

Join Us As

**WE JOURNEY THROUGH THE LANDS
OF THE BIBLE FOR 15 EXCITING DAYS!**

**13 Touring Days in Egypt, Sinai
and Israel including Nile Cruise**

Travel Dates: November 4–18, 2008

**Your Tour Leader
Rev. Dr. John DeLancey**

\$3,409 FROM DULLES, WASHINGTON

Other Gateway Cities Available Upon Request

JOURNEY THROUGH THE LANDS OF THE BIBLE

DAY 1, NOVEMBER 4, TUESDAY—DEPART FOR CAIRO

We meet at Dulles, Washington, D.C. airport for departure on our flight to Cairo, Egypt with a short stop at JFK airport. En route, we will be served meals according to airline flight schedule.

DAY 2, NOVEMBER 5, WEDNESDAY—ARRIVE IN CAIRO

We arrive in Cairo mid morning, meet our agent who assists us through customs and security. We transfer to our hotel over the beautiful Nile River for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3, NOVEMBER 6, THURSDAY—CAIRO/GREAT PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX/SAKKARA

Today's sightseeing will include a tour of the great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Then a visit to the fantastic Egyptian Museum containing the treasures of King Tutankhamen. The afternoon includes sightseeing of the Necropolis of Sakkara containing the funerary monuments from various periods of Egyptian history. View the Step Pyramid of King Zoser. Optional sounds and light show at the pyramids in the evening.

DAY 4, NOVEMBER 7, FRIDAY—CAIRO/ASWAN

This morning, after breakfast, we will transfer to Cairo airport for our flight to Aswan. We will visit stone quarries and the "Unfinished Obelisk" at Aswan. Learn how it was possible to cut a single piece of rock to create a massive pillar. We will also see the temple of Isis at Philae and the Old and New Aswan Dams. Then we board our Nile Cruise Ship. Overnight on the cruise ship.

DAY 5, NOVEMBER 8, SATURDAY—SAIL NORTH TO ESNA

We step off our Nile cruise ship to visit the Greco-Roman temples of Khnum at Esna and the falcon god Horus at Edfu. In the evening, dock at Kom Ombo. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. We arrive in Luxor for dinner and overnight on the cruise ship.

DAY 6, NOVEMBER 9, SUNDAY—LUXOR

We visit the temple of Thebes. We then experience the west bank of the Nile and tour the Valley of the Kings (including the tomb of Tutankhamun), the valley of the Queens, Queen Hatshepsut's temple at Deir El Bahri, Medinet Habu and the colossi of Memnon. Dinner and overnight in Luxor on the cruise ship.

DAY 7, NOVEMBER 10, MONDAY—LUXOR/FLIGHT TO CAIRO/ SINAI DESERT

Morning flight to Cairo where we will board our bus and drive via the Suez to the Sinai Peninsula. We arrive late in St. Catherine Monastery, the traditional location of Mt. Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments. We will have dinner and overnight.

DAY 8, NOVEMBER 11, TUESDAY—MT. SINAI MORNING CLIMB/ ST. CATHERINE'S/TABA BORDER/ISRAEL

The highlight of the Sinai experience is the early morning climb to the top of Jebel Musa, the Mountain of Moses as it is called today. From the top, we enjoy a spectacular sunrise looking east towards Saudi Arabia. After our descent, and breakfast, we visit the monastery of St Catherine's. We then drive to the Taba border crossing into Israel. Proceed on our drive north through the Negev to Ein Bokek arriving in time for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9, NOVEMBER 12, WEDNESDAY—DEAD SEA/MASADA/ EIN GEDI/QUMRAN/JERICO/BETH SHEAN/TIBERIAS

After a morning "float" in the remarkable Dead Sea, this morning we drive to Masada. At Masada, we take the cable car to the top, visiting Herod's mountain bunker and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome. After we descend back from the top of Masada by cable car we re-board our bus and drive north along the Western shores of the Dead Sea. Our first stop will be Qumran and the possible settlement of the first century sect known as the Essenes, the authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Drive to Jericho. At Jericho, we visit the tel of this oldest city and view the traditional mountain of Jesus' temptation. Driving through the Jordan Valley north to Beth Shean. We will then survey the magnificent Roman Byzantine ruins; theatre, bathhouses, ancient rest rooms, market areas,

colonnaded streets. We then continue driving north before arriving at our Kibbutz Hotel, home for the next three nights.

DAY 10, NOVEMBER 13, THURSDAY—SEA OF GALILEE/GOLAN HEIGHTS

We begin the morning with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We sail to Nof Ginnosar, the location of a 1st century fishing boat similar to what was used in Jesus' day. We then visit Capernaum where we visit the synagogue. We continue to Tabgha (short for Heptapagon, "seven springs") to view the mosaics in the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. We then ascend the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount," we take time to reflect upon His kingdom principles. In the afternoon, we head north to the Golan Heights. We travel on an ancient trade route as we pass Hazor and then go on to Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas), where Peter answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Our route then takes us over the Golan Heights, skirting Mt. Hermon, with a view toward Damascus. We then experience a breath-taking view of the entire Sea of Galilee from Arbel. We end the day with a baptism in the Jordan River.

