke 2:1) and visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use. Construction of this church began in 327AD over the traditional birthplace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Enjoy an Arabic lunch in Bethlehem. Then continue through the Field of Boaz to Shepherds' Field (Luke 2) where we will revisit the Christmas story with the angels and shepherds of Bethlehem. Return to Jerusalem and visit the Israel Museum to see an exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book and a scale model of Jerusalem as it was in Jesus' time. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

MONDAY, APRIL 8 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

Drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives (Acts 1:8) for a magnificent view of the Old City. Then take the "Palm Sunday Walk" to the Dominus Flevit Church ("the Lord weeps," Luke 19:41-44). During construction in 1955, archaeologists uncovered artifacts dating to the Canaanite period and tombs from the Second Temple and Byzantine eras. Also unearthed were the remains of a lovely Byzantine shrine with an elaborate mosaic floor that was incorporated into the new church. Continue walking down to the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36). Some of the oldest olive trees in the world are here. Visit the Church of All Nations which contains the stone where Jesus prayed on the night of his betrayal, according to tradition. We will have time for singing and prayer in a quiet area of the Garden of Gethsemane. Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate (Lions' Gate) and continue walking to the Christian Quarter. Here is the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1), where Jesus healed the lame man, and St. Anne's Church, an outstanding example of crusader architecture with amazing acoustics. Walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) past the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. In 325, Constantine's mother Helen first requisitioned the area for a church. The 4th-century church was largely destroyed by the Turks in 1009 and partially restored in 1048. In its current form, the church preserves the crusader structure and is shared by two major Christian denominations, the Greek Orthodox and the Roman Catholic. The church enshrines a tomb that some traditions hold to be the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



TUESDAY, APRIL 9 – JERUSALEM (B,D)
Today is at your leisure to enjoy and relax in Jerusalem. Breakfast, dinner and overnight provided.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 – JERUSALEM (B,D)
Visit Caiaphas Palace (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, John 18:12). See the cistern where Jesus was held before he was taken to Pilate and the Roman steps he walked from the Kidron Valley. Continue to Mt. Zion to visit King David’s Tomb and the Last Supper Room (Luke 22:7-28). Visit the City of David excavations which reveal the time of King David. If weather permits, walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel and visit the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus sent the blind man to be healed. Walk the Pilgrims Tunnel direct to the Old City. See the ancient Southern Steps and the Hulda Gates (II Kings 22:14) which originally led up to the Temple entrance where Jesus is known to have taught and fought with the money changers. Walk to the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism and the only visible remains of Herod’s splendid Second Temple. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, huge arched spaces north of the Western Wall linked to a Hasmonean era water tunnel. Return the hotel for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 – JERUSALEM (B,D)
Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial for a tour and memorial service with a local cantor. Depart Jerusalem and drive south through the Tzora and Eshta’ol regions where Samson battled the Philistines. Stop at Tel Azekah, an Israelite military outpost from which we’ll view the Sorek Valley and the Elah Valley, where David slew the giant Goliath with only faith and a slingshot. Continue to the Lachish area on the southern coast of Israel, where we will participate in an archaeological dig (approximately 2 hours). Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – JERUSALEM (B,D)
Drive east from Jerusalem to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. See Jericho from a short distance and Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Continue to Masada, a natural fortress with majestic ruins overlooking the Dead Sea. Take a cable car to the top of the rock for a tour. Jewish zealots held Masada for several months in 73AD under siege by the 10th Roman legion. The Romans finally took the fortress by way of a massive attack ramp. Then drive to the Dead Sea for a float in the soothing, therapeutic water. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – (B)
Transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport for your Turkish Airlines flight #811 nonstop to Istanbul, leaving at 7:30am and arriving at 9:50am. Connect to Turkish Air flight #79 nonstop to San Francisco, leaving at 1:55pm and arriving at 4:35pm. Connect to your bus to the Monterey Peninsula.



Price per person in a double room: \$5,845
Price per person in a single room: \$7,100

TOUR INCLUDES: roundtrip bus transfer from the Monterey Peninsula to SFO / roundtrip, economy airfare from San Francisco to Tel Aviv with Turkish Airlines / airline departure and fuel tax, subject to change / private airport transfers in Israel / 11 nights of hotel accommodations with daily buffet breakfast / 10 dinners and 3 lunches per the itinerary / 9 days of touring in a private, luxurious, air-conditioned bus with a licensed, English-speaking guide / site entrance fees per the itinerary / personal headsets / private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee / participation in an archaeological dig / baggage handling at airport and hotels in Israel / tips to guide, drivers, restaurants and hotels / service fees and local taxes

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE: meals and drinks other than specified / personal expenses / travel insurance (currently required to enter Israel).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Airline schedules are subject to change. / Passports must be valid for at least 6 months past your return date. / An \$800 per person deposit is due with registration. / The deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. / Final payment is due January 2, 2024.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRICE:

- The price of the tour is based on a minimum group size of 30 passengers. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond Ya’lla Tours USA Inc.’s control, our suppliers increase the price, Ya’lla Tours USA Inc. will adjust the price accordingly.
- Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket has been issued.
- Should a single traveler wish to share a room with another traveler, and Ya’lla Tours is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- Should the number of participants, 90 days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly or the tour will be cancelled.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

