

LIGHT TO ISRAEL

(MIDDLE EAST MINISTRIES, INC.)

“Light to Israel” Ministry Trip

April 24 – May 5, 2009

(Applications and deposits due by January 5, 2009)

COST: \$3150** per person double occupancy

Includes:

- Round Trip Air from Washington Dulles
- 2 Meals a Day (breakfast and dinner)
- Airport Transfers and Portage (1 checked bag)
- Basic tips (special thank you offerings will be taken for guides and drivers)
- 5 Full Days Sightseeing as well as Additional Sightseeing and Shopping on Ministry Days
- 10 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- All Taxes & Entrance Fees to Sites in Israel
- Group transportation

**Does Not Include:

- Taxes and Fuel Surcharge (currently \$515.00 - subject to change)
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches and Beverages

Trip Itinerary

Itinerary is subject to change while touring to take advantage of the best opportunities available.

Day 1: - Departure from the U.S. (Friday, April 24)

We will embark on our journey to the Holy Land, a life-changing experience. Our night flight begins with dinner service and time to fellowship with friends new and old, meditate on the treasures ahead, and catch some shut-eye in route to Tel Aviv.

Day 2: - Arrive in Israel (Saturday, April 25)

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where we will be met by our Israeli guide who will accompany us during the tour portion of our trip. We travel to Jerusalem where we will have dinner and overnight lodging for the next six nights. We will enjoy a time of prayer of thanks for safety and the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of this land, and a good night's rest.

Days 3 - 6: - Ministry (Sunday-Wednesday, April 26-29)

We will reflect the beauty and love of Jesus through practical hands-on service, to help those in need in Israel. These days may require we be in our "grubbies" so that we can provide service such as

- Perform minor repairs on a widow's apartment and then finish up by giving the apartment a new paint job.
- Make repairs on an old building leased by a group doing ministry in the land.
- Help a local Messianic Congregation in its ministry.
- We will also take time to do some site seeing in and around Jerusalem.

Day 7: - Ancient City of Jerusalem (Thursday, April 30)

After breakfast, we will visit the house of Caiaphas and Mt. Zion including the Upper Room, Zion Gate, the Jewish Quarter of the Old City where we will see the ancient Roman Cardo (recent excavations revealing the market-area of the Temple), the Herodian Mansion, plus visit the Temple Institute. In the afternoon, we will also fast-forward through history to the Holocaust museum of Yad Vashem.

Day 8: - Around Jerusalem in Jesus' Steps (Friday, May 1)

On this day we will walk where Jesus walked. We will visit the Southern Steps of the Temple, the Western Wall, go to the Temple Mount and walk through the Western Wall Tunnel. Afterward, we will visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus cured a cripple. We move on to the Judgment Hall of Pilate. Then we will walk along the Way of the Cross concluding at the Church of the Sepulcher. We will conclude our day's tour at the Garden Tomb with communion. Your faith will be strengthened and what Jesus did for us will take on a tremendous new meaning on this day. We will then go to **worship at a Messianic Congregation** after sundown.

Day 9: - Masada, Dead Sea, Jericho, Jordan River Valley (Saturday, May 2)

Our day begins by traveling down to the Dead Sea and south to Masada. We then travel by cable car ride to the mountaintop fortress of Masada. Here our guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand. We will then head north to Ein Gedi and the Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then we travel along the Jordan to the Galilee, stopping at the Yardenit baptismal site for any members who desire to be immersed. Our final destination for this day will be overnight lodging in Tiberias for two nights.

Day 10: - Visiting Jesus' stomping grounds in the Galilee (Sunday, May 3)

We will awake to the serenity of the Galilee region where Jesus spent the majority of his life and ministry. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and visit some key teaching sites such as Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, and Taghba. (Depending on the time, we may travel north to Biblical Caesarea Philippi, where Peter made his confession of Jesus as Messiah.)

Day 11: - Nazareth, Megiddo (Monday, May 4)

We will leave the area of the Sea of Galilee and visit Jesus' childhood home of Nazareth. From there we will visit the ruins of Megiddo and Caesarea. We will then drive down the Mediterranean coast to Tel Aviv and stay along the shore of the Mediterranean.

Day 12: - Depart for Home (Tuesday, May 5)

This morning we travel to the Ben Gurion Airport early for our flight arriving home later this afternoon.