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# *Israel Tour*

**March 6–16, 2019**

**Spiritual Leader: Pastor John Free**



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## Tour Preparation:

Due to the physical demands of the terrain covered on this pilgrimage, we do not recommend the tour for persons requiring wheelchairs or walkers, or for young children. Most of the sites do not have the handicapped access to which travelers from the United States are accustomed.

It will be worth your time and energy to physically prepare for the journey beforehand. On many days tour participants will walk six or more miles over rough and uneven terrain. Some treks include hundreds of steep and narrow steps in poorly lit areas. It is recommended that participants wear either hiking boots OR tennis shoes while touring. You will need to build your endurance for this trip. Although luggage handling will be provided at hotels, there may be times when you will need to handle your own suitcase. Pack light!

### Wednesday, March 6 - Departure

Depart San Antonio early this morning, changing planes in Houston and then in Newark for an overnight transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv.

### Thursday, March 7 - Tel Aviv and Mediterranean

Arrive in Tel Aviv this morning, driving along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima where we'll share our first meal together in Israel. We will then explore Caesarea's magnificent harbor, theater and aqueduct constructed during the reign of Herod. We will then drive a short way to our seaside hotel in Netanya where we will have dinner and overnight.



### Friday, March 8 - Jezreel Valley

We'll start our day visiting Mt. Carmel to see the possible site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal and then on to Megiddo, the city that dominated the strategic trade route from Egypt to Mesopotamia. We'll see its extensive excavations, including Ahab's stables. Continue to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus and enjoy a traditional lunch together. Tour Nazareth Village, which is a reconstruction of the town as it might have been during the life of Jesus. Drive on to the Galilee region and visit the ancient synagogue recently unearthed in Magdala, believed to be the town of Mary Magdalene. We'll check into our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.



### Saturday, March 9 - Northern Galilee

This morning, we'll drive north to Tel Dan, where a stop will be made for a nature walk and visit to the high place where Jeroboam son of Nebat set up a golden calf. We'll then visit Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas), here Peter answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Continue on to see the ruins of Korazim, one of the NT cities condemned by Jesus. We'll enjoy lunch together along the Sea of Galilee and head to Capernaum to visit the synagogue and the place which early Christians remembered as the location of Peter's house. See the excavations of Bethsaida, the birthplace of three of the disciples. We'll conclude our day with a boat ride upon the Sea of Galilee and, weather permitting, a time of quiet on the lake. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



### Sunday, March 10 - Jordan Valley to Judean Desert

As we depart the Galilee region, we will visit Beth Shean which is one of the oldest cities in Israel and the site where King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls by the Philistines. Visit Qasar al Yahud where according to tradition, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Stop at Qumran for lunch and to view of the caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue on to the Dead Sea to check into our hotel along the shore and enjoy this unique body of water.



### Monday, March 11 - Dead Sea to Jerusalem

We'll begin the day at Masada, Herod's mountain fortress and the last stronghold of Jewish zealots in their revolt against Rome. We'll take a cable car to the top of the plateau to visit the ruins and enjoy the spectacular view of the surrounding area. Continue to En Gedi where David hid from Saul. Here, you may choose to enjoy an optional hike to the waterfalls or relax in the park. We'll head to Jericho for a view of the Mount of Temptation, followed by lunch. Ascend to Jerusalem, arriving at the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view over the city and continue on to the Garden of Gethsemane. We'll then check into our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.



### Tuesday, March 12 - Jerusalem

This morning we'll climb the Temple Mount and continue on to the Western Wall. We'll then share communion together at the Garden Tomb and enjoy lunch nearby. After lunch, visit the Davidson Museum which offers a rare opportunity to explore and study the most significant archaeological site in Israel with exhibitions and illustrations. Visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu and the house of Caiaphas where Jesus was tried and the site of Peter's denial of Christ. Afterwards, visit the Israel Museum to view the scale model of first century Jerusalem. Also visit the Shrine of the Book where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls are on display. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



### Wednesday, March 13 - Jerusalem

This morning, we'll have a short drive to Herodion, a fascinating structure with a double wall covered by earth, creating an artificial hill. According to the historian Josephus Flavius, Herod wanted to be buried in Herodion, the place which bore his name. We'll continue on to the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic man and stop at St. Anne's Church to experience its outstanding acoustics. We'll spend some time in remembrance at Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. You'll have the rest of the afternoon free to explore Jerusalem on your own and return to the hotel at your leisure for dinner and overnight.



