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## **The Holy Land**

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A Spiritual and Educational Tour  
of Israel and Palestine

Hosted by

**Dr. & Mrs. John W. Coker, Jr.**

**11 Day Tour of Israel  
May 17 - 27, 2010**

**\$ 4,299.00 per Person**

**with Optional  
4 Night Jordan Extension  
\$1,559.00 per Person**



**Travel**  
Representative

Round trip from Raleigh, NC  
Based on double occupancy



## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - MON. MAY 17 - DEPART USA.

Today we depart Raleigh airport for our overnight flight to Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv, Israel. **(D, B)**

### DAY 2 - TUE. MAY 18 - ARRIVE ISRAEL

Today we arrive in Tel Aviv early morning and proceed through passport control where our Wilcox World Travel and Tours representative will meet us at the baggage claim area. After we pick up our luggage, the representative will lead us to the airport exit where we will meet our guide, board our bus and begin our tour of the Holy Land. We start by driving north to the coast of Sharon where the baptism of the Gentiles began at Caesarea Maritima (Focus on Acts 10). We include the sunken harbor, the hippodrome, the theatre and the Roman aqueduct. Then we drive to Muhraka ("burnt offering") on Mt. Carmel, with a panorama of the Plain of Jezreel (Esdraelon) (Focus on I Kings 18, the confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal). We continue to Megiddo for the background to Armageddon (Revelation 16). Then we cross over to the Arbel cliff for a magnificent view over the Sea of Galilee and the sites of Jesus' mission (Matthew 4). We continue to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. **(D)**



### DAY 3 - WED. MAY 19 - TIBERIAS / A DAY ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

We drive up the Golan Heights for a panorama of the lake from the east. Then we cross over to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7). Those who wish may walk down the hill to the lake, meeting the group at Tabgha where Christians have long remembered the first feeding of the multitude (Mark 6) and nearby, the breakfast of John 21. Then it is on to Capernaum, where Franciscan archaeologists believe they have uncovered the house of Peter (Mark 1 and 2). After lunch we will take a cruise on the lake in a wooden boat modeled on one from Jesus' time (Matthew 14). We end the day with a visit to the modern baptismal site at the point where the Jordan River flows out of the lake. **(B, L, D)**

### DAY 4 - THU. MAY 20 - UPPER GALILEE AND TIBERIAS, THE SOURCES OF THE JORDAN

After breakfast, we make a brief stop at Hazor, the largest Canaanite city, for a view of Mount Hermon and its surroundings. We then drive to Dan where we combine a nature walk beside the Upper Jordan River with views of the ancient ruins, including the Israelite high place that supported a golden calf (I Kings 12). A short drive then takes us to the spring of Caesarea Philippi (Banias), where Peter confessed his recognition of Jesus as Christ (Matthew 16). Here we will visit the stunning remains of a first-century AD palace belonging to Agrippa II. We drive around Mt. Hermon for a glimpse of Damascus, 45 miles away, then head back over the Golan Heights to our hotel on the Sea of Galilee. **(B, D)**



### DAY 5 - FRI. MAY 21 - JERUSALEM, THE LOWER GALILEE AND THE JORDAN

After breakfast we will visit three major sites: Nazareth, Beth Shean, and Jericho. We start by driving up to Nazareth. On the way we stop at Cana where Jesus performed his first sign (John 2). We continue on to nearby Nazareth. In Nazareth we may choose a visit to the spring of the ancient village; a walk through the bazaar over the site of the ancient village, visit the Church of the Annunciation and get a view from the "brow of the hill on which the city was built" (Luke 4), looking toward Mt. Tabor in the Jezreel Plain. We will cross the plain and descend through the Jezreel Valley to Beth Shean (aka Scythopolis). Here we shall climb the tel and view the setting for the death of Saul (I Samuel 28 - II Samuel 1). We shall then survey the magnificent Roman and Byzantine ruins: the theatre, bathhouses, ancient rest rooms, market areas, and colonnaded streets. We then drive through the Jordan valley to Jericho. At Jericho, we will visit the tel of this oldest city and view the traditional mountain of Jesus' temptation. Ascending the Roman road along Wadi Qilt, we stop for a look at St. George's Monastery. Finally, atop Mt. Scopus, we behold majestic Jerusalem and proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

