

A JOURNEY OF FAITH TO THE LANDS OF THE BIBLE ISRAEL & JORDAN

with St. James Missionary Baptist Church

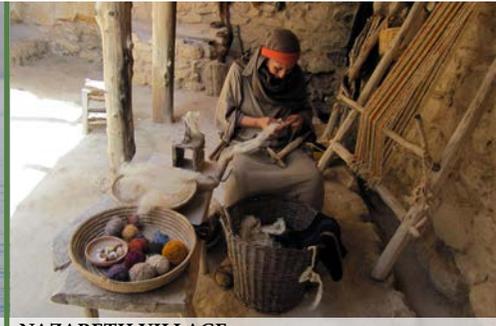
led by Pastor Dr. B.W. McClendon, Sr.

May 17-30, 2020





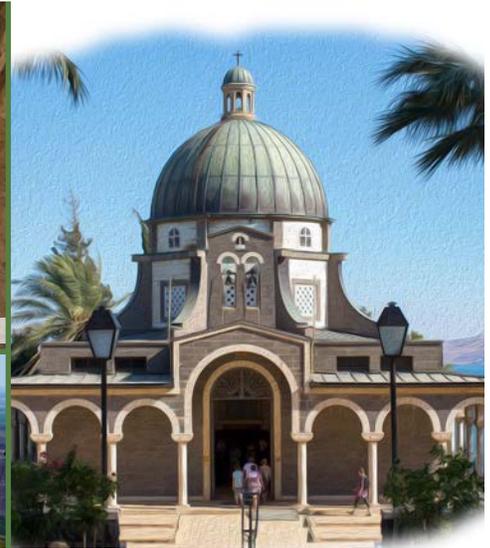
SEA OF GALILEE



NAZARETH VILLAGE



MEGIDDO & THE JEZREEL VALLEY



CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES

SUNDAY, MAY 17 - Depart the church in Austin on a private bus to Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport. Check in with Turkish Air flight #34 nonstop to Istanbul, leaving at 9:55pm.

MONDAY, MAY 18 - TEL AVIV

Arrive in Istanbul at 5:35pm. Connect to your Turkish Air flight #864 nonstop to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport, leaving at 7:45pm and arriving at 9:50pm. Upon arrival, you will be met by a Ya'lla Tours USA Israel representative and transferred to your hotel near the airport for overnight. TAL BY THE BEACH HOTEL is just steps away from Metzizim Beach and Tel Aviv's vibrant port, shopping, dining and nightlife areas. www.atlas.co.il/tal-hotel-tel-aviv

TUESDAY, MAY 19 - TIBERIAS (B,D)

Visit Jaffa (Joppa), the traditional home of Simon the Tanner (Acts 10:6) and the port city from which the prophet Jonah sailed. Drive to Caesarea Maritima, a large port city built by Herod the Great to honor Roman Caesar Augustus. The Book of Acts refers repeatedly to Caesarea as the city Peter visited (Acts 10). We then proceed north to Mt. Carmel to visit Muhraka, where Elijah the prophet "faced off" with the prophets of Ba'al (I Kings 18:20-40). Continue to Megiddo (I Kings 9:15-19), where archaeological digs have revealed 26 layers of civilization, including fortifications of King Solomon and a water tunnel of King Ahab. Megiddo provides a

magnificent view of the fertile Jezreel Valley, the prophesied site of Armageddon, at the crossroads of the ancient Via Maris "freeway." Then we head for our hotel in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. THE SEA OF GALILEE HOTEL is a beautiful property in Migdal on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. The town is believed to be the home of Mary Magdalene.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 - TIBERIAS (B,L,D)

Visit the Church of the Transfiguration high atop Mount Tabor. Enjoy an outstanding view of the Jezreel Valley, where the battle of Deborah and the Midianites took place (Judges 5). In Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23), visit the Annunciation Church, where tradition says the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary (Luke 1:26-38), and the Crusader Church. 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. Stop at Mt. Precipice, where the citizens of Nazareth sought to throw the Lord Jesus off the side of a hill (Luke 4:28-30). From this vantage point, the view of the Jezreel Valley, Mt. Tabor and Mt. Gilboa (where Gideon chose his 300 brave men, Judges 7) is exceptional. Visit Cana, best known as the place where, according to the Fourth Gospel, Jesus performed "the first of his signs," turning a large quantity of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11). Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.



