



# JOURNEY OF FAITH TO ISRAEL

with Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church

Led by Deacon James Butkus

July 2-11, 2012

## MONDAY, JULY 2 -

Depart Newark with Continental Airlines nonstop flight #84, leaving at 4:00pm.

## TUESDAY, JULY 3 - TIBERIAS (D)

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport at 9:25am, you will be met by a Ya'lla Tours USA representative. Drive to the ruins of Caesarea, a large port city built by Herod the Great. Herod built a port in the bay and erected all the cultural institutions found in every great Greco-Roman city - 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. The book of Acts refers repeatedly to Caesarea as the city Peter visited. (Acts 10) Continue to the Galilee, and visit the Church of the Wedding in Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, converting water into wine. Then, drive to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. RESTAL HOTEL is a family-run property in the heart of Tiberias, offering excellent service in a unique and friendly atmosphere. [www.restal.co.il](http://www.restal.co.il)  
MASS: Cana, Church of the Wedding

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 - TIBERIAS (B,D)

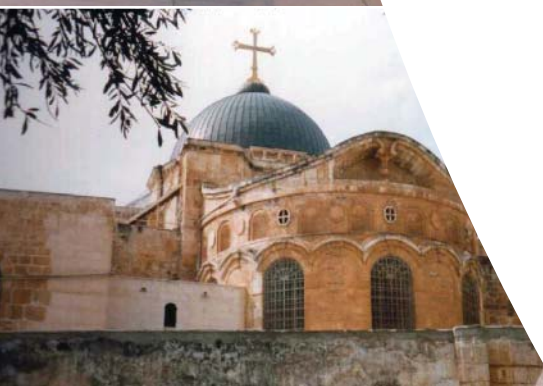
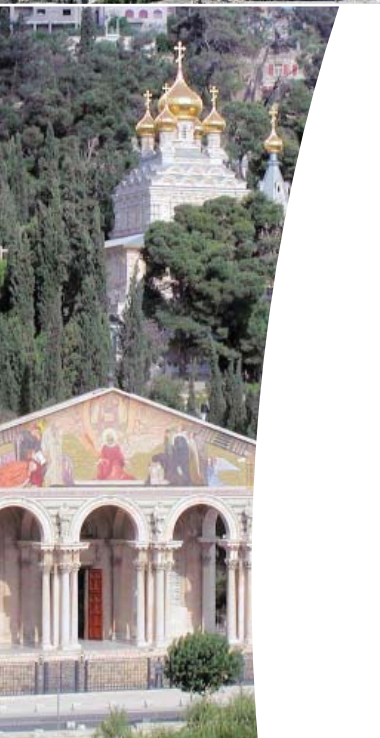
Take a private boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Genosar and visit the fisherman's boat discovered in 1986 and dating back to the days of Jesus. On to Capernaum where Jesus preached, and his disciples, Peter, Andrew, and perhaps others, made their homes. The contemporary church at Tabga celebrates the Miracle of the Multiplication. Note the mosaic floor from a Byzantine-era church, and the section

in front of the ancient altar depicting two fish and a basket filled with loaves of bread. Then visit the Church of the Primacy, where Jesus instructed Peter (after his three denials of Jesus) with the words, "Feed My Sheep." (John 21: 15-19) This is the event from which the early and modern Catholic Church received its apostolic leader (the Pope, as the successor of Peter with authority over the worldwide Church). Drive to the Mount of the Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. (Matt. 5) Continue to the Upper Galilee to visit Baniyas (Caesarea Philippi), the source of the Jordan River and the site of Peter's confession, "...you are the Christ." (Matt. 16:18) Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.  
MASS: Church of the Beatitudes

## THURSDAY, JULY 5 - TIBERIAS (B,L,D)

Take a taxi to the top of Mt. Tabor and visit the Church of the Transfiguration. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Jezreel Valley and read from Judges 5. Drive to Nain and visit the church that marks the spot where Jesus raised the widow's only son from the dead. Continue to Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Grotto. At Nazareth Village we'll have a first-hand experience of the way of life in the ancient Galilee, including a biblical-style lunch. Then, visit Mt. Precipice where Christ was taken "out of the city...in order to throw Him down the cliff." (Luke 4:29) Take in the view of the Jezreel Valley (Armageddon), Mt. Tabor (The Mount of Transfiguration) and Mt. Gilboa (where Gideon chose his 300 brave men). Then visit Megiddo, the "Hill of Battles," where archaeologists have uncovered 20 civilizations built one upon another. At this site, King Solomon built his vast stables and good King Josiah died in battle. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.  
MASS: Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth

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**FRIDAY, JULY 6 - JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Drive to Kursi and see the remains of the Byzantine church and floor mosaic commemorating the miracle of the swine running into the Sea of Galilee. Continue to Acko (ancient Acre), the maritime capital of the Crusader Kingdom, to visit the Knights' Halls, one of the most beautiful and impressive remains from this period. Walk through the recent excavations to experience a real trip in a time machine. On to Mount Carmel and the Carmelite Monastery of Muhraka, where Elijah fought against the priests of Ba'al. Drive into the Judean Hills to the village and Church of Emmaus. Continue to the most beautiful city in the world: Jerusalem, for dinner and overnight. RIMONIM JERUSALEM is a beautifully renovated 3-star property with over three hundred guest rooms designed for maximum comfort. Every guest room has floor to ceiling, double-glazed windows opening to breathtaking, panoramic views of Jerusalem. Wall-to-wall carpeting and special orthopedic beds guarantee total relaxation. Standard rooms include a flat panel TV, Shabbat clock, a hair dryer and two telephones. Hotel facilities and services include a variety of dairy dishes, room service, laundry, gift shops, a hair salon, and a semi-Olympic pool (open in the summer). [www.rimonim.com](http://www.rimonim.com) MASS: Mount Carmel

