



**OPTION FOR THOSE GOING TO PETRA:**

**Day 16 – SHABBAT**

Saturday is Shabbat and we will worship with believers at the Jerusalem Assembly. Your afternoon is free to explore.

**Day 17 – EILAT / AQABA / WADI RUM**

Today we travel by bus south along the Dead Sea and across the Negev Desert to the port city of Eilat, on the Red Sea. We'll then cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and on to Wadi Rum where Lawrence of Arabia was filmed. In the afternoon, we'll explore the Wadi and its incredible mountains by camelback. Then, we'll spend the evening as guests in a Bedouin Camp. Imagine eating dinner under billions of stars and sleeping in tents as the Israelites did in the time of Abraham.

**Day 18 – WADI RUM / SIQ AL-BARID**

Today we'll jump into Jeeps and head south deeper into Wadi Rum toward Saudi Arabia to explore more of the unique scenery that makes this place so special. After Lunch, it's north to Wadi Musa and an afternoon exploring the Nabatean ruins of Siq al-Barid.

**Day 19 – PETRA**

This is the day we've been waiting for. We arrive at the ancient Rose City of Petra. In 2007, Petra was named one of the New 7 Wonders of the World and there's a reason. The ornate buildings, vast aqueducts, 4000 seat amphitheater and thousands of tombs were literally carved out of the rose-red sandstone cliff walls. We'll spend the entire day, together and in small groups, exploring to our heart's content. After dinner we'll sit on the piazza of our guest house and share stories of our adventure.

**Days 20 and 21 – AQABA**

Today, we begin two days of reflection, relaxation and decompression. We've spent the past three weeks seeing and experiencing things we've only dreamed about. Now it's time to stop and reflect, and what better place than Aqaba, Jordan? Our home for the next two days is the 5-star Swiss-owned Movenpick Resort at Tala Bay on the Red Sea. Your time is your own. Your choices include sleeping late, laying beside one of the nine swimming pools, relaxing on the beach, snorkeling or scuba diving on one of the nearby reefs, or exploring the city of Aqaba.

**Day 22 – TIME TO SAY GOODBYE**

After a late breakfast, we'll cross back into Israel for our flight to Tel Aviv and on to the United States. Our time together has been rich and rewarding. Before coming to Israel we read our Bibles in black and white, from now on we'll read them in intense color. We're changed by what we've seen, and we're grateful to God for the experience. This has truly been the trip of a lifetime!

**DETAILS:**

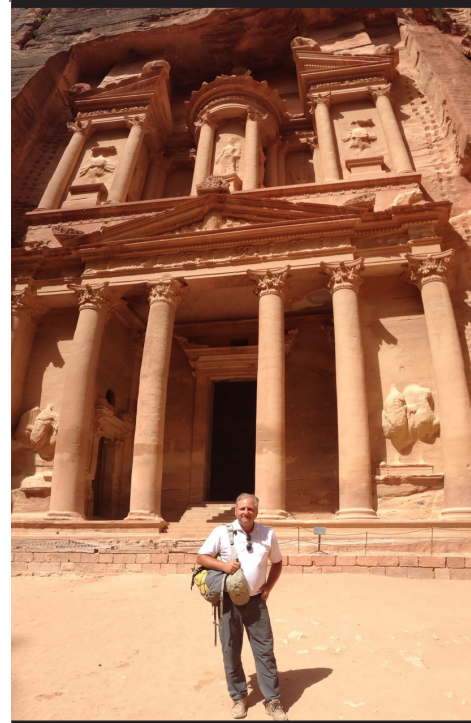
All Inclusive Land rate is \$4699 per person, sharing a double or triple room. Single supplement is \$1500. We anticipate the full cost for both land and air from Billings would be approximately \$5899. Cost and final itinerary is subject to change.

The deposit to hold your place on the Israel Tour is \$500, due by June 30, of which \$100 is non-refundable. The next deposit is \$2000 and is due August 15 and is fully refundable. The next deposit is \$2000, which is due November 15, and is also fully refundable. The balance is due February 1, at which point all deposits become non-refundable.

We will also have an optional extension that will go to Petra in Jordan. We'll stay an extra two nights in Jerusalem and then we'll travel down to Eilat and go into Jordan. The cost of that extension will be \$1350 per person, which will include the trip by bus down to Eilat and the flight back to Tel Aviv, as well as the hotel stay. The single supplement for the Petra Extension is \$700.

The number of participants joining the Laszloffys will be limited, so early reservations are suggested. The Foundation reserves the right to limit participation in any fashion it deems necessary.

We will be giving you additional information regarding travel and medical insurance, cell phone availability, wireless internet availability, as well as other information.



