

# **11 DAYS ARCHAEOLOGICAL & LIFE OF CHRIST TOUR**

**Hosted by: Rev. Dr. John Delancey**

**Travel Dates: July 14 – 25, 2010**

**Including Current Airline Taxes/Fuel Charges Plus Tips**

## **\$3,985 FROM ATLANTA**

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## **DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, JULY 14—DEPART NORTH AMERICA**

We meet at the Atlanta Airport for our non-stop flight to Tel Aviv.

## **DAY 2: THURSDAY, JULY 15—ARRIVE TEL AVIV**

We have landed, arriving at the Tel-Aviv airport. Passing through passport control we will be met by our agent that will assist us through customs and security and head toward the arrival hall. Here our guide will greet us and help us board our bus as we transfer to our hotel. After dinner at the hotel, we have our first “orientation” group meeting, helping us prepare for the exciting days of touring ahead!

## **DAY 3: FRIDAY, JULY 16—THE “LOWLANDS” (SHEPHELAH) OF JUDAH, NEGEV, DEAD SEA**

We begin our day by drive to Beit Guvrin to see a few of the famous “bell caves”. From here, we stop briefly at Bethshemesh, where the Ark of the Covenant was returned (1 Sam. 6). Next, we travel to the Elah Valley where David fought Goliath and reenact the scene in our imaginations as we listen to 1 Samuel 17. From Tel Azekah, we see before our very eyes how this famous battle took place! Continuing through the “Shephelah” (lowlands), it’s on to the city of Lachish which was conquered by the Assyrians. Here, we see where the famous “Lachish Letters” were discovered. Traveling south to the Negev, we visit Beersheba. Here we see the well and gate structure, the rounded streets, and a typical 4 room Israelite house. We enjoy overnight in a Bedouin Village. From here, we drive down to the lowest place on earth and enjoy a “float” in the Dead Sea after dinner.

## **DAY 4: SATURDAY, JULY 17—WILDERNESS OF JUDAH, MASADA, ENGEDI, JERICHO, BETHSHEAN**

We begin the day with an early morning ascent by cable car to Masada where the Jewish zealots resisted the Romans for three years after the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed. We then drive to Ein Gedi, hiking into the valley to enjoy the waterfalls. From here it’s on to Jericho “where the walls came tumbling down” and look over to the Mount of Temptation where Jesus spent forty days and forty nights being tempted by Satan. We end the day at Bethshean, one of the Decapolis cities of the New Testament. From here it’s on to the Sea of Galilee which we make our home for the next three nights. Overnight in Tiberias.

## **DAY 5: SUNDAY, JULY 18—THE SEA OF GALILEE AREA, GOLAN HEIGHTS**

We start the day by visiting Kursi on the east side of the Sea of Galilee, the place where Jesus met the Geresene demoniac. From here we explore the excavations at Bethsaida, the hometown of Peter, Andrew and Philip. Next, we visit Hazor, a city taken by Joshua. It is the largest site in all of Israel. We continue driving north through the Golan Heights to Dan and its refreshing springs, one of the sources of the River Jordan. Close by, our next stop is Nimrod, a Crusader castle with a great view. Those wanting to hike to the top will be given the opportunity. We end the day by rafting down the Jordan River by driving along the Upper Golan Heights. Overnight in Tiberias.

## **DAY 6: MONDAY, JULY 19—THE SEA OF GALILEE AREA, BAPTISM IN JORDAN**

We begin the day with a boat ride from Tiberias to Nof Ginnosar, enjoying a quiet and peaceful worship service together. Upon landing, we also see the “Jesus boat” from the first century A.D., a vessel found here along the shores of Galilee in 1986. Reading from Matthew 5 and the Sermon on the Mount, we travel to the Mount of Beatitudes. Close by is Capernaum, the home center of ministry for Jesus here in Galilee. Following lunch, we travel to Chorazin where an impressive synagogue stands. We head to the cliffs of Arbel for a spectacular view of the Sea of Galilee. We end the day by renewing baptismal vows in the Jordan River at Yardenit. Over night in Tiberias.

## **DAY 7: TUESDAY, JULY 20, LOWER GALILEE—MEDITERRANEAN COAST**

The day begins by driving to Sepphoris, city near Nazareth. The ruins are impressive here, especially the mosaics. Next, we cross the Jezreel Valley and stop at the Springs of Harod, where Gideon fought the Midianites. Nearby is the tel of Jezreel, where Ahab’s wife Jezebel lost here life. Passing by Megiddo we read from Rev. 16 about the “valley of Armageddon.” We continue to Acco to the ruins of this Crusader coastal city along the Mediterranean Sea. Driving

through Haifa, we continue south to Caesarea further down the coastline, with its Herodion theater, hippodrome, palace, port and aqueduct. Peter, Paul, Philip, Cornelius and Pontius Pilate all journeyed through Caesarea. We drive up to the holy city of Jerusalem. An optional “orientation walk” takes place after dinner. Overnight in Jerusalem.