### DAY 6 - SAT. MAY 22 - JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES / GETHSEMANE / BETHLEHEM

After breakfast we start on the Mt. of Olives with the Old City tilted toward us. After an orientation, we descend the traditional Palm Sunday road to Dominus Flevit ("The Lord weeps"), remembering Jesus' entry (Luke 19). We continue down to Gethsemane (Matthew 26) with a visit to the garden and the church for some quiet time. From here we drive to Mt. Zion to the grounds of a church called St. Peter in Gallicantu, which affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. (Here, the Assumptionist Fathers propose, was the house where the High Priest Caiaphas interrogated Jesus). We continue up on Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room and King David's Tomb. Driving south, we visit Solomon's Pools, Jerusalem's main source of water for almost 2,000 years. Passing the monastery of Hortus Conclusus ("the sealed garden") in Artas, we go to Shepherds' Fields. We conclude the day with a visit to Bethlehem, walking through its alleys and markets to the Church of the Nativity. Then it's back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**



### DAY 7 - SUN. MAY 23 - JERUSALEM / THE OLD CITY.

After breakfast we transfer to the Dung Gate where we visit the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. We will ascend to the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site of Islam, located on the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. Just to the north we find the Pools of Bethesda (John 5) and St. Anne's Church, perfectly preserved from the Crusader period with

acoustics. We then follow the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) back as far as the Holy Sepulcher. We proceed to the Jewish Quarter for a visit to the ruins of a Herodian mansion and walk through the Crusader Cardo and see the Broad Wall. We then walk through the Arab Souks and exit the Old City from Damascus Gate and find our way to the Garden Tomb where we conclude our day with a special visit. Then it's back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**



**DAY 8 - MON. MAY 24 - THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF JERUSALEM AND THE OLD CITY**

After breakfast we begin our day with a visit to a modern tunnel that enables us to examine the length of the outer Herodian Temple wall, mostly preserved in mint condition, including two stone blocks each weighing about 600 tons. We then examine the ruins near the south side of the Temple complex, including steps where we may be certain that Jesus and the disciples walked. The group



may then descend the slope of the first Jerusalem ("City of David") to the Gihon spring and proceed through Hezekiah's tunnel, which led the water to a pool where city dwellers of old were safe from the Assyrian arrows. We then drive to the Shrine of the Book,

which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Israel Museum, including the outdoor model of Jerusalem as the city may have looked in 66 AD. Then it's back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

**DAY 9 - TUE. MAY 25 - MASADA / QUMRAN**

After breakfast, we drive through Ein Gedi to visit the fortress Masada, rising 1,200 feet above the desert plain. We see the restoration efforts

of remains of buildings dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries AD. Afterward, those who wish may enjoy a "float" in the Dead Sea. We then view Qumran where a Bedouin shepherd found the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1948. Then it's back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.



**(B, D)**

**DAY 10 - WED. MAY 26 - MAMRE / HEBRON / RETURN USA**

We begin the day with a drive to Mamre, recalling God's three person visit with Abraham (Genesis 18). We then continue to nearby Hebron. From the hill of the ancient city, we shall be able to understand why it became the capital of Judah. We take a closeup view of the fully-preserved Herodian structure (same design as the Temple periphery) honoring the graves of the patriarchs and matriarchs. If time permits, we will go inside to view the mosque and the cenotaphs also. We then drive down to the Shephelah, the

low hills between the mountain and the coast, where we will visit Maresha (aka Beth Guvrin). From here we can see the entire Judean range to the East as well as Lachish, Gath and the Philistine cities to the West. We explore the intricate caves of Hellenistic Maresha. We then drive north for a stop in the Valley of Elah, where David encountered Goliath (I Samuel 17). After reliving this story, we head up the historic Beth Horon road (Joshua 10:10) to the Benjamin Plateau, passing ancient Gibeon and returning to Jerusalem for our farewell dinner before we drive back down to the airport for our late departure back home. **(B, D)**

**DAY 11 - THU. MAY 27 - ARRIVE USA.**

**INCLUDED IN THE PRICE**

- Current round trip economy air fare from Raleigh / Durham to Tel Aviv via Continental Airlines, with a connection in Newark.
- Current airport departure taxes, customs & security fees.
- \$250,000 automatic flight insurance on all tickets issued by Wilcox Travel.
- Superior first-class and deluxe hotel accommodations throughout (8 nights):

