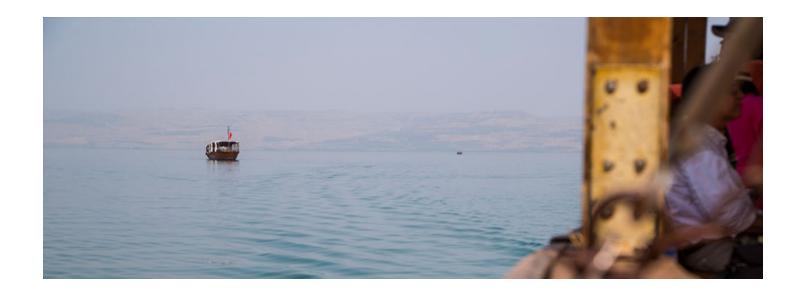


IMAGINE ISRAEL





Imagine Israel:

REVISED DATES: February 29, 2020 to March 9, 2020

Shalom!

We are excited to be joining Dr. Joseph Davis on our spiritual pilgrimage to Israel and were thrilled to see so many of you at the Information Meeting held February 7, 2019. Below is some additional information for you as you contemplate this once in a lifetime trip with your church family. Looking forward to traveling with you in Israel!

-Pastor Jason Carter

REVISED DATES

Saturday, February 29, 2020 through Monday, March 9, 2020. *Please note this is different than what was shared previously.*

COST

\$3,750.00 which includes airfare, lodging and all meals. Does not include travel insurance. If insurance is desired, it would need to be purchased independently.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Deposit \$250/pp due 8/1/2019
- 1st payment \$1,250/pp due 9/15/2019
- 2nd payment \$1,250/pp due 11/15/2019
- Final payment \$1,000/pp due 1/15/2020

Checks need to be made payable to Trinity Wellsprings Church.

If wanting to pay by credit card a 4% surcharge will be added. Credit card payments must be made via the Israel Adventure website (www.theisraeladventure.com).

AMBULATORY CONCERNS

We have heard some concerns regarding the requirement to be able to walk a mile. If you cannot walk a mile you can stay either on the bus, the hotel, or a restaurant nearby while we visit those sites that require the additional walking. Please note that means you will not see those sites but will still be able to experience much of the trip. This limitation is primarily in Jerusalem.



ADD-ON EXPERIENCE-Petra?

The red rose capital of the Nabateans, was originally a city of the Edomites. Some believe the Old Testament city of Sela is the same as the Nebatean city of Petra (from the Greek meaning "the rock"). The city of Petra is located in a semi-landlocked valley on the eastern side of the Arabah, approximately 50 miles south of the Dead Sea.

Are you interested in going to Petra? If so, it is an additional two days at the end of the trip at \$750.00 per person. This includes either a four star hotel in Jordan or a Bedouin tent experience at ngiht. You can also ride into Petra on camels (for those who desire).

Please let Marissa Mayo know if you are interested in this optional experience. We would need a minimum of 15 people to add this experience for those who desire it.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT | QUESTIONS

Contact Marissa Mayo: <u>mayom1957@gmail.com</u> or 407-873-9124. Deposit must be paid to confirm your spot.

Imagine Israel

(Revised from TWC Bulletin, January 13, 2019)

Are you ready for the trip of a lifetime? If you are, we will be taking a trip to Israel during the last week of March 2020. Why go to Israel? There are numerous reasons to go. Here are a few:

1) We go in style - You are going to stay at great hotels and will have more food than you can imagine. Our first night is at a spa hotel on the Dead Sea. We will taste the diversity of numerous cultures and smell and taste a different world. (Do not worry-there are also many options at breakfast and dinner!)



- 2) You will feel like you have entered another time warp through some secret portal. You will walk through the streets of Israel and think you are in an Indiana Jones movie.
- 3) You will ride in the comfort of our own secure bus and develop lasting friendships with all who join us on this wonderful trip.
- 4) For history buffs, you will think you have died and gone to heaven. You will be surrounded by sites that are thousands of years old and have been remarkably preserved. We will see a gate that Abraham walked through that is a mere 3,700 years old. Roman cities uncovered and days full of numerous biblical and archeological sites.