## **DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, JULY 21—JERUSALEM, MT. OF OLIVES, BETHLEHEM, HERODIUM, ISRAEL MUSEUM**

Our day begins with a ride to the top of the Mt. of Olives. From here, our first view of the entire city is one to be remembered! Here, we read the Palm Sunday narrative and the prophetic words from Zechariah 14! We walk down the Mt. of Olives. We visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Next, we head to Bethlehem. We will pass by Rachel’s tomb on the outskirts of Bethlehem, and visit the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd’s Field. Leaving Bethlehem, we will nearby Herodium, one of Herod’s palaces. It was the place of Herod’s burial. We end the day by heading back to western Jerusalem where you will be fascinated by a visit to the Israel Museum and the model of Jerusalem (1 to 50 scale model of Herodian Jerusalem as it would have appeared in Jesus’ time). Here we will also see the Shrine of the Book where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. Overnight in Jerusalem, with an optional walk after dinner.

## **DAY 9: THURSDAY, JULY 22—JERUSALEM, TEMPLE MOUNT, OLD CITY, CITY OF DAVID EXCAVATIONS**

Today we start with a visit to the Temple Mount. We will enter Jerusalem through the Dung Gate, and walk to the holiest site in the whole Jewish world, the Western Wall (Wailing Wall) of Herod’s temple. Beyond the wall lies the 35-acre temple area purchased by King David (2 Sam. 24:18–25). On this site now stands the magnificent Dome of the Rock (the third holiest shrine in all Islam) and the El-Aksa Mosque. From the temple area, we make our way to St. Stephen’s Gate, St. Anne’s Crusader Church, Pools of Bethesda, the Sister of Zion Convent (to see the Pavement where Jesus stood as he was being tried by Pilate), Ecco Homo Arch, and then follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the ancient Cardo. We visit the Burnt House in the Jewish Quarter, a home destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. During the noon hour, we will visit the Shoreshim Shop, where Moshe, an Orthodox Jew, will share an informative talk about his Jewish faith.

In the afternoon, we will visit the “South Wall excavations” of the Temple where we see the collapsed massive Herodian stones on the Roman street where Jesus would have walked as well as the original southern steps that led to the Temple. We also will visit the City of David excavations and walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel (II Chr. 32). Overnight in Jerusalem, with another optional walk after dinner.

## **DAY 10: FRIDAY, JULY 23—APPROACHES TO JERUSALEM, GARDEN TOMB**

The day begins by visiting a few sites outside Jerusalem. First, we visit Bethany, where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Next, we head north to Nebi Samuel, the traditional location for the burial place of Samuel the prophet. The site is located on the ruins of a Crusader fortress. Next, we travel to the western approaches to Jerusalem as we visit the traditional site for Emmaus, recalling the resurrection narrative. From here, it’s on to Radar Hill and Kibbutz Ayalon where we hear amazing stories from the 1948 War of Independence. We end the day back within Jerusalem for a tour and special communion service at the Garden Tomb. We return for dinner and an optional walk. Overnight in Jerusalem

## **DAY 11: SATURDAY, JULY 24—JERUSALEM, FREE DAY, ARCHAEOLOGICAL “SIFTING” PROJECT OPTION**

This is a free day in Jerusalem, giving time to sleep in or explore Jerusalem on your own. Additional sites to explore would be Mt. Zion, the Upper Room, Caiphas’ House, and a unique archaeological sifting project (sifting through 1st and 2nd remains discarded from the Temple Mount). After a farewell dinner, we leave for the airport for our night flight home.

## **DAY 12: SUNDAY, JULY 25—FLIGHT BACK TO THE STATES**

We arrive back in the States following a wonderful life-changing trip, seeing new sites and old as we re-live the stories of the Bible!

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Wide bodied transatlantic jet via Delta Airlines.
- Superior first class and deluxe hotels throughout.
- Two meals daily consisting of breakfast buffet and dinner.
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary.
- Transportation via deluxe air conditioned motor coaches.
- Services of English-speaking licensed guides.
- Rafting down the Jordan River
- Visit Burnt House in Jewish Quarter
- Masada visit including round-trip cable car.
- U.S. taxes and fuel surcharges to \$424.40
- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- Entrance fees to places visited.
- Portage of baggage (one piece per person plus carry-on).

### NOT INCLUDED

Single supplement \$465. Optional travel insurance with premium starting at \$171. **(U.S. taxes and fuel surcharges subject to change and increase at the discretion of the airline up to ticketing date.)**

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Do not wait for passport to send deposit. Forward passport information at later date.