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| Tiberias  | 3 nights | Caesar Hotel |
| Jerusalem | 5 nights | Inbal Hotel  |

- Breakfast and dinner daily, including one St. Peter's fish lunch and a farewell dinner.
- Comprehensive daily sightseeing per itinerary by private deluxe motor coach with qualified driver and English-speaking, licensed guide/escort, who meets you upon arrival after clearing Israeli customs (as per itinerary) and stays with the group throughout until he returns you to the airport for your flight to U.S.A.
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing, including the Sea of Galilee boat ride and Masada.
- All transfers and portorage (one suitcase per person).
- All tipping to hotel and restaurant personnel, porters, drivers, and guides.
- Wilcox World Travel and Tours flight bag and luggage strap.
- Holy Land diary.

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Single room supplement \$ 990.00.
- Insurance: Travel, baggage, trip cancellation, etc.
- Beverages with meals, or meals not specifically mentioned on itinerary.
- Passports
- Personal Items and Immunizations

## Terms and Conditions

**Air Transportation:** ARC/IATAN jet economy class, round trip from gateway city applicable on all IATAN and ARC carriers, based on the non-refundable fare. Tours must be fully paid for and tickets issued no later than 60 days before the tour's departure date. If you cancel or change your reservation for any reason after tickets have been issued, a cancellation fee of 100% of the ticket price will be charged by the airline.

**Fuel Surcharges:** We will review the air costs approximately 65 days before departure and notify you of any changes in air fuel surcharges or taxes.

**Deviations:** Deviation requests should be in writing and will incur an additional service fee plus any applicable fare increases.

**Land Transportation and Transfers:** By private deluxe motor coach.

**Accommodations:** Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$990.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay the single room surcharge). Hotels used are Superior First Class and Deluxe category.

**Meals:** Breakfast and dinner daily. Coffee or tea included with breakfast only; all other beverages are extra.

**Baggage:** Subject to change, free baggage allowance is governed by Continental Airlines. Baggage allowance guidelines will be included in your final documents. For specific information please visit their web site: [www.continental.com](http://www.continental.com). Excess baggage will be charged at the established rates. **Due to limited motor coach capacity we urge our tour members to carry only one bag per person.** Portage for one checked bag is included in the tour price. Excess baggage charges from the airlines and motor coaches are the passenger's responsibility and will be collected at time of handling.

**Service Charges and Taxes:** Those normally levied by hotels and restaurants are included and all departure taxes and tipping.

**Not Included:** Passport costs, and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with regular table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident, baggage and trip cancellation insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special services not specifically mentioned as included; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone and cable expenses, internet access, room service orders, etc.; transportation between hometown city and gateway city.

**Insurance:** Acting only as agents for suppliers, Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. For protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for these types of coverage will be supplied to you prior to departure.

**Important Passport Information:** A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member at a local passport office. Passports must have an expiration date beyond Nov. 30, 2010 in order to travel with this tour. If your expiration date is inside this date, you must renew your passport in order to participate.

**VISA:** A visa is not required for US citizens traveling to Israel, however, a visa IS required for travel to Jordan and the cost has been included in your extension tour price. Further instructions will be provided approximately 90 days prior to your departure.

**Deposits and Payments:** A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required immediately. The balance is due no later than 60 days prior to departure. Please check your statement for specific due dates. Tour conditions and airfares are subject to Governmental, ARC/IATAN, and airline regulation requirements in effect on the date of and during the tour. All airfares and land rates are quoted in US Dollars and are based on tariffs and cost in effect August 2009, and are subject to change without notice. Land costs are based on group rates and final tour cost may be dependent on number

of tour participants.

**Guests with Disabilities:** Please be aware that certain land tours may not be fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Wilcox World Travel and Tours must be notified of any special medical, physical or other requirements of passengers at the time of booking. Should a passenger require the assistance of another to make this tour, it is the responsibility of that passenger to arrange for a companion to provide the assistance at all times and for the entire duration of the tour.

**Participating Air Carriers:** The services of any ARC/IATAN air carrier may be used by Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. for the air portion of these tours.