### Thursday, March 14 - The Shephelah

Drive down to the Shephelah: the low hills between the mountains and the coast. We'll visit the Caves at Beit Guvrin which are the remains of mines in the area near the OT site of Maresha given to the clan of Caleb. Visit Kiryath Jearim, best known for the house of Abinadab which held the Ark of the Covenant from the time of Samuel until the time of David (about 20 years). Stop in the Valley of Elah, where David encountered Goliath. After reliving this story, we'll stop at the Shepherd's caves in Bethlehem and enjoy lunch and some shopping. We'll return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at the hotel.



### Friday, March 15 - Jerusalem

Our first adventure of the day will be in search of the Holy of Holies in the Western Wall Tunnels under the buildings of the Old City. Visit the Jewish Quarter to see the remains of the Roman Cardo and walk through the Old City to the Tower of David where we will enjoy the story of Jerusalem presented through diverse illustrative techniques. We'll visit the Christ Church, a center of prayer for all nations with worship reflecting the Jewish context of the gospel. We'll return to our hotel to freshen up and prepare for our evening departure. We'll share our final meal together at the hotel and depart for Tel Aviv for our late-night flight home.



### Saturday, March 16 - Return to the USA

Arrive in the U.S. early this morning with lasting memories of your time in the Holy Land.

Register on-line at: [www.cvent.com/d/jgq0y3](http://www.cvent.com/d/jgq0y3)

#### Tour Cost:

\$5,210 per person (based on sharing a double room)  
\$1,375 single supplement

#### Optional Group Travel Protection Plan (non-refundable):

- \$397 per person, covers up to \$5,000 cancellation fees
- \$472 per person, covers up to \$6,000 cancellation fees

*Payment due with deposit for immediate cancellation coverage.*

#### Payments:

- \$500 Due at time of registration
- \$1,500 Due October 15, 2018
- Final Due January 5, 2019

*This tour price reflects special group rates. Registrations with deposits received after December 1, 2018, will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.*

#### Included:

- Round-trip airfare from San Antonio International Airport
- Accommodations in deluxe hotels
- Breakfast, lunch (no lunch on March 13), and dinner daily
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as listed in itinerary
- Services of English-speaking licensed guide
- Driver and transportation in air-conditioned motor coach
- Hotel service charges and local taxes
- Tips to driver, guide, dining, and hotel staff

#### Not Included:

- Transportation from home to San Antonio International Airport and return
- Passport fees
- Lunch on March 13
- Beverages with lunches and dinners
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel protection insurance (nonrefundable)

#### For more information, contact:

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# Tour Features and Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

**Air Transportation:** Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change until ticketed. *Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.*

**Seat Assignments:** Raptim Humanitarian Travel notes specific seat assignments as requested by tour members and submits them to the airline. However, the airline makes the actual assignments; there is no guarantee that all requests will be honored. Any changes should be requested at check-in by the traveler. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility, or note under "Airline Seat Request" when registering.

**Accommodations:** Based on two or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge. *If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.*

**Meals:** In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast, lunch (except March 13), and dinner will be provided daily.

**Transfers and Baggage:** Group transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.

**Sightseeing and Entrance Fees:** Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

**Tips and Taxes:** Service charges and taxes on accommodations and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included.

**Not Included:** Beverages with lunches and dinners, passport fee, travel protection plan, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to departure city and return is not included.

**Deposit and Payment:** Reservations may be secured with a deposit of \$500 per person at time of registration.

## Payment Schedule:

- \$500 deposit per person due upon registration
- \$1500 per person due October 15, 2018
- Final payment due January 5, 2019

**Raptim Cancellation Conditions:** The cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by Raptim Travel in order to be eligible for any refund.