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MONTANA  
FAMILY FOUNDATION  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN  
THEM ON THEIR  
ISRAEL TOUR

MAY 5 - 20, 2017

OPTIONAL EXTENSION AVAILABLE  
TO PETRA, JORDAN



Your Hosts, Jeff and Jennifer Laszloffy



# ISRAEL: THE HOLY LAND



Lee Glassman, our guide

- Lee is a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania
- He and his wife immigrated to Israel nearly 30 years ago.
- He's been a tour guide for almost 20 years.
- He's an amateur archeologist
- He is the guide of choice for many high-level groups.
- Jeff and Jennifer have used Lee on previous trips and he's become a friend and brother.

**J**oin us as we explore the ancient paths of the Patriarchs, walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and experience the modern state of Israel. This is not a "sit in the bus and look out the windows" type of tour. Highlights include; hiking up the Roman siege ramp at Masada, walking through waist deep water in Hezekiah's tunnel, floating effortlessly in the Dead Sea, and sleeping under millions of stars at a Bedouin camp. We will engage all five senses; sight, sound, smell, taste and touch as familiar passages from the Bible come alive. Grow deeper in your faith as we visit prime Biblical sights, study God's Word where it actually happened, and worship with believers in the Holy Land. An exciting trip to the ancient city of Petra, in neighboring Jordan, will conclude this Bible study tour of a lifetime. — Jeff & Jennifer

## DAY 1 - TRAVEL

Today we leave the U.S. on the beginning of our journey that will take us nearly 15,000 miles and 5,000 years!

## DAY 2 - TEL AVIV

What an unforgettable feeling, looking down as we fly in from the Mediterranean for your first view of the land of Israel. We'll check into our hotel and have dinner there this evening.

## Day 3 - TEL AVIV/CAESAREA

We'll start the day at Independence Hall. This is where the State of Israel was declared by David Ben Gurion on May 14, 1948. We'll get an excellent introduction to the history of the recent 100 years, which allows us to put so much into perspective as we travel throughout our trip. We'll then head north to Caesarea Maritima. This amazing port city, built by Herod the Great, is where the apostle Paul was imprisoned and appealed his case to Rome. We'll then continue north to the Mt. Carmel Monastery, in the Carmel Mountains, finally ending the day in Nazareth.

## Day 4 - ROSH HANIKRA/ACRE/NAZARETH

Today we'll visit Rosh Hanikra on the Israeli/Lebanese border, where we'll descend by cable car to see the beautiful grottoes. Then we'll go to the seaside Crusader fortress of Acre to see the Knight's Hall. Then we turn inland to Sephosis, which the historian Josephus called "the ornament of the Galilee". Finally, we'll end the day at the Nazareth Village, which both reconstructs and re-enacts village life in the Galilee in the time of Jesus.

## Day 5 - LOWER GALILEE

We'll begin the day at Megiddo, the Biblical city called "Armageddon" in the Book of Revelations where the last battle will take place in the End of Days. Then we'll go to Ein Harod, where Gideon chose his 300 men. Then on to see the exquisite 1500 year old mosaic floor at an ancient synagogue in Beit Alpha. We'll next visit Beit She'an, one of the most impressive ancient cities in Israel. Here we'll see and touch stones laid by Egyptians, Greeks and Romans beginning 3600 years ago. As we look upon the ruins, we'll recall 1 Samuel 31, where it says King Saul and his sons were hung on the wall of Beit She'an after being killed by the Philistines. Our last stop will be Yardenit, for those who want to be baptized in the Jordan River. Tonight we swim in the Sea of Galilee.

## Day 6 - UPPER GALILEE

Our first stop is Tabgha, where Jesus' miracle of the Multiplication of the Fish and Loaves is illustrated beautifully in an ancient mosaic of the Byzantine church that stood there. Next we'll go to the Mt. of Beatitudes and then on to Capernaum, known as "Jesus' Town". We'll see an ancient boat, discovered submerged in the Sea of Galilee, and end the day by climbing down the face of Mt. Arbel, a cliff overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

## Day 7 - GALILEE/GOLAN HEIGHTS

Today we'll begin our tour at Tel Dan where Abraham rescued Lot, and where Jeroboam set up an altar against God's command when the kingdom of Israel was divided. Next stop is Caesarea Philippi, near where Peter made his great confession. We'll then go up to the top of Mt. Hermon for a picnic lunch, and a bird's eye view of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Israel. Afterward, we'll turn east and go up on the Golan Heights, where we'll explore military fortifications captured from Syria during the Yom Kippur War. Our day concludes with a sunset cruise and a time of reflection on the Sea of Galilee.

## Day 8 - JERUSALEM

This morning we leave Tiberias and visit a Kibbutz that pioneered organic farming throughout Israel. We'll then travel south along the Jordan River stopping at Jericho and Wadi Qelt on our way up to Jerusalem. We'll enter Jerusalem and go to Mt. Scopos, giving us a wonderful view of the city, then end our day at Machane Yehuda, the open-air market where we can get the feel of Friday afternoon preparation for the Sabbath.

