The Holy Land and Jordan: The history and the future of the land of Jesus

13-Day Trip ~ April 10-22, 2016

visiting

Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Petra and more

Hosted by

Pastor Gabi Aelabouni
Trinity Lutheran Church
Fort Collins, CO

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Dear Friends,

What could be more spiritually fulfilling than being in the Holy Land during the Easter Season? Easter Sunday falls on March 27 in 2016. Immediately after that, we will be in the land where Jesus was born, taught, lived, died, and was raised from the dead to celebrate the joy of Easter.

During our time in the Holy Land, we will see the very places where Jesus carried out his ministry, and will walk in his footsteps. Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem. All of the place names we know from the Bible will come alive for us, as we experience them first-hand.

We will also meet “The Living Stones,” those few original Palestinian Christians who remain in the Holy Land, and will learn about the work of the only Arabic-speaking Lutheran Church in the Middle East. As we travel, we’ll break bread together at meals and share times for worship and devotion.

Our trip will be led by tour guides native to the area and by two Lutheran pastors who were born and raised in the Holy Land. We hope you can join us for an unforgettable experience this coming April.

As a bonus, we will extend our visit to Jordan where we will see Petra, a World Heritage site.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Gabi Aelabouni,
Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado
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**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan**

**April 10 – 22, 2016**

**Program Cost**

$4,479.00 per person – double occupancy from Denver

† Price is based on a minimum of 38 group members per motorcoach.

† Departure tax from Israel to Jordan, currently $55 per person, is not included in the tour price.

† A limited number of single rooms may be available for a supplemental cost of $1095.

**Program Highlights**

- Round-trip air transportation from Denver, including government taxes and fees (as of Sept. 2015)
- 11 nights accommodations in first class (4-star) hotels with private bathroom facilities
- Breakfast and dinner each day; three lunches
- Comprehensive sightseeing as noted in the itinerary, including applicable entrance fees
- Professional Tour Managers/Guides to accompany the group in Israel, the West Bank, and Jordan
- Transportation via deluxe private motorcoach
- Porterage of one suitcase per person at hotels

**Payment Schedule**

- $500 per person is due with reservation form
- An additional $1000 per person is due November 15, 2015
- Final payment is due on January 10, 2016

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**RESERVATION FORM**

Return to: Pastors Aelabouni & Ailabouni Tour, c/o Trans World Travel, 734 Central Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

Please make your check payable to Trans World Travel, Inc. and return to the above address.

Enclosed is my (our) reservation for Pastor Gabi Aelabouni and Pastor Saïd Ailabouni’s tour to The Holy Land and Jordan departing on April 10, 2016, and a deposit check in the amount of $500 per person. I understand that the completed form and deposit indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions and Cancellation Policies stated in this brochure and the understanding that there can be future increases by the air carrier for fuel and/or government related taxes. Also, we strongly recommend that all passengers consider the optional insurance that can include pre-existing medical conditions. Credit Card Payments: The first deposit must be made by check. Mastercard and Visa are accepted for subsequent payments. A 4% surcharge will be added to credit card payments.

NAME(S): ________________________________________________________________

(Print name(s) exactly as shown on your passport)

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip

HOME PHONE: _______________________ CELL PHONE: _______________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _______________________ ROOMMATE: _______________________

_____ If available, I prefer a single room for an additional cost of $1095

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The Holy Land and Jordan ~ Preliminary Itinerary

Sunday, April 10, 2016 – Denver Departure: Today we begin our journey to Tel Aviv. Meals and beverages will be served as appropriate during the overnight flight.

Monday, April 11 – En route / Arrive Tel Aviv: Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, after passport control, we will collect our baggage and meet our tour manager and driver. We will then drive north to the Sea of Galilee and proceed to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. Welcome to the Holy Land! (D)

Tuesday, April 12 – Tiberias area: This morning we travel first to Cana, the site of Jesus’ first miracle. Next we’ll proceed to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and other significant places in the life of Jesus’ family. Our final stop today will be at Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. After visiting the summit of Mt. Tabor we’ll return to our Tiberias hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Wednesday, April 13 - Tiberias (Sea of Galilee): We spend today exploring the area around the Sea of Galilee. Highlights include Capernaum (where Jesus began his public ministry), Tabgha (feeding of the 5,000) and the Mt. of Beatitudes. We will renew our baptismal covenant at the Jordan River and we will gather for a Communion service at Tabgha. We end the day with a beautiful sunset cruise on the Sea of Galilee before returning to our Tiberias hotel. (B, D)

Thursday, April 14 - Tiberias / Eilaboun / Rosh Hanikra / Acre / Haifa/: Today’s journey takes us first to Pastor Gabi’s hometown – the Village of Eilaboun. In Eilaboun we have the wonderful opportunity to spend time with Pastor Gabi’s family. We will then drive to the Mediterranean coast to visit Rosh Hanikra on the north end of Israel, then Haifa and the old city of Acre/Akko. Late this afternoon we return to our Tiberias hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Friday, April 15 – Tiberias / Caesarea-by-the Sea / Jaffa / Jerusalem: We leave Tiberias this morning and drive to Caesarea-by-the-Sea. This ancient city was the location where Peter preached and where Paul was imprisoned for two years. It was also the residence of Pontius Pilate and the home of Philip the Evangelist. We will then stop in Jaffa before proceeding to Jerusalem, our home for the next five nights. Dinner and overnight at our Jerusalem hotel. (B, L, D)

