

ISRAEL & EGYPT

11-DAYS

Including **St. Catherine**

Hosted by **Chuck Louviere**

March 10 – 20, 2008

\$2,248 From Atlanta



View of the Temple Mount from *Dominus Flevit Jerusalem, Israel*

SUMMARY OF OUR DAILY ACTIVITIES

DAY 01 ATLANTA/TEL-AVIV

We depart late in the afternoon from **Atlanta Int'l Airport** on board a scheduled flight for **Tel-Aviv**. Full service on board.

DAY 02 TEL-AVIV

Upon arrival in Tel-Aviv, we will be met by our representative, assisted and transferred to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 03 TEL-AVIV/CAESAREA/MEGIDDO CANA/TIBERIAS

We depart our hotel for **Caesarea**, the Roman Capital of Palestine. Here we view the beautifully restored **Roman Amphitheater**, the ruins of the ancient town, the harbor and the aqueduct. We continue north to Haifa and view the city and its bay from atop Mount Carmel. We travel to **Megiddo**, one of Solomon's chariot cities and the site of the coming Battle of Armageddon. We continue to **Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus, past **Cana**, the site of **His first miracle**, and onto **Tiberias** for dinner and overnight.

DAY 04 CAPERNAUM/TABGHA/MT. OF BEATITUDES/JORDAN RIVER

This morning we cross the **Sea of Galilee** by boat to **Capernaum** and visit the ruins of the **ancient Synagogue**. Continue to **Tabgha**, site of the **Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes**, then onto the **Golan Heights**, **Mt. Hermon** and **Bania**, one of the sources of the **Jordan River**. Visit the recently discovered boat from the time when Jesus lived in Galilee. Dinner and overnight in **Tiberias**.

DAY 05 TIBERIAS/BEIT SHE'AN/JERICHO QUMRAN/JERUSALEM

We depart after breakfast for **Beit She'an** at the foothills of Gilboa Mountains, where King Saul fell fighting the **Philistines**. View the fascinating recent excavations before continuing south through the **Jordan Valley** to **Jericho**, the oldest city on earth. Here, the walls came down in Joshua's day. One can see **Elisha's Fountain** and **Mt. Temptation**. We continue to Qumran and view the caves where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found. We view the **Good Samaritan Inn** and **Bethany**, home of **Mary, Martha** and **Lazarus**, and then to **Jerusalem** for dinner and overnight.

DAY 06 JERUSALEM/MT. OF OLIVES GETHSEMANE/BETHLEHEM

This morning we get to know "**Jerusalem the Golden**". We drive to the **Mt. Of Olives**, where we visit the **Chapel of the Ascension** and follow the path down the Palm Sunday road to the **Garden of**

DAY 06 CONTINUE

Gethsemane and the **Church of all Nations**. A short drive through the **Kidron Valley** brings us by way of **Absalom's Pillar** and **Zechariah's Tomb**. We then proceed around **Mt. Zion** to the **Upper Room**, traditional scene of the Last Supper. We continue to **Bethlehem** to view **Rachel's Tomb** and visit the **Church of the Nativity**. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 07 OLD CITY/GARDEN TOMB

We begin the day by visiting the **fabulous model of Jerusalem**, depicting the city at the time of our Lord. Continue to the **Old City** for our walking tour. We visit the **Pool of Bethesda**, **Pilate's Judgment Hall**, the **Temple Area** and glimpse at the **Dome of the Rock** and **El Aksa Mosque**, **King David Street**, the **Via Dolorosa**, **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, **Joppa and Damascus Gate** and the **Western Wall**. In the afternoon we visit the **Garden Tomb** for worship and **Holy communion**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 08 JERUSALEM/ST. CATHERINE

Early morning departure. Travel through the **Judean Mountains** and **Dead Sea** area towards the Arava Desert and arrive in **Eilat**. After a brief stop, we continue to **Tabah** border. From here we travel by the coast of the Red Sea to Nueba where we start climbing towards **St. Catherine**. Dinner and overnight at the **Morgen Land Motel**.