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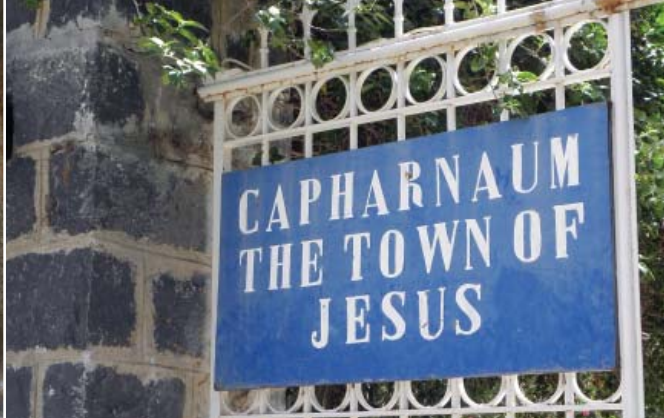
Drive 6 miles south to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the holy land still in use. Construction began in 326 AD, with the aid of the local tradition which held that Jesus was born in a cave at the edge of the village. Return to Jerusalem and drive to the eastern side of the Mt. of Olives to the Church of Bethpage. Visit the 1st-century tomb and the church from which Jesus went up to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Continue to the Mt. of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster (Our Father) and the Church of the Ascension. Walk down the Mt. of Olives and see the site where Jesus predicted the future destruction of Jerusalem (Church of Dominus Flevit) and then on to the Church and Garden of Gethsemane. Then enter the Christian Quarter of the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate and see the Pool of Bethesda, St. Anna Church, and the Lithostrothos at the Ecce Homo Arch, where, according to an old tradition, Pilate uttered the words, "Behold the Man." (John 19:5) Walk the Way of the Cross to the Holy Sepulchre Church. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. MASS: Bethlehem, Chapel of the Innocents

**SUNDAY, JULY 8 - JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Drive to the Damascus Gate for an early morning Mass at the Holy Sepulchre Church. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Then drive to Jericho and take the cable car to Mt. of Temptations. See Zachaeus' Sycamore Tree, Elisha's Well and the excavations, including the remains of an ancient wall. End the day at the Jordan River Kasr el Yhaud site for baptism. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. MASS: Holy Sepulchre Church

**MONDAY, JULY 9 - JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Drive to Caiaphas House (Church of Peter Gallicantus) and see the dungeon where Jesus was held before his trial. Then visit the City of David and see the excavations of the oldest part of Jerusalem, dating back to King David. Weather permitting, walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel. Continue to Mt. Zion and visit David's Tomb and the Cenacle (The Upper or Last Supper Room). Walk to the German Benedictine Church of the Dormition and visit the chapel where Mary is eternally resting. Walk through the Jewish Quarter and see the Burnt House and the Herodian Quarter, vivid reminders of the Roman conquest and destruction of the Second Temple. Walk down to the Western Wall, the only remains of the Second Temple and the holiest site in Judaism.



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Prices are guaranteed for July 2012.

**PRICE INCLUDES:** motor coach transfer between Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church and Newark Airport // economy class airfare between Newark and Tel Aviv on Continental Airlines // 8 nights of accommodations with buffet breakfast and dinner daily // airport transfers in Israel // 7 days of touring in a private, luxurious, air-conditioned bus with a licensed, English-speaking guide // entrance fees // personal headset // private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee // biblical lunch at Nazareth Village // baggage handling // hotel taxes and service fees // Ya'lla Tours pilgrim's kit

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:** departure and fuel taxes (\$605 as of October 7, 2011, subject to change) // drinks of any kind // personal expenses // travel insurance, highly recommended // tip to guide and driver (\$120 per traveler recommended)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You must have a U.S. passport to enter Israel, valid for at least six months past your scheduled return date to the United States // Continental offers credit to Star Alliance Miles members // an \$800 per person deposit is due upon registration. // The deposit is fully refundable until April 3, 2012. // Final payment is due April 3, 2012. // Funds paid to Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. are held in a trust account until paid to our suppliers.





## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### PRICE:

- The price of the tour is: \$3,365/person in a double room or \$3,765 in a single room based on a minimum of 24 passengers. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Ya'lla Tours USA, our suppliers increase the price, we will adjust the price accordingly.
- Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket is issued.
- The single room supplement will apply to single travelers unless a roommate can be found.
- 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 canceled.

### DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$800 is due upon registration. **Final payment is due April 3, 2012.**

### CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- For cancellation 89-45 days prior to departure, a fee of 50% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- For cancellation 44-15 days prior to departure, a fee of 75% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- For cancellation 14 or fewer days prior to departure, a fee of 100% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel, entrance fees, etc.
- Travel insurance is nonrefundable.

### 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 above.

### PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:

You must have a U.S. passport to enter Israel. Passports must be valid for at least six months following the return date from your destination.

### 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 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.

### 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 strive 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.

### ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by 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 the tour price. Travel insurance is highly recommended. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.