JORDAN RIVER



MOUNT NEBO

THURSDAY, MAY 21 - TIBERIAS (B,L,D)

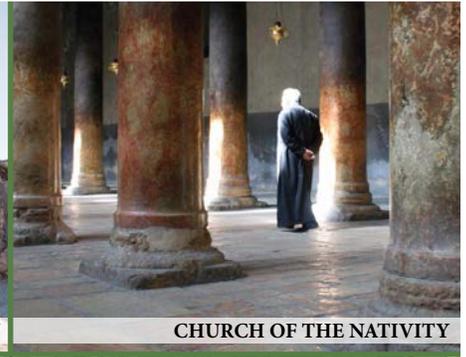
Take a boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee to visit the 2,000-year-old Genosar Boat ("the Jesus boat") discovered in 1986. Nearby, we visit the New Testament fishing village of Magdala (Matthew 27:56, 61; 28:1; Mark 15:40, 47; 16:1-19; Luke 8:2, 24:10). Continue to Tabgha, the traditional site of the multiplication of bread and fish (John 6:1-14) and then to Capernaum, with an ancient synagogue where Christ taught. Enjoy a St. Peter's Fish lunch by the shores of the Sea of Galilee. At Kursi, see remains of the Byzantine church and floor mosaic commemorating the miracle of the swine running into the Sea of Galilee. End the day on the Jordan River, where you'll have the opportunity to renew your baptism. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.



DEAD SEA



KIDRON VALLEY



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



MASADA

FRIDAY, MAY 22 - TIBERIAS (B,D)

Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site where Jesus Christ delivered the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Next, we're 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 pagan calf altar that brought disaster on Israel. 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). Drive on to the Golan Heights and gaze down over the Galilee as the Syrians once did. In the Valley of the Tears, hear the moving story of the brave Kahalani's battle to secure the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War. Continue to Mt. Bental for an outstanding view of the Upper Galilee and the Golan Heights. Drive to Katzrin, the only city in the Golan Heights. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Continue through Boaz's Fields to see the Shepherds' Field (Luke 2:8-12). Return to Jerusalem and the eastern slopes of Mount of Olives to Bethpage, where you will see an authentic, first-century tomb. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension (Acts 1:6-11). Then, visit the Church of Pater Noster on the hill where Jesus was inspired with the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Continue to the top of Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-12) for an awe inspiring, panoramic view of the Old City. Walk the "Palm Sunday Walk" to Dominus Flevit Church ("the Lord weeps," Luke 19:41-44). 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 traditionally believed to be where Jesus prayed on the night of His betrayal. We will have time for singing, reflection and prayer in a quiet area of the Garden of Gethsemane. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

SATURDAY, MAY 23 - JERUSALEM (B,D)

Drive south along the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean (I Samuel 31:10) to view the expansive excavations taking place at this ancient Roman Decapolis city. Continue to Belvoir (Kohav HaYarden), one of the best-preserved crusader fortresses in Israel, with spectacular views of the Jordan Valley. Drive to the village and Church of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), where Jesus appeared to two disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus after his resurrection. On to Kiriath Yearim and the Church of Mary, where the Arc of the Covenant is meant to be (Samuel 4:1-7:2 and II Samuel 6:2-17). Then climb the Judean Hills to the most beautiful city in the world, JERUSALEM, for dinner and overnight. DAN PANORAMA is a moderate 4.5-star hotel located within easy walking distance of the Old City and downtown Jerusalem. www.danhotels.com

MONDAY, MAY 25 - JERUSALEM (B,D)