## Refund Policy by Date of Cancellation:

- **Prior to October 15, 2018**  
Full refund, less 50% of your deposit (\$250 penalty)
- **From October 15, 2018–January 4, 2019**  
Penalty of 50% of your deposit + \$500 (\$750 penalty)
- **From January 5, 2019–March 6, 2019**  
No refund

**Protect Your Investment:** Group travel protection coverage is available to cover medical expenses (first-pay coverage), medical evacuation & repatriation, trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage and personal effects loss, and baggage delay. A pre-existing condition exclusion waiver is available if coverage is purchased up to and including time of final payment. Further information can be found on the Travel Protection Plan tab of the tour registration website or by contacting your Raptim consultant.

**Passport, Visa & Health Requirements:** A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining or renewing a U.S. passport can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html>. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until September 12, 2019. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting the appropriate consulates. No inoculations are required, but please check with your physician for his recommendation.

**Rates & Fares Information:** Rates are based on a minimum of 40 persons traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

**Deviations:** Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$50 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through Raptim Travel), we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur at any time.

**Tour Operator Itinerary Changes:** The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

**Traveler Safety:** In the ever-changing world situation, Raptim Travel recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit their website at <http://www.state.gov/travel/>

**Disabilities:** Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire prior to registration whether their needs can be accommodated.

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## Responsibility

Raptim Humanitarian Travel, and their employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff act only as independent third parties to connect customers with the various companies whose accommodations are utilized. Raptim Humanitarian Travel, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the services of any train, vessel, carriage, automobile, airplane or other conveyance, anticipated to be used or which is used, either wholly or in part, in any travels. Raptim Humanitarian Travel, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff are not and will not be responsible and the passenger fully releases Raptim Humanitarian Travel, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff for and from any act, error or omission, or any resulting expense or any injury to person or property (including death), other loss, accident, or any delays which may be occasioned, by reason of defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or persons engaged in the conveying of passengers including but not limited to any steamer, airplane services or that of any other conveyance, or through any sickness, accident, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes, and all such losses, injury and expenses must be and will be borne solely by the passenger.

Prices and schedules appearing in this brochure are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice. The tour operator reserves the right to modify the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air or other schedules. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not aboard their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of tours and/or the passenger.

**Reservation Form**  
**Currey Creek Church Israel Tour**  
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**with Pastor John Free**

*Electronic Registration is available at: [www.cvent.com/d/jgq0y3](http://www.cvent.com/d/jgq0y3)*

Please complete and mail this form, along with your deposit of \$500 per person (checks payable to Raptim Humanitarian Travel) to Raptim Humanitarian Travel, 116 Lake Street., Ephrata, PA 17522 or complete the credit card payment information below.

**(Please Print)**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT)		
Name 1		
Nickname for Badge		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (days)	Phone (cell)	
Email		
Emergency Contact Name		
Emergency Contact Phone		
Passport #		
Exp. Date	Birthdate	
Please provide a clear copy of your passport. Make sure your passport is valid beyond September 12, 2019.		
FLIGHT INFORMATION		
United Airlines Frequent Flyer #		
Special Dietary Requirements		
Airline Seat Requests		
ROOM TYPE		
<input type="checkbox"/> Twin	<input type="checkbox"/> Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Single
I need a roommate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
My roommate's name is:		
TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN THROUGH TRAVELEX INSURANCE SERVICES (PAYABLE WITH DEPOSIT) NON-REFUNDABLE		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$397 per person, covers up to \$5,000 in cancellation fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$472 per person, covers up to \$6,000 in cancellation fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> No, I decline the insurance		
CREDIT CARD INFORMATION		
Name on Card		
Card Number		
Exp.	CVV	
Amount to Charge (Deposit + Insurance x # of participants) = \$		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express
Signature:		

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT)		
Name 2		
Nickname for Badge		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (days)	Phone (cell)	
Email		
Emergency Contact Name		
Emergency Contact Phone		
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My roommate's name is:		
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CREDIT CARD INFORMATION		
Name on Card		
Card Number		
Exp.	CVV	
Amount to Charge (Deposit + Insurance x # of participants) = \$		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express
Signature:		

<input type="checkbox"/> I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Raptim Humanitarian Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, and fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases. Raptim Humanitarian Travel has offered the option of purchasing travel insurance, and I take full responsibility for my decision to purchase or not.
Signature: _____ Checking the box above and signature are both required in the processing of the registration of this tour.