- A deposit of \$800 per person is due with registration.
- Final payment is due January 2, 2024.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- For cancellation 89-45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.
- For cancellation 44-30 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.
- For cancellation 29 or fewer days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.
- No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, accommodations, entrance fees, and others listed in the program.
- If Ya’lla Tours USA cancels the trip/tour for reasons beyond its control, a credit voucher will be offered for the land services good for use up to 18 months from the original travel date to any Ya’lla Tours USA destination. Any refund or credit of airfare included by Ya’lla Tours USA in the trip/ tour will be determined by the policy of each individual airline.
- Travel insurance is NONREFUNDABLE.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Ya’lla Tours will do its best to maintain the content of the tour. The Tour operator reserves the right to change the listed hotels to others of similar quality.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas Ya’lla Tours USA and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage, nonperformance, general risks of travel, government regulations or acts of god occurring in connection with suppliers of these tours. The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. Ya’lla Tours USA Inc. reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled ‘Cancellations & Refunds.’ The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven. Venue for any dispute is Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY: Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/ she fully understand each of them. Specifically passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the ‘Cancellations & Refunds’ section.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION: Passports must be valid for at least six months following your return date from your travel destination. For more specific visa requirement, please contact the relevant consulate for current information.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY: This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both Ya’lla Tours USA Inc. and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is not included in your tour price but is currently required to enter Israel.



PETRA

JORDAN EXTENSION

April 13-16, 2024

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – PETRA (B,D)
You will be picked up from your Jerusalem hotel and transferred to the Allenby Bridge. Cross to Jordan and meet your Ya'lla Tours Jordan tour guide. Drive to Mt. Nebo, the traditional burial site of Moses overlooking the Dead Sea and the Jordan Valley. Continue to the holy city of Madaba, known for its outstanding Byzantine mosaics. Visit St. George's Cathedral and see the 6th-century mosaic floor depicting the earliest surviving map of the Holy Land. Continue to Petra for dinner and overnight. OLD VILLAGE RESORT is built in the style of a local 19th-century village. <http://www.oldvillageresort.com/>

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – PETRA (B,D)
Today we tour the extraordinary, ancient Nabataean capital of Petra hidden in the mountains of southern Jordan. Travel part of the way on horseback and the rest on foot through the narrow canyon or siq. As you approach the end of the siq, the famous Treasury appears magnificently and immediately in front of you, an awesome start to an unforgettable experience. Return to the hotel for overnight. Dinner is at Petra Kitchen where you will learn to cook Jordanian food and then dine on your own creations.

MONDAY, APRIL 15 – AMMAN (B,L,D)
Drive to Wadi Rum and take a short 4X4 vehicle ride into the desert with its awesome lunar landscape. Many films have been shot here, including Dune, The Martian and Lawrence of Arabia. Enjoy lunch at Wadi Rum. Drive north to Amman, Jordan's capital. Stop briefly for coffee at a café overlooking the Temple of Hercules and the Citadel. Visit the Roman Theater of Amman and the Citadel. Stroll through the old markets in the downtown area and stop to sample some knafeh, a regional treat from the famous Habibah Sweets. Arrive at your hotel for dinner and overnight. CENTRO MADA AMMAN is in the chic Abdoun district. www.rotana.com/centrohotels/jordan/amman/centromadaamman

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 – (B)
Transfer to the Queen Alia Airport for your departure with Turkish Airlines flight #815 nonstop to Istanbul, leaving at 7:05am and arriving at 9:35am. Connect with Turkish Airlines flight #79 nonstop to San Francisco leaving at 1:15pm and arriving at 4:35pm.

\$1,795 per person in a double room / \$1,995 in a single room based on a private group of 10 passengers

TOUR INCLUDES: return air from Amman to San Francisco / 3 nights of accommodations with daily breakfast and dinner / private transfers / 3 days of private touring in an air-conditioned bus, with a licensed, English-speaking guide / site entrance fees / 4X4 ride and lunch in Wadi Rum / tips to guide, driver, restaurants and hotels / baggage handling at airport and hotels in Jordan / service fees and local taxes

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE: meals or beverages other than specified / personal expenses / travel insurance



WADI RUM

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Please enter names exactly as they appear on your passport.

Last name _____ First name _____ Middle name _____

Birth date _____ Nickname _____

Last name _____ First name _____ Middle name _____

Birth date _____ Nickname _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Tel _____ email _____

Room type: DOUBLE SINGLE Sharing a room with _____

Upgrade to Business Class @ \$4,290 per person? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please add \$500/person to the deposit. Seats are limited and not guaranteed. Prices are subject to availability.

Add Jordan Extension, April 13 – 16 @ \$1,795 per person? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please add \$500/person to the deposit.

If you wish to purchase travel insurance, please contact Joe Shammas of Pacific Grove Travel for information and prices.

If not, “I understand that I will be fully responsible for any fees or costs associated with the tour due to cancellation/medical necessities/lost baggage/delayed flights, etc.”

Signature X _____ Date _____

I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:

Signature X _____ Date _____

Please sign this form and return it with a check or credit card deposit of \$800 per person.

Make checks payable to Pacific Grove Travel. Send the deposit to:

Pacific Grove Travel Attention: Joe Shammas

593 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Phone: (831) 373-0631 // Email: joe@pgtravel.com

For credit card charge (VI, MC, DS, AX):

Credit card type _____ Name on the card _____

Card number _____ Exp _____ Security code _____

Billing address if different from above _____

I hereby authorize Ya'lla Tours USA to charge my credit card \$ _____ as a deposit for the Pacific Grove Travel trip to Israel. By signing this form, I further state that I have personally read the attached terms and conditions and agree to each of them. Specifically, I understand that should I cancel my trip for any reason, I will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the “Cancellations & Refunds” section.

Signature for the credit card X _____ Date _____