**Responsibility:** Your tour operator, Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., an ARC/IATAN appointed agent, acts as agent for you in the making and securing of all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing, or for hotel accommodations for the tour. Wilcox World Travel and Tours does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant, or any other supplier of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. Thus, by accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, you agree that neither Wilcox World Travel and Tours nor any of its Tour Hosts or Representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to you or your belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary, or schedules, etc. Also, remember that travel documents are your responsibility as well as compliance with custom regulations. No employee of Wilcox World Travel and Tours can change the terms under which you agree to take this tour. Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not onboard the aircraft. The passage contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole agreement between it and you.

**Cancellations and Refunds:** If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership up to 61 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation fee of \$250.00 to cover administration and communication costs. For cancellations within 60-46 days of departure date you will be subject to a 50% penalty or \$250.00 whichever is greater. Cancellations within 45 days are subject to a penalty of 100% of tour price. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Wilcox Travel in writing. **Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.**

**NOTE:** Wilcox World Travel and Tours reserves the right to cancel, withdraw, or change the tour, in part or whole, at any time. In the event of a change deemed necessary by Wilcox World Travel and Tours, the sole and exclusive obligation of Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. is to refund monies recovered.



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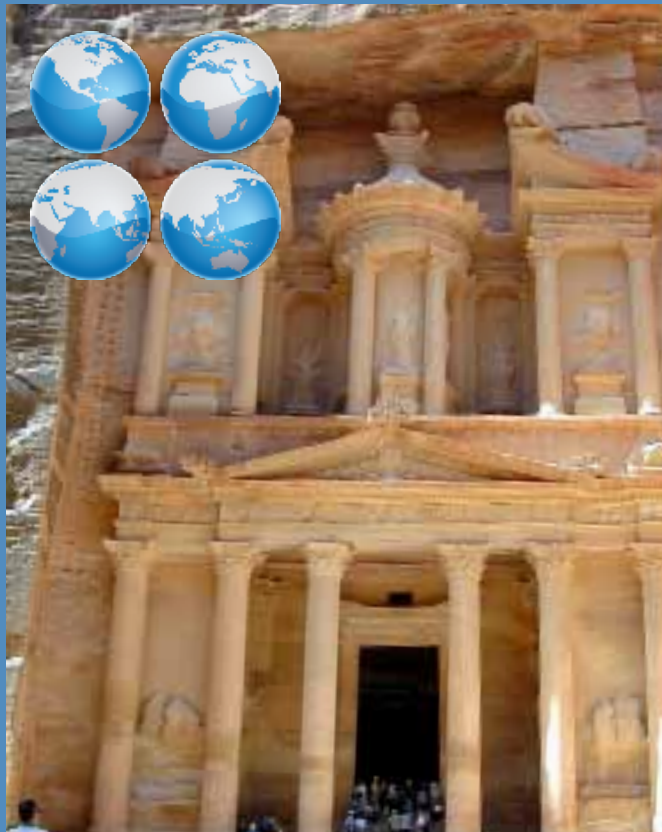
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## Jordan

4 Night Optional Extension

**\$1,559.00 per Person**

Round trip from Raleigh, NC  
Based on double occupancy

### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

#### **DAY 10 – WED. MAY 26 – MAMRE / HEBRON / JERUSALEM**

Return to Jerusalem for our farewell dinner with the folks who are ending their tour and returning home. We overnight in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 11 – THU. MAY 27 – JERUSALEM / MT. NEBO / PETRA**

Following breakfast we depart for the Jordan River and enter Jordan by way of Allenby Bridge. After completing border formalities we'll meet our Jordanian guide and board our Jordanian vehicle to cross into the Kingdom of Jordan, where we'll view the Holy Land from Mt. Nebo, the traditional spot where Moses viewed the Promised Land. The mount is 800 meters above sea level and overlooks the Mount of Olives' (outside of Jerusalem), the Dead Sea, the Jordan Valley and river, and Jericho. After you see the view and the Serpent of Moses (which is a monument on the top), we will walk to the church that has been excavated and restored since 1933 by the Franciscans of Italy. You will see the beautiful mosaic floors dating from the 5th century AD. Mt. Nebo is also said to be the site of Moses' death



and burial. Next, we travel to Jerash, Jordan. We visit one of the most complete and best preserved Roman cities in the world. We'll see colonnaded streets, the south theatre, and many Byzantine churches with beautiful mosaics. Our journey continues to the ancient red rock city of Petra, skillfully carved out of the sandstone mountains. An evening spent next to Petra gives us the opportunity to watch the sun set and rise over this magnificent city, dating back to the 4th century BC. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 12 – FRI. MAY 28 – PETRA / DEAD SEA**