## Day 9 - JERUSALEM

We'll leave this morning for a service at the Garden Tomb, and then go to the Old City for lunch. The afternoon is free to explore!

## Day 10 - JERUSALEM

Kings and prophets, emperors and sultans, presidents and prime ministers, rabbis, bishops and sheiks have all left their mark on Jerusalem. This morning we'll be both charmed and moved as we stroll through the Old City that has stood here for nearly 3000 years. We'll begin at the top of the Mt. of Olives and follow Jesus' footsteps as he crossed the Kidron Valley and entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. On the way we'll visit the Pater Noster and continue down to the Garden of Gethsemane. We'll enter the Old City via St. Stephen's Gate and see the Pools of Bethesda. We then walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We'll end the day sitting by the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount where we'll walk up and sit on the actual steps that led up into the Holy Temple in the First Century.

## Day 11 - JERUSALEM

Today we ride from our Hotel in the new city of Jerusalem some 15 blocks and some 3,000 years to the Walled City of Old Jerusalem. First we'll get an overview of the City and then a brief history lesson as we sit outside the Jaffa Gate. We'll walk through the ancient marketplace and go up to the rooftops for a unique view of the city above the hustle and bustle of the ancient Shuk. We'll also walk through the newly rebuilt Jewish Quarter to view the Byzantine Cardo. Some of the most fascinating parts of Jerusalem are actually underground, and today we'll find out why. First we'll spend time side by side with our Jewish friends as they worship at the Western Wall. We'll then go into the Kotel Tunnels beneath the Western Wall of the Temple Mount. Here, we'll see stones so large that even modern cranes would have trouble moving them. We'll end the day at the Upper Room (Cenacle), believed to be the site of the Last Supper.

## Day 12 - JERUSALEM

We'll start our day at the Menorah outside the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, where we'll hear about the meaning of the carvings on it. We'll then go to Yad Vashem to visit the very moving, new Holocaust museum, Israel's main Holocaust remembrance and education center. We will also go to the Children's Memorial, the Hall of Remembrance, The Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles, and the Valley of the Communities. Then, it's back underground as we explore the City of David and wade through waist deep wa-

ter in the tunnel built by King Hezekiah as described in 2 Kings. We'll end the day at the tomb of one of Herod The Great's wives to see a perfect example of a rolling stone entrance.

## Day 13 - MASADA/DEAD SEA

We leave Jerusalem and enter the Judean Desert, traveling down to the ancient hill-top fortification of Masada. It was on the summit of Masada, in 73 CE, that Jewish zealots made their last stand against Roman rule. Masada was also the Winter Palace of King Herod, and one can still see the opulence of what he built on a mountain-top in the desert. This is your chance to swim in the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, and the saltiest body of water in the world, where you float like a cork. We'll then go to the oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid from King Saul, and end the day at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

## Day 14 - ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG

Today is a mix of the modern and the ancient as we start in the city Sderot, less than a mile from the Gaza strip. After that, we'll go to Beit Guvrin, an active archeological site. You will have the opportunity to dig for artifacts on a site that has not seen human hands in over 1500 years. Members of our groups have found pottery, coins, and even a magnificent oil lamp on previous visits. We'll explore some amazing caves and see an underground olive press. This is always one of the most memorable days of our trip. We'll end day in the Elah Valley, the site of the battle between David and Goliath.

## Day 15 - TEL AVIV

Today we'll start our day at the Israel Museum, site of the world-famous Dead Sea Scrolls. Then we bid fond farewell to Jerusalem. Our next stop will afford us the opportunity to leave something of ourselves in the Holy Land. We'll have the experience of planting a tree, perhaps in memory of a loved one, leaving behind a living memento of our visit to Israel. Our next visit will be to a secret underground factory whose story was kept hidden for over 40 years, and only now is open to the public to experience. Our final visit will be to Jaffa (Joppa) where Peter had his vision. We'll have dinner in Tel Aviv, and then it's on to the airport for those who are returning home.

## Day 16 - TRAVEL

We arrive back in America this morning, filled with memories of an experience we will never forget!

OPTION TO PETRA--please see back cover.

## 16 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

- Tel Aviv (1 Night)
- Nazareth (2 Nights)
- Tiberias (3 Nights)
- Jerusalem (7 Nights)

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Deluxe Hotels
- 12 Full days of touring
- Bountiful Israeli breakfast every day
- Dinner every night
- All sightseeing described
- Gratuities for all meals
- Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoaches
- Professional Tour Guide
- Tips for guide, driver and for porters at all hotels
- All baggage handling
- All transfers
- Fully escorted service