Holiland Study Tour

June 11-25, 2015  15 Days

Hosted by Dr. Mark Meehl, Professor of Theology
A tour of the Holy Land is the trip of a lifetime. During our Holy Land Study Tour 2015 you will encounter the land of the Bible on three levels. First, you will see the traditional sites associated with the Bible and visit archaeological excavations that will flesh out your picture of the ancient history of the region. Second, you will meet and talk with the people of the land – Palestinians and Israelis; Christians, Jews and Muslims - in a variety of settings to provide context and relevance to the events that occur in this land today. Finally, you will embark on a devotional journey that will add depth to your spiritual life for years to come. Our Holy Land Study Tour 2015 has been designed to be a pilgrimage in many senses of the word, uniquely tailored to the needs of Concordia’s students, alumni, and friends.

The tour includes free time for you to explore and savor the atmosphere of Jerusalem at your own pace as well as experiencing a worship service in the thirteenth-century Crusader Chapel in the Old City. Come to the Holy Land with us, enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of the tour, and return with a wealth of new insights into the Bible and its world.

Dr. Mark Meehl has participated in excavations in Israel, Jordan, and Syria. He lived in Jerusalem for two and a half years, serving as Program Director for the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, before coming to Concordia University in 1991. This will be the fourth study tour he has led to the Holy Land.

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Code: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Itinerary subject to change.
Speakers subject to availability.
TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of $395 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 February 6, 2015. Final payment is due April 7, 2015. The tour price is based upon cash payment.

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 February 5, 2015 - $100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; February 6 – May 27, 2015 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 28, 2015 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 February 6, 2015. A minimum fee of $175 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 Omaha via United Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION: Twelve nights accommodation in superior tourist class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities.
- MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily with one lunch as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT: Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach with the exception of June 24 during the day.
- 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 with the exception of June 24 during the day.
- GRATUITIES: Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, $156 per person has been included).
- TAXES: Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently $740 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED: Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#150602 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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(Name as it appears on passport)

1. ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________
   First Name   Middle Name   Last Name
   Male  Female  Date of Birth
   Month/Day/Year

2. ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________
   First Name   Middle Name   Last Name
   Male  Female  Date of Birth
   Month/Day/Year

Address (no PO boxes) ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________
City ____________________________ State __________ Zip Code ____________________________ Email ____________________________

Roommate ____________________________  I will pay the supplement for a single room.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

☐ I/We will take the group flights from Omaha.

☐ 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 INSURANCE (please check one)

☐ $___________ $668 per person inclusive of travel insurance.

☐ $___________ $395 per person without travel insurance.

☐ I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#150602

☐ I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

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Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, e.g., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

**GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS**

- **Trip Cancellation**: up to Tour Cost*
- **Trip Interruption**: up to 150% of Tour Cost**
- **Travel Delay**: $750
- **Missed Connection**: $300
- **Baggage**: $1,000
- **Baggage Delay**: $200
- **Medical Expense**: $50,000
- **Evacuation/Repatriation**: $500,000
- **Accidental Death**: $100,000
- **Political Emergency Evacuation**: $100,000
- **ID Theft Resolution Services**: included
- **Assistance Service**: included

* a maximum of $5000 per person
** a maximum of $7250 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is $273 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. **NOTE: Residents of Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Washington will receive a state-specific Description of Coverage, which can also be requested by calling 866-684-0218.** Once purchased, travel insurance is non-refundable.

**CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

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**NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:**

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies, etc. If any such events affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)

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