Saturday, April 16 - Jerusalem: Today we will visit important sites on and near the Mount of Olives. Highlights include the Church of the Ascension, the Church of Pater Noster, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. We will have the opportunity to tour Augusta Victoria Hospital, after which we have the afternoon free for individual activities and reflection. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, L, D)

Sunday, April 17 - Jerusalem: This morning begins with an early morning walk along the Via Dolorosa. At 9AM we will gather for worship at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer followed by a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This afternoon we will visit the Western Wall and Mt. Zion before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Monday, April 18 - Jerusalem: Our day begins with a visit to ancient Jericho, where we have the opportunity to travel by cable car to the Mount of Temptation and enjoy the panoramic view. After leaving Jericho we will motor to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, where we will have the unique opportunity to float in the Sea. Please bring a towel from your hotel if you plan to float in the sea. There are facilities near the shore to change clothes and take a shower after our visit. Next we will see Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Today’s final stop is at Masada, where we have the opportunity to visit the ruins of the fortress where the Jewish zealots made their last stand in revolt against the Roman legions. We return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Tuesday, April 19 - Jerusalem (Bethlehem): We’ll spend today in nearby Bethlehem, visiting sites commemorating the birth of Jesus - the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd’s Field. We will also meet some of our Christian brothers and sisters during visits to the Tent of Nations, Dar al-Kalima College and the International Center, where we will enjoy lunch and a special talk led by Rev. Dr. Mitri El Raheb or one of his colleagues. We will also meet with a local Imam at the Mosque on Manger Square. This evening we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to our Jerusalem hotel. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, April 20 – Jerusalem / Petra: This morning we will cross the border into Jordan. After clearing customs, we will meet our Jordanian guide and driver. We will travel first to the Jordan River to visit the area where John the Baptist was baptizing in the river, and a Lutheran Church near that site. We will also visit Mount Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land, before continuing south to the “Rose-Red” city of Petra. Dinner and overnight at our Petra hotel. (B, D)

Thursday, April 21 – Petra / Amman: This morning we will visit Petra. The ancient city is reached by foot or on horseback through a narrow siq flanked by towering cliffs. The sudden view of Petra’s most spectacular monument, the Treasury, is a dramatic and unforgettable sight. Our guide will show us some of the highlights of the city, after which we have some free time for individual exploration. Late this afternoon we will travel to our Amman hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Friday, April 22 - Amman / Denver: Very early this morning we begin our journey home. Meals and beverages will be served during the trans-Atlantic flight.

Welcome home!

B - Breakfast; L - Lunch; D - Dinner
GENERAL CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION BY TOUR MEMBER

CANCELLATIONS per person: All cancellations must be in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A $150.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation plus all costs in cancelling a passenger and all other penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, cruise lines, tour operators, attractions, motor coach companies, etc. PLUS the following:
1) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of departure, penalty up to 10% of tour cost per person.
2) Cancellations postmarked within 120 days of departure, penalty up to 20% of tour cost per person.
3) Cancellations postmarked within 60 days of departure, penalty up to 50% of tour cost per person.
4) Cancellations postmarked within 45 days of departure, penalty 100% of tour cost per person.

†Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate.

PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS

Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

CANCELLATION BY TWT

TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given. TWT also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

INSURANCE

An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly urge all tour members to have insurance in the event of illness or death occurring prior to departure. Also, medical insurance is urged since some insurance companies do not cover an individual while abroad. Please note that this insurance will not cover pre-existing conditions unless enrollment for the insurance is done within a specified number of days of TWT registering you for the tour. If you lose or don't receive this insurance information, immediately contact your tour host or the Trans World Travel office: (847) 432-2400.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Only items listed in the TOUR HIGHLIGHTS or WHAT TOUR INCLUDES section of the brochure are included.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests cannot be guaranteed due to airline seating policies. TWT must have your legal name. Reissuance ticket fees are subject to the policies of the individual airline contracted for your tour.

Passengers not traveling on the group's air itinerary are responsible for arranging their own transfers from their arrival airport to the group's first hotel or cruise ship and from the group's last hotel or cruise ship to their departure airport.

HOTEL CLASSIFICATIONS

We use 3 and 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness and services and, when possible, are typical of the local area, or the best accommodations available in a particular city. All rooms have private bath and toilet facilities.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Excluded is any item or service not specifically indicated as included; such as cost of passports, visas where needed, porterage at airports and/ or ship docks, gratuities on all cruise ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver, or guides, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by TWT for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Baggage, health and trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

DEVIATIONS

Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately and require completion of a "Request for Deviation" Form. Changes are subject to a TWT deviation fee of $100 per person plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

TOUR DOCUMENTS

Tour documents will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to departure. Documents delayed because of late payment may require express shipment billed to recipient or C.O.D.

ITINERARY CHANGES

Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of TWT. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers.

RATES

All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Tour price can be increased due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to the cancellation policy stated above.

LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS

For international travel, all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with 6 months validity remaining from your return date. For certain countries you will also need a properly dated visa. These documents are your responsibility and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible. Smoking is prohibited aboard the motor coach.

RESPONSIBILITY

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Highland Park, Il 60035
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