## Reservation Form

## Archaeological & Life of Christ Tour

Make your deposit check payable to: Creative Travel Partners, Inc. Passenger Trust Account.

Mail the check and reservation form to: Creative Travel Partners, Inc; 1301 S. Wolf Road; Prospect Heights, IL, 60070

**Please enroll me in the Archaeological & Life of Christ Tour.**

**Your name on the below reservation form must be identical to your name on the passport. Airlines charge a name change fee from \$200.**

**Departure Date:** July 14 , 2010

**Tour Departure City:** Atlanta

**Name:**

**Tel. Home:** (       )

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Email Address:**

**Tel. Cell:** (       )

**Passport No.:**

**Date of Passport Issue:**

**Place of Passport Issue:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Place of Birth:**

**Your Tour Host(s):** Rev. Dr. John Delancey

**Roommate:**

The \$500 deposit is due immediately to reserve airline, hotel, and ground arrangements. I understand the final payment is due on April 6, 2010.

Air arrangements for this program are described in this Tour Brochure along with all ground arrangements, tours, and related services. Please review the tour brochure for all the terms and conditions regarding your program. The tour brochure provides certain rights, which you should review prior to making your deposit. I have carefully read the tour brochure and agree to its contents and conditions.

### Signature:

In the event the transportation services of this program are cancelled through no fault of yourself, Creative Travel Partners, Inc. agrees to refund all monies paid for services not performed or delivered within 6 to 8 weeks upon receipt of written cancellation. All funds deposited at Northern Trust Bank, 8501 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, Illinois 60631; Passenger Trust Account #2050544.

# TOUR CONDITIONS

**This tour is based on rates, tariffs and ground costs in effect December 2009 at the time of tour quotation and subject to future ARC and IATA fare increases, carrier fuel surcharges, and possible land increase costs in effect at the time the tour operates and subject to change without notice.**

**LAND TRANSPORTATION:** As specified in the respective tour itineraries. Where motor coaches are specified, these are modern, large-windowed, air-conditioned/heated vehicles designed especially for sightseeing. The cost of the land arrangements as outlined in this brochure is based on a busload ranging from 15/25 tour participants as available locally.

**HOTELS:** As specified in brochure. The tour price is based on shared accommodation in twin-bedded room with private shower or bath. A limited number of single rooms are available at additional supplements stated in brochure. Single rooms when available are often smaller than doubles. Tour participants without a roommate will have to pay the single rate.

**MEALS:** As per tour brochure. In-flight meals as per the airline's normal meal service policies.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As specified in each itinerary, including the services of a local multilingual guide. (Right is reserved to vary the sequence of sightseeing programs, or to make substitutions if necessitated by circumstances beyond our control.)

**TRANSFERS AND PORTERAGE:** Included in each city abroad between airports, rail stations, piers, and hotels and vice versa. Porterage includes the handling of one normal piece of luggage per person. Additional pieces (including garment bags or similar) may be handled at additional charges and collected upon arrival abroad. Free allowance for checked baggage aboard airlines is 44 pounds (Seasoned travelers have found it convenient to use one piece of luggage only.) A special bag tag for quick identification is also provided. Carry-on bag must fit the dimensions of 9 in. by 14 in. by 22 in.

**INCLUDED IN PRICE OF BASIC STANDARD PROGRAM:** All U.S. current departure taxes (subject to change and increase), round trip airfare, transfers with group to and from overseas airports and piers; shared double room in first class hotels; two meals daily; English-speaking guide; transportation and entrance fees to sites to be visited.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport fees; phone calls; valet/laundry service; and other items of a strictly personal nature; baggage or other insurance (which is highly recommended); and any beverage; (Please note that the custom abroad is to include coffee or tea with breakfast only; it is an extra charge when served with other meals, as are mineral waters, wines or liquor); expenses within the U.S.A. or Canada. Also any exception noted on the face of the booking registration form and/or in the tour brochure as indicated in not included box of brochures.

**TAXES:** Airline security, Custom and Departure taxes are in addition to all air fare. These taxes are subject to change per government regulations and currency fluctuations. Quoted taxes are subject to change. Final taxes will be advised at time of final invoice. It is the responsibility of the group leader and clients to have taxes paid at finalization.

**PASSPORTS:** All tour members must have a valid passport. Passports are issued for individuals, husband and wife, or for a family. To apply for passports you can contact either your local Passport Office, Clerk of the District or County Court. Of course, your Tour Hosts will be happy to help you obtain the necessary forms for passport application.

**DOCUMENTATION:** U.S. citizens require a valid passport for international travel, must be valid for 6 months beyond groups return date.

## RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

**RESERVATIONS** may be secured upon payment of a deposit in the amount per person, as specified in the tour brochure. We recommend this be done far in advance of departure to allow adequate time to secure passports, visas and other documents.