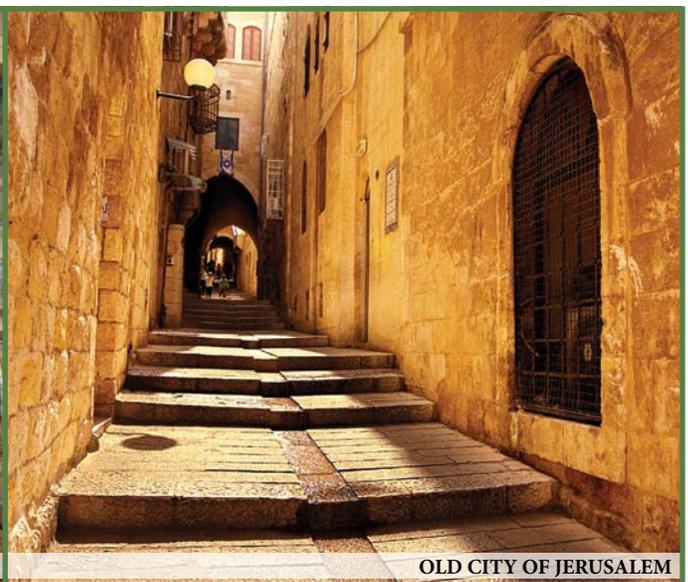
Visit Caiaphas Palace, also known as the Church of Peter Gallicantus (John 18:12), and see the cistern where Jesus was held before he was taken to Pilate and the Roman Period steps he walked from the Kidron Valley. Continue to Mt. Zion to visit King David's Tomb and the Last Supper Room (Luke 22:7-28).

SUNDAY, MAY 24 - JERUSALEM (B,D)

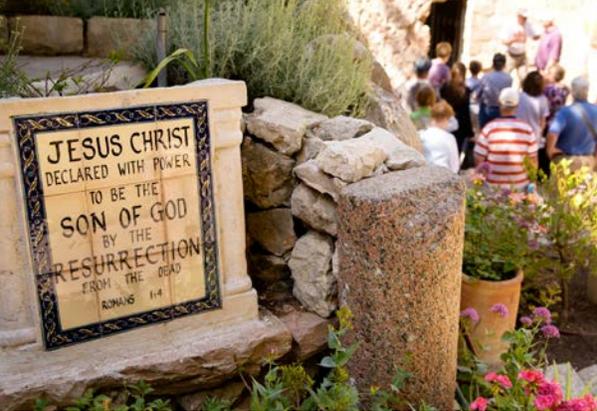
Drive 6 miles south of Jerusalem to Bethlehem (Micha 5:2 and Luke 2:1-4) to visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use. Construction of this church began in 327AD over the traditional birthplace of Jesus.



ANNUNCIATION CHURCH



OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM



GARDEN TOMB



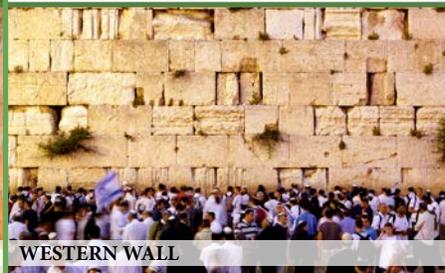
GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE



PETRA



PETRA



WESTERN WALL

Visit the City of David and see excavations which reveal the time period of King David. If weather permits, we'll walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel (optional) 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 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 challenged the money changers. Walk to the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism and the only visible remains of Herod's Second Temple. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, huge arched spaces just north of the Western Wall. Walk the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which enshrines a tomb that some traditions hold to be the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

TUESDAY, MAY 26 - 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 plateau for a tour. Jewish zealots held the rock 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. The Roman seige camps and ramp can still be seen. Descend from Masada and continue to the Dead Sea for a float. Stop at he Good Samaritan Inn to revisit the famous parable in Luke 10:25-37 and view some ancient mosaics. Return to Jerusalem and your hotel for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 - JERUSALEM (B,D)

