

2018 Holy Land Tour

Thomas Presbyterian Church is coordinating a tour of the Holy Land in early 2018. The following are answers to some questions that have been asked about the trip.

1) When is the trip?

The current plan is to depart from Newark, NJ on Monday, February 26 arriving in Tel Aviv and returning to Newark on Wednesday, March 7. (The tour leaving on February 19 we were originally planning on has been sold out. This is the next available tour.) There will be seven days of touring.

2) What will we see on the tour?

The sites we will tour are described in the attached itinerary. The tour is Biblically-based and will focus on key sites of importance in Scripture.

3) How much will the trip cost?

The cost of the trip will vary depending on the number of people who sign up for the tour. The up-front cost will range from \$2,730 - \$2,857 per person. There will be a rebate paid before the trip based on the number of people who sign up. As a result, the final cost will range from **\$2,482 - \$2,714 per person**, depending on the number of travelers. The cost of travel to and from Newark is not included. These rates are for double occupancy. A single supplement is \$763.

4) How do I register?

The tour company, Bell Wholesale Travel, Inc., will soon put up an on-line registration page on their website. It is recommended we register by mid-October. When signing up, a \$100 airline reservation deposit will be required. This deposit will be refunded 10 days before the departure date but is non-refundable if the traveler cancels the trip.

5) When is full payment due?

Full payment for the trip is due by November 20. There is a \$200 surcharge for payment after November 20.

6) How many travelers can go?

35 seats are being held.

7) Do travelers have to be members of Thomas Church?

The tour is open to anyone interested in this unique experience. You can invite family members, friends, and neighbors.

8) What are the Passport/Visa requirements?

Passport expiration dates should be at least 6 months after the scheduled trip completion date. If your passport is scheduled to expire before mid-September 2018, it must be renewed prior to the trip. No Visas are required for those holding U. S. passports.

9) Are any vaccinations recommended for travel to Israel?

There are no recommended vaccinations for travel to Israel.

10) What is the recommended minimum age for travelers?

The tour company recommends travelers be at least 15 years old.

11) What are the cancellation fees after payment is made?

Prior to November 20: \$300

November 21 – January 12: 25% of total payment

January 13 – January 27: 50%

January 28 – February 11: 75%

After February 11: 100%