DAY 09 ST. CATHERINE/CAIRO

Early morning climb to **Mt. Moses** (health permitting, optional possibility to climb with camels or mules). See the sunrise from atop **Mt. Moses**. Descent and transfer to our hotel for breakfast. Depart the hotel for our visit of the ancient **Monastery of St. Catherine** at the base of Mt. Moses. After our visit we travel through Sinai Peninsula, across the **Suez Canal** to Cairo. Dinner and overnight in **Cairo**.

DAY 10 CAIRO

Full day sightseeing today will include the **Pyramids of Giza**, one of the 7 wonders of the world. Visit the **Pyramid of Cheops** and the **Majestic Sphinx**, silently defending this **Necropolis**. We continue with the **Egyptian Museum** for a comprehensive tour including **Tutankhamen** exhibit. Continue to the **Citadel of Saladin**. Visit the **Alabaster Mosque** and finally the famous **Bazaar Khan-El-Khalili** where bargains are plentiful. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 11 CAIRO/ATLANTA

After an early breakfast we transfer to Cairo airport for our return flight to Atlanta arriving the same afternoon.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Transportation is in economy class on regular scheduled IATA Airline. Fare is based on a **GROUP/APEX** as applicable for groups flying together for entire itinerary.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: As specified in each itinerary is by modern air-conditioned buses designed especially for sightseeing. The cost of the land arrangements as outlined in this itinerary is based on a busload ranging for **25-39** tour participants. Whenever possible, **TriStar Tours** will help you consolidate your group to meet the minimum required.

HOTELS: First Class Hotels, twin bedded rooms with private facilities. Limited single rooms are available at an extra charge (**\$398**) and they have to be requested and confirmed by **TriStar Tours** prior to your departure.

MEALS AND SIGHTSEEING: Meals consisting of breakfast (Israeli buffet breakfast in Israel) and dinner are included daily. Local transportation by bus or local conveyance as indicated, the services of English speaking Guide and the entrance fees to places visited on the sightseeing tours as indicated in this itinerary.

SERVICE CHARGES, TIPS, TAXES: Service charges composed by facilities abroad and nominal taxes in connection with the tour price are included. **Not included** are airport/security taxes and fuel surcharge of **\$275** per person (**subject to change**), **tips** to the guides, drivers and hotel personnel, approximately **\$70**, excess baggage, items of a personal nature such as laundry, after dinner coffees, tips for personal favors etc.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS: There is a total protection on your funds. All moneys are held in an **Escrow Account**. A deposit of **\$350** per person (checks only, no credit cards accepted) is required at the time of booking, plus passenger's full name as it appears on passport. Payment for the tour must be made to **TriStar Tours/Escrow Account** by the passenger through the Tour Host, who is the passenger's agent for collection and remittance of all payments. No other person is authorized to request or collect payments. Final payment is due no later than **60-days** prior to departure. If a booking is made within 60-days of departure, full payment is required at the time of booking. If payment is received within 30-days of departure, please include **\$75** late fee. Returned checks are subject to an administrative fee of **\$25**.

SPECIAL INCENTIVES: A deposit of **\$350** received by **TriStar Tours** no later than **June 22, 2007** will entitle the passengers to a \$75 Super saver Discount or **September 22, 2007** to a **\$50** Early Bird Discount.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Requests for a refund must be in writing. Refunds will be issued within 45-days of receipt of written notice. For all cancellations up to 90 days prior to departure, for whatever reason, there will be an administrative fee of **\$100** per person to cover handling fees. For cancellations 89-60 days prior to departure a **\$150** per person, 59-31 days prior to departure a **\$250** per person and within 30 days of departure **full cancellation** will apply. (Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended).

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: If you return individually and not with the group, there is a \$75 surcharge, plus any applicable air fare differential for the deviation.

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UNUSED SERVICES: No refunds will be granted for missed sightseeing tours, meals, transfers or accommodations not used.

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PLEASE READ THE TOUR CONDITIONS CAREFULLY, SINCE ENROLLMENT IN AND PAYMENT FOR THE TOUR CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOUR CONDITIONS.

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Tour Host: _____

Departure Date: _____ **Departure City:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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Business

Name of roommate if known: _____

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