- 5) You will be guided by a Ph.D. in theology who has lead multiple trips for years and knows the lay of the land, which hotels are best, where the best coffee is, and will take you to visit sites that other groups are not able to visit due to the network that Dr. Davis has built through his travels.
- 6) Local flavor- Dr. Davis has also hired a local Messianic Jewish guide to help us understand the local flavor and present-day life in Israel.
- 7) Seeing isn't necessarily believing-but seeing sure helps. You will see the biblical sites that you have read about all of your life come alive. You will see why people have been making trips to Israel for close to 2,000 years. When you read your Bible, you will see the places in your mind that you have visited. You will picture the Garden Tomb every Easter.



- 8) You will experience Israel: have prayer for one solid hour in the Garden of Gethsemane, have communion at the Garden Tomb, worship God on a fishing boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, and write a psalm where David penned some of his famous Psalms.
- 9) We will have a spiritual pilgrimage through the most thought-inspiring, heart-moving places on earth.

In short, you will remember this trip for the rest of your life. See you in Israel!



Dr. Joseph Davis currently serves as a professor of theology in the Barnett College of Christian Ministry and Theology at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida. In 2008, Dr. Davis started a tour company called "The Israel Adventure," which brought together the best of Israel. The tour began with only one trip per year and has now blossomed to seven trips per year through word of mouth advertising. The trip is best described as a walk through history and a joyous spiritual pilgrimage. Please visit the web page of the tour at www.theisraeladventure.com and join us in Israel.

Imagine Israel: Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) **Money** It is best to go to your bank and arrange getting some currency prior to leaving. Monday or Tuesday will give you enough time to receive the money from the bank. The exchange rate at the airport will charge more. There are ATM machines in Israel, but you should check with your bank for fees. You also can use credit cards, but they often have expensive transaction fees with them. Foreign vendors will accept U.S. currency, but they will try to give you less for your money. The same is true with traveler's checks. However, if the convenience of having a debit or credit card is worth the fees, then of course you do not have to worry about losing your money.
- 2) **Money belts** I find it best to have a money belt or something that hides both your passport and money when in foreign lands. While it is unlikely that you will have anything stolen, taking precautions is the best way to deal with the possibility of theft.
- 3) **Passports** Please make a copy of your passport and bring both your passport and the copy with you. Hand the copy to me when we meet (either at the airport or in Tel Aviv).
- 4) **How much should I bring?** For those who we arranged transportation, everything is covered except snacks/sodas between meals and souvenirs. Thus, the answer is very individual. Try to figure out how many gifts you want to buy and add \$100 (just in case). Try to figure out how many sodas to buy. (Sodas are expensive in Israel, running about \$4 a pop--excuse the pun.) While you will have a lot to eat (we will have a lot of buffet breakfasts and dinners), you may want a midday candy bar.
- 5) Water-Bring a water bottle that you can reuse. You will need to have water with you every day and often more than 8 oz. a day. Fill up before we leave the hotel to cut down on buying the water.
- 6) **Hat** Bring a hat that will cover as much as possible for the days in the desert. Also, bring suntan lotion (1 bottle for every 2 people).
- 7) **Packing** I would pack a change of clothes in your carry-on luggage and some deodorant. I do this as standard practice just in case. Remember, with your liquids that you can only place in your carry on something under 3.4 ounces.
- 8) **Israel** Once we land in Israel, it will take us at least an hour to get through customs and get our luggage. We will then proceed to the hotel, where we will join up with other flights from other areas of the country. Breakfast and or dinner will be served on the plane depending on your departure time. Most flights will serve both. Prior to getting on the plane your food expenditures will be up to you. Once on the plane the plane will take care of you. Once off the plane we (The Israel Adventure) will cover Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. If you have food allergies please let Dr. Davis know in writing (so he can keep that information on him).
- 9) **Sleeping on the plane** It is important that you sleep on the plane. Bring something to help you sleep (Melatonin or Benadryl). Check with your doctor to see what would work best. The plus to the way we are doing the trip is there is no lost time. The minus is that if you do not sleep on the plane you will not be awake for some pretty special sites. This trip is designed for maximum efficiency of our daytime hours. You will want to be rested as much as possible. It is also important that on the first couple of days that you resist the urge to sleep during the day and convert to the schedule of Israel. I cannot emphasize enough how much you will want to be fully awake while we are there. Let's take full advantage of our time there!
- 10) I will have a cell phone to call back to the U.S. if you need to communicate immediately with someone in the U.S. Internet is extra at some hotels (I know it is hard to believe in this day and