Following breakfast we go into the unique city of Petra. The city was cut from solid rose-colored rock. It was built by the Nabateans and Edomites, long before Christ and is thought by some to be one of the Cities of Refuge for Jewish believers during the Tribulation. We will walk through the siq for 1250 meters till we reach the 1st monument, The Treasury. While walking through the siq, we will see the water system; idols carved on the siq walls; and the paved road from the Roman period. The Treasury is the most fascinating monument in Petra as it has art decorations from the Hellenistic, Greek and Nabatean periods. All the decoration in Petra is on the outer façade with nothing inside except the hollow room of the

ing further to the outer siq, after seeing the Triclinium “where the king used to serve wine for 13 guests as part of the ritual”, we will see more large tombs and a street façade, which is of the earliest tombs and less decorated tombs. Then it’s on to the Nabatean Theater, which accommodated 7,000 people (which means that the number of people who lived in Petra during the Golden years was around 40,000). The theater is carved in the mountain of the high place of sacrifice,



which suggests that the theater was used for rituals and not just plays. Further down we get to the most fascinating tombs of Urn-Silk-Co-

rinthian and the Palace tombs. A walk up the stairs brings us to the urn tomb, which was turned into a church in the middle of the 5th century AD; the Silk tomb has nice colors like silk, which are natural like the rest of Petra; and the Palace tomb, which looks like a palace hence the naming. We proceed down hill and come to the Roman remains of a cardo-Nymphaeum. On the way down, we stop at the Petra church and see the nice mosaics passing the winged Lion Temple and looking

at the so-called Great Temple. Later this afternoon we will proceed towards the Dead Sea for dinner and the next two nights at our hotel **(B, D)**



#### DAY 13 – SAT. MAY 29 – DAY OF LEISURE

Full day relaxation on the water of the Dead Sea and enjoy the facilities of the Hotel. **(B, D)**

#### DAY 14 – SUN. MAY 30 - BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN / ISRAEL

After breakfast we start our day at “Bethany across the Jordan”, the site of John the Baptist’s settlement at Bethany beyond the Jordan. This is the place that has been long known from the Byzantine and medieval texts and the Bible as the place of Jesus’ baptism (John 1:28 and 10:40). The site has now been identified on the East Bank of the Jordan River and was systematically surveyed, excavated, restored, and prepared to receive pilgrims and visitors in early 2000.

John 1:28 speaks of Bethany beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing, while John 10:40 mentioned an incident when Jesus escaped from hostile crowds in Jerusalem and ‘went away again across the Jordan to the place where John at first baptized”. We then cross the Allenby Bridge back



into Israel and drive to Jerusalem. We will pass by the Good Samaritan’s Inn for a final look at Jerusalem from Mt. Scopus before we go to our farewell dinner. After dinner, we transfer to Tel Aviv for our late flight back to Raleigh. **(B, D)**

#### DAY 15 – MON. MAY 31 – ARRIVE USA.

##### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Israeli departure tax at Allenby Bridge, Jordanian departure tax and visa.
- Superior first-class & deluxe (4 & 5 star) hotel accommodations (4 nights)

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| Jerusalem | 1 night  | Inbal              |
| Petra     | 1 night  | Moenvpick Petra    |
| Dead Sea  | 2 nights | Moenvpick Dead Sea |

- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Daily sightseeing per itinerary by private bus with qualified driver and English-speaking, licensed guide/escort, who meets you upon arrival after clearing Jordanian customs (as per itinerary) and stays with the group throughout until he returns you back through the border and to the airport for your flight to U.S.A.
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing including Petra.
- All transfers and portorage (one suitcase per person).
- All tipping to hotel and restaurant personnel, porters, drivers, and guides.

##### NOT INCLUDED

- Single room supplement \$ 475.00.
- Motor coach, guide or driver for free day at Dead Sea.
- Insurance: Travel, baggage, trip cancellation, etc
- Beverages with meals, or meals not specifically mentioned on itinerary.