



Venture Christian Church
 Pastor Mark Collins
 February 5-19, 2011

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 Land only **\$3490** per person double
 Single Supplement **\$1015**



*In February 20, Carrie and I will be leading a life-changing tour of discovery throughout the ancient Biblical lands. We'll begin our time in Egypt tracing Moses' path of deliverance all the way to the Promised Land. We'll experience history together, touching the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx and then following God's chosen people's journey across the Red Sea and the Sinai to the Holy Mountain where God wrote the Ten Commandments with His own hand. Ferrying from Egypt to Jordan, we will visit Petra and Mt. Nebo before crossing into the Land of Milk and Honey near Jericho. The following week we'll spend in Israel covering the important sites. Retrace the **life of Jesus** as you experience a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**; the Mount of Beatitudes; the banks of the **Jordan River** - where John baptized the faithful; **Nazareth** - home of Mary and Joseph - **Jerusalem** - **Mount of Olives**, **Garden of Gethsemane**, **Temple Mount**, and **Via Dolorosa**, the **Way of the Cross**. **Again and again, after a return from a trip to Israel, invariably the single most heard expression is, "I'll never be the same...."** We're very excited to be hosting this life-changing journey and are praying that you'll join us!*

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Feb 5 Departure - Transatlantic

We depart on our flight to Cairo - the land of the Pharaohs.
 DINNER AND OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Feb 6 Cairo

Arrive at Cairo International Airport. We will be met and assisted by an International Christian Journeys representative and transferred to your hotel.
 DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CAIRO

Feb 7 Cairo Biblical Sites / Bazaar / Free Morning

Our first morning is free as we catch up from jet lag. After lunch we will drive to Old Cairo to visit the City's cultural landmarks that span three millennium of Egyptian history. We begin with Coptic Cairo, where you will visit the Hanging

Day 1	Departure / Transatlantic
Day 2	Cairo / Rest of Day Free
Day 3	Morning Free / Cairo Biblical Sites / Bazaar
Day 4	Pyramids / Sphinx / Solar Boat Museum / Egyptian Museum
Day 5	Morning Free / Sinai Desert / St. Catherine's Village
Day 6	Climb Mt. Sinai / Cross to Jordan / Aqaba / Petra
Day 7	Petra / Amman
Day 8	Amman / Bethany Beyond Jordan / Mt. Nebo / Allenby Bridge / Gideon Springs / Nazareth / Tiberias
Day 9	Boat Ride / Mount of Beatitudes / Capernaum / Caesarea Phillipi / Golan Heights / Yardenit / Tiberias
Day 10	Megiddo / Mt. Carmel / Caesarea / Jerusalem / Bethlehem
Day 11	Jerusalem / Old City
Day 12	Jerusalem / Dead Sea / Qumran / Ein Gedi / Masada
Day 13	Jerusalem / New City / Bedouin Lunch / HulDAH Gate / Garden Tomb
Day 14	Free Day
Day 15	USA

Church, dating to the late 4th and early 5th Century. Continue to Church of St. Sergius, a 5th century Coptic Church built on the cave in which the Mary, Joseph and Jesus stayed after fleeing from Israel. We also see the recently restored Synagogue of Ben Ezra - the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt built in 882. Next, we will explore the spices and silks in the medieval bazaar of Khan el-Khalili, Cairo's most famous bazaar. Here you can find rugs, copper, leather crafts, perfumes, and other exotic and familiar wares. The rest of the day is free to shop before returning to our hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CAIRO

Feb 8 **Pyramids / Sphinx / Solar Boat Museum / Egyptian Museum**

After breakfast meet our Egyptologist tour guide. The first stop is at the Pyramids of Giza. We marvel at the Pyramids of Cheops, Chephren, and Mykerinos. Next we visit the colossal statue of the Great Sphinx, standing guard over the pyramids for more than 4,500 years. It is shaped from one solid piece of limestone. The Sphinx is one of the very recognizable symbols of Ancient Egypt with its lion's body and human head. Next, we visit the Solar Boat Museum, whose main attraction is an ancient Egyptian cedar wood boat dating back 4,500 years. Afterward, we drive into Cairo to visit the greatest collection of Pharaohic treasures in the world at the famous Egyptian Museum. See the unique collection of Pharaohic art, starting with the Old Kingdom Collection, on to the Middle and New Kingdom galleries and Greco-Roman periods. An in-depth visit of the famous Tut-Ankh-Amon treasures is featured. Return to our hotel for dinner.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CAIRO

Feb 9 **Free Morning / Sinai Desert / St. Catherines Village**

The morning is free to explore Cairo on your own.

After lunch, we depart Cairo and follow what is thought to be the route of the Exodus of the children of Israel. Our 235 mile drive through the Sinai Peninsula and the biblical Land of Goshen to the Mount Sinai takes about 6 hours. We arrive at our hotel near Mt. Sinai and St. Catherine's Monastery.

According to tradition this is the area where the Israelites camped and the golden calf was forged.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ST. CATHERINE'S VILLAGE

Feb 10 **Climb Mt. Sinai / Cross to Jordan / Aqaba / Petra**

At day break, those who desire to and who are physically capable will depart for a memorable early morning walk up Jebel Musa Mt. Sinai (about 6,900-ft). You may choose to ride a camel part way, stopping at one of the stations to take in the scenery along the climb to the summit (750 steps) for a sunrise to remember. At the summit of Mt. Sinai there is a small chapel to the Holy Trinity. This chapel was rebuilt in 1934 on the ruins of a 4th-5th century church. The interior of the chapel is decorated with frescoes from the life of Moses. Breathtaking views of the Sinai wilderness lay before us and we may worship and read from the book of Genesis to remember this place where Moses met the Lord and where he received the Ten Commandments. After a late breakfast back at our hotel, we leave passing by St. Catherine's Monastery which was built around what was thought to be Moses' Burning Bush. The Greek Orthodox Church building is the oldest continuously used church structure in the world. Leaving the Mt. Sinai area we drive to the Red Sea and cross to Jordan. We meet with our Jordanian tour guide and drive via the king's highway to Petra.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT PETRA

Feb 11 **Petra / Amman**

This morning after breakfast we start our visit to Petra. This entire city, with its rose colored temples and amphitheatre is carved out of multiple rocks which surround the hidden valley. The city was lost to the rest of the world until approximately a hundred years ago. St. Paul studied here for three years and Herod the Great came from Petra. After our visit to Petra, we travel north to Amman for dinner and overnight

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AMMAN

Feb 12 **Amman / Bethany Beyond Jordan / Mt. Nebo / Allenby Bridge / Gideon Springs / Nazareth / Tiberias**

This morning, we travel the short distance to historic Mt. Nebo where Moses saw the Promised Land and a remarkable view of the Jordan Valley, The Dead Sea and the spires of Jerusalem in the distance. After

a memorable time there, we then travel to the site that scholars say is the authentic site where John the Baptist baptized. We walk the many paths that allow pilgrims to touch some of the natural spring water that John used during his ministry. Via the Allenby Bridge we cross back into the Promised Land. Our Israeli guides will be waiting for us to take us to The