- age-it seems only the expensive hotels do this). Your cell phones will work in Israel but the roaming charges are expensive. Please feel free to use mine for phone calls back to the U.S.
- 11) **Travel Insurance** Since we have no control over emergency return flights you may wish to get travel insurance. Travel insurance will cover an emergency flight home if needed. Generally the planes only give refunds and change travel in cases of death. Any flight changes will have to be worked out with the airline which controls the money in this situation.
- 12) **For those in Lakeland** area we will be meeting at my house in the morning prior to departure. It is a four hour ride to Miami airport and we have to be there 3 hours before hand for an international flight. Meaning we will meet 7-8 hours prior to our flight out of Miami. My house located at 4616 Mount View Drive right off of South Florida and Highland. You can leave your car at my house for the duration of the trip. You can reach me at 863.712.1997. I will drive us to the airport. Please feel free to send me all the questions you have. I will also give you a call as we get closer. Till then please feel free to email me any questions that you have.

Imagine Israel - SEU Itinerary Dr. Davis Tour 2020

DAY	DATE		LUNCH	HOTEL
1	Saturday	Depart U.S. out of Miami		Plane ride
	2/29/2020			
2	Sunday	Arrive Tel Aviv, A dip in the Mediterranean Sea by the ancient aqueducts depending on arrival time.		Daniel Spa Hotel
	3/1/2020			
3	Monday	Psalm writing in Ein Gedi in morning, Qumran, Masada, (Dead Sea Scrolls), Float in the Dead Sea.		Daniel Spa Hotel
	3/2/2020			
4	Tuesday	Camel Rides. Beit Shean on ride, Tel Dan (Site of rival temple and Abraham's gate), The gates of Hell and Caesarea Philippi. Hatzor (time permitting)		Leonardo Plaza on Sea of Galilee
	3/3/2020			
5	Wednesday	Morning Worship session on the Sea of Galilee in a fishing boat, Mt. of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Jesus Boat Museum, Migdal, Baptisms in Jordon River		Leonardo Plaza on Sea of Galilee
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6	Thursday	Meeting with Imam on Islam, Meeting with local college on Palestine/Israel conflict. Visit birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem, Shepherd's field overlook, Middle Eastern Cuisine in fabulous restaurant in Bethlehem, Shopping. Valley of Elah.		The Yehuda in Jerusalem
	3/5/2020			
7	Friday	Mount of Olives, Palm Sunday Path, Garden of Gethsemane, St. Peter de Gallicantu (where Jesus was held), Ecce Homo, Via Dolorosa including the church of the Holy Sepulchre, Communion service at the Garden tomb.		The Yehuda in Jerusalem
	3/6/2020			
8	Saturday	Temple Mount, Temple Southern Steps, Hezekiah's tunnel and David's Palace , Wailing Wall for prayer, Vad Vashem Holocaust Memorial		The Yehuda in Jerusalem
	3/7/2020			
9	Sunday	Caesarea M. (Paul's imprisonment), Megiddo (Valley of Armageddon), Mt. Carmel (where Elijah called down fire from heaven), Nazareth, Mount Precipice, Farewell Dinner in Tel Aviv		Depart Israel at night time or early morning on Tuesday
	3/8/2020			
10	Monday	Plane ride and arrive back in U.S.		Flight and arrive in U.S.
	3/9/2020			