

## ***Holy Land Tour Itinerary***

*March 8-15, 2011*

**March 8** – Depart Houston (BUSH) via Lufthansa Airlines for an overnight flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. Dinner and breakfast will be served during the flight. Lufthansa Airlines is considered to be one of the world's safest and most comfortable airlines.

**March 9** – Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, you will board your luxury bus for a two hour journey to Tiberias, Israel. While driving to Tiberias you will see the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. After arriving at your hotel you will enjoy a scrumptious dinner and then retire for a much needed rest in your hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee. For the energetic? Take a stroll along the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

**March 10** – Up early for a drive from our hotel to Capernaum the town where Jesus made His home after departing Nazareth. Here you will see the ancient synagogue where Jesus preached --- a few yards away view the home believed to have been the home of Simon Peter. Visit Tabgha where the miracle of the loaves and fishes occurred. After Tabgha you will experience a beautiful drive along the Sea of Galilee where you will visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount. After dinner at the hotel you'll experience a blessing of a lifetime .... an evening church service while cruising on the Sea of Galilee.

**March 11** – After breakfast you travel (*122 miles*) up to Jerusalem. On the way you will see the Valley of Megiddo from Mount Carmel (*Elijah/450 prophets of Baal*). Then drive along the Jordan River to Beit She'an, the city where the Philistines hung the body of King Saul and his sons after Saul's defeat in battle at Mt. Gilboa.

**March 12** – Today you ascend the Mount of Olives for one of Israel's most impressive sites .... seeing the Old City of Jerusalem. Walk down Palm Sunday Way to the Garden of Gethsemane for a time of reflection and prayer. Enter the Old City of Jerusalem and visit the Pool of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church. Walk along the way of the cross – the Via Dolorosa. Experience a colorful Arab Bazaar as you make your way to the Western (*Wailing*) Wall, the last remnant of the second Jewish Temple of Jesus time. Ascend Mount Moriah for a visit to the Dome of the Rock. You will never forget this day.

**March 13** – This morning visit the City of David and then travel to Bethlehem where you will see the Shepherd's Field, Rachel's Tomb and the Church of Nativity. After lunch, in Bethlehem, you can shop until you drop for Holy Land souvenirs. Good bargains can be found in olive wood in Bethlehem. This afternoon you will enjoy a most sacred communion in the Garden Tomb and later worship in the Upper Room. This is one of the tours most exciting days.

**March 14** – After breakfast drive through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea --- the world's saltiest water. Travel alongside the Dead Sea to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. After Qumran visit Ein Gedi where David found shelter from the wrath of King Saul. Then **Masada** (*optional*) the historical fortress where 900 plus Jewish zealots held off the armies of the Roman Empire before choosing suicide over surrender. After a very long day its back to the hotel for dinner and rest.

**March 15** – Today, our Holy Land tour ends with good and sacred memories as we head home. We depart Tel Aviv via Lufthansa Airlines and will arrive in Houston this same day.

### **Registration Form**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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