DAY 11, NOVEMBER 14, FRIDAY—TIBERIAS TO JERUSALEM

This morning we depart Tiberias on to Cana, commemorating Jesus' transformation of water into wine; proceed to Nazareth, visiting part of the ancient village. Continue on our drive to the mound of Megiddo, har meggido in Hebrew, which gave its name to Armageddon. Our day continues as we ascend Mt. Carmel, site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal. Descending the mountain, we are on the road again, as we drive toward Caesarea, nestled between the banana groves and the sand-skirted sea. We enter Caesarea Maritima to explore this Roman bridgehead to the East, which became the Christian springboard to the West. The day will end atop Mt. Scopus, we behold the majestic Jerusalem. Tonight dinner at our hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 12, NOVEMBER 15, SATURDAY—JERUSALEM/ BETHLEHEM/JERUSALEM

Following an optional morning walk, we start the day with an orientation to Jerusalem from the Mt. Of Olives. We then follow the traditional Palm Sunday route to the church known as the Dominus Fleuit ("the Lord weeps"). After viewing the Golden Gate, we walk downhill to Gethsemane, where we take time to meditate on the Gospel text. From there we drive back out to West Jerusalem where we visit the Jerusalem Model of the 2nd Temple Period as well as visit Israel's Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem. Driving south, we end the day going into Bethlehem. We pass by Rachel's Tomb on they way to Shepherds' Field and the Church of the Nativity. We drive back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. An optional night walk ends the evening.

DAY 13, NOVEMBER 16, SUNDAY—JERUSALEM

Following an optional morning walk, today we enter the Old City through the Dung Gate. We walk up to the Western Wall Judaism's holiest site. We walk through the southern wall excavations where we will stand at the southern entrance to the Herodian Temple. Here, we will see the ancient boulders of the Temple and sit on the steps where Jesus no doubt taught. We then ascend to the Temple Mount, the location of the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque. Just to the north we find the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, perfectly preserved from the Crusader period—with remarkable acoustics. We then follow the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) back as far as the Holy Sepulcher. We then visit the City of David and take an optional adventurous walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel (1,700 feet long). We end the day with a Communion Service at the Garden Tomb. Return to our hotel for dinner. An optional walk ends the evening.

DAY 14, NOVEMBER 17, MONDAY—JERUSALEM/TEL-AVIV/ U.S.A

Following our leisurely breakfast this morning, we have time to pack and perhaps venture out to re-visit places we have... The close of an unforgettable tour, as we are transferred to the Ben Gurion/Tel Aviv Airport for our flight home.

DAY 15, NOVEMBER 18, TUESDAY—ARRIVE U.S.

We arrive back on United States soil early morning as we bid farewell to new found friends.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Round trip wide-bodied air flight from Dulles
- Meeting services and transfers upon arrival and departures at all airports and border crossings
- First class/superior first class hotels throughout
- Four-day, three-night Nile Cruise
- Breakfast and dinner served each day for land
- All meals included during cruise
- Domestic flights from Cairo/Aswan/Luxor
- Full sightseeing including all entrance fees to places visited in deluxe modern air-conditioned/heated motor coaches
- Services of Government licensed guides throughout
- Portage of one piece of luggage per person

NOT INCLUDED

U.S. government fuel/tax charges as of 1/9/2008 at \$335.30 subject to change and increase according to government decision. Tips for all services throughout at \$130 per person. Egyptian Visa \$25. Border crossing fee \$18. Lunches while touring on land. Items of personal nature. Single supplement of \$650. Optional travel insurance from \$199 and available upon request.

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

Reservation Form

Journey Through the Lands of the Bible

Please present or mail to: Pastor DeLancey, c/o Stoneridge Church, 811 Dressel Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.

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

Please enroll me in the Journey Through the Lands of the Bible.

PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL. DO NOT WAIT FOR PASSPORT TO SEND DEPOSIT. FORWARD PASSPORT INFORMATION AT A LATER DATE. PLEASE SUPPLY YOUR NAME BELOW AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT.

Departure Date: November 4, 2008 Tour Departure City: Dulles Other:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel. Home: () Tel. Business: ()

Passport No.: _____ Date of Passport Issue: _____ Date of Expiration: _____ Country of Issue: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Nationality: _____ Sex: _____

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

The \$300 deposit per person is due immediately to reserve airline, hotel and ground transportation. I understand that final payment is to be paid in full 60 days prior to departure.

The \$300 deposit (per person) is attached to confirm participation and is a credit to the total cost of the tour. Air arrangements for this program are described in this tour brochure along with all ground arrangements, tours, 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 confirmation.

TOUR CONDITIONS

This tour is based on rates, tariffs and ground costs in effect January 2008 at the time of our 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 26/30 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. Portage 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. Departure Taxes, 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: Taxes and tips; 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 \$300 per person is due upon confirmation, and full payment is required 60 days prior to departure. Final payment received 89–69 days 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.

REFUNDS FOR WITHDRAWALS OR ABSENCES during the tour are granted subject to the following: If illness or serious emergency compels you to leave the tour, a refund for unused services will be granted upon presentation of written documentation within 60 days of completion of tour. Refunds for absences of less than four consecutive days or for missing occasional meals or sightseeing are not granted.

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.

PASSENGER'S RESPONSIBILITY: Creative Travel Partners, Inc. accepts no responsibility or expense on any personal purchases made while overseas. It is the full responsibility of 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.