**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon confirmation, and full payment is required 90 days prior to departure. Final payment received 89–69 day's prior, add \$45 to tour price. 68–26 days add \$75 to tour price. Within the last 25 days, add a total of \$100 to the tour price. Final documents will not be released until receipt of full payment. Extraordinary mail charges required by late booking, changes, or late payments must be borne by the passenger or tour host. Naturally, Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois does not agree to provide any services until full payment is received.

**LAND CANCELLATIONS:** In the event of cancellation from day of registration to 90 days prior to departure there is a \$100 per person non-refundable administrative fee. Thereafter the following charges apply 89–45 days prior to departure the charge is \$150; 44–31 days the charge is 55% of total cost of the tour; 30–15 days prior to departure the charge is 75% of the total cost of the tour; 14 days prior to departure the charge is 100% of total cost of the tour. No shows or cancellations after date of departure, no refund whatsoever. All refund claims must be received in writing.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:** Changes must be requested and approved in writing by Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights, Illinois. If you return individually and not with the group, there is a \$100 surcharge plus any additional airfare differential for the deviation. A handling fee of \$25 per person will be made for changes requested after receipt of deposit. This fee will be assessed each time a change is made.

**AIRLINE CANCELLATION:** In accordance with airline regulations, 100% of the airfare will be charged for cancellation within 30 days of departure. If cancellation is due to health or illness in the immediate family of the traveler, and can be supported by a Doctor's Certificate, this may be waived. Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

**TRANSFERS:** Transport between overseas airport, hotel and piers is included in the standard program. Those who request changes from standard program and who do not arrive with the group (land only passengers) are responsible for their own transfers even when coinciding with group transfers.

**FLIGHT TIMES:** Subject to change by airlines without advance notice. Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, is not to be held responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

**INSURANCE:** Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, is not responsible or liable for loss, damage, theft of luggage or personal belongings, personal injury, accidents or illness. For your protection we suggest that you purchase adequate insurance to cover these eventualities and cost of your tour. We strongly recommend that you be insured against the eventuality of cancellation.

**HEALTH REGULATIONS:** Smallpox vaccinations are no longer required to enter countries visited in the brochure, or to reenter the U.S.

**PRICES** quoted herein for land arrangements are expected to be in effect at the time of departure but are subject to change prior to departure. Fare levels are subject to change and government approval and as applicable on date of departure.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY:** Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois and its Associated Companies agree to provide the itinerary described in this brochure and this represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the travel agent, the tour host, and the tour operator. No changes or deviations are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. All prices, itineraries and schedules are subject to regulations and changes thereof by acts of Government, International Agreement and Airline tariff adjustments, rules and regulations. Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, reserves the right to change or withdraw the tour, in whole or in part at any time. In the event of rescheduling of the tour due to unforeseen circumstances, the cancellation and refund clause will apply. Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of Creative Travel Partners, Inc. incapable of group travel. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier or the default, negligence, or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the travel agent or the tour host. The commercial carriers are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board commercial carriers. The passenger contracts, in use by all commercial carriers involved when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the commercial carriers and the passenger or purchaser of this tour and/or passage and tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility in connection therewith. Enrollment in and payment for the tour, constitutes your acceptance of the conditions, and statement of responsibility. The conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights, Illinois. Venue for any disputes is Cook County, Illinois. The laws of the state of Illinois shall govern this contract. Baggage is at owner's risk at all times. Any transport or conveyance companies mentioned or provided shall have no responsibility or liability to any passenger, except as common carriers, and they shall have no liability during the time passengers are not on the particular transport or conveyance. Each ticket or coupon issued as to the tour(s) and the passage contract in use by the transport or conveyance companies mentioned or provided, when issued, constitutes the sole contract between them and the purchaser of these tours and/or the passenger.

**SEQUENCE OF TOURS:** During certain periods of conventions, congresses, and other unforeseen events and circumstances, the tour operator may have to make last minute changes (sometimes even after arrival) in the sequence of the tour. All services to which participants are entitled to will be rendered.

**TOUR OPERATOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO TOUR HOST:** Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, acts as agent for you in the making and securing of all arrangements for transportation, for sightseeing or for hotel accommodations for the tour program. Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant or any other supplier of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. By utilizing the service you agree that neither Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, nor any of its subsidiary companies, affiliates or representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to your clients in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences beyond its control, including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellations of or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Also remember that travel documents as well as compliance with customs regulations are the responsibility of your clients. Brochures are issued on the sole responsibility of the tour operator. They are not issued on behalf of and do not commit any airline whose services are used in the course. NOTE: Rates listed in the brochure (except airfare) are Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, rates and do not necessarily correspond to published rates of respective establishments and/or services.

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