Visit the Israel Museum and see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition at the Shrine of the Book and the model of the city as it was in the days of Jesus. Continue to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Tour the museum and meet a local cantor for a service in the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis. We will end our powerful pilgrimage at the Garden Tomb, held by many Protestant denominations to be the location of Jesus' burial and resurrection. We will have some time for prayer and meditation and Holy Communion. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, MAY 28 - PETRA (B,D)

You will be picked up from your hotel in Jerusalem at 7:30am and transferred to the Allenby Bridge, about an hour drive. After border crossing procedures, you will be met by your private Jordanian guide and driver. Drive to the nearby Bethany Beyond the Jordan, believed by many to be the site where Jesus was baptized. 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 overnight. MOVENPICK PETRA is a 5-star property located just outside of Petra, a 3-minute walk to the entrance to Wadi Musa. www.movenpick-petra.com

For dinner tonight, drive to Petra Kitchen where you will learn how to cook Jordanian food and then dine on your own creations. Return to your hotel for overnight.

FRIDAY, MAY 29 - AMMAN (B,D)

This morning we will tour the city of Petra. Lost to the world for centuries in the mountains of southern Jordan, this "rose-red city half as old as time," was discovered by the Swiss explorer Burkhardt in 1812. Once it was a stronghold and capital for the Nabateans, but fell to Rome in 106 A.D. Travel part of the way on horseback and the rest on foot through the deep and narrow passage known as the siq. As the siq opens onto the ancient city, the magnificent Treasury appears immediately in front of you, an awesome start to an unforgettable experience. Now we begin our exploration of what both the Nabateans and Romans left for us to witness. Then, drive to Amman (3.5 hours) and check in to your hotel by the airport for dinner and a short overnight. AMMAN AIRPORT is a 4-star hotel within 5 minutes of Queen Alia International Airport. www.ammanairport.com

SATURDAY, MAY 30 - (B)

At 3:30am you will be transferred to the Queen Alia Airport for your Turkish Air flight #813 nonstop to Istanbul, departing at 6:20am and arriving at 9:20am. Connect to your Turkish Air flight #33 nonstop to Houston, leaving at 2:30pm and arriving at 8:05pm. Clear U.S. Customs and Immigration and take the private bus to the church in Austin.



Price per person in a double room: \$5,895

Price per person in a single room: \$7,295

TOUR INCLUDES: round-trip, private bus transfers from Austin to Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport / round-trip, economy airfare Houston-Tel Aviv/Amman-Houston, with Turkish Airlines / departure taxes (\$580, subject to change) / 12 nights of hotel accommodations, with buffet breakfast and dinner daily / 2 lunches per the itinerary / airport transfers in Israel and Jordan / 11 days of touring in a private, air-conditioned motor coach, with a licensed, English-speaking guide / site entrance fees / personal headsets during touring in Israel / free Wi-Fi on the tour bus throughout the trip / baggage handling at airports and hotels in Israel and Jordan / Jordan entry visa / Israel-Jordan border tax / Jordan departure tax / service fees and local taxes / tips to guides, drivers and hotels

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE: meals other than specified / personal expenses / travel insurance (\$447 per person in a double room and \$643 per person in a single room), highly recommended

IMPORTANT NOTE: Air schedules are subject to change at any time. / Passports must be valid at least 6 months past your scheduled return date to the U.S. / An \$800 per person deposit is required upon booking. The deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. / The deposit guarantees the price of the airfare and land services. Until deposit is received, the tour price is subject to change. / Final payment is due on February 17, 2020. / All funds paid to Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. are held in a trust account until paid to our suppliers.

TERMS AND 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, Ya'lla 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 USA Inc. 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 required upon registration.
- Final payment is due February 17, 2020, 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- For cancellation 89 to 45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.
- For cancellation 44 to 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, but not limited to: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel accommodations and entrance fees.
- Travel insurance is NON-REFUNDABLE.

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

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Whereas Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. 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, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with 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 commence, 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.

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.

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.

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: Each tour participant is responsible for paying any applicable fees for cancellation, medical treatment, medical evacuation, and repatriation of remains. Ya'lla Tours USA highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. Travel insurance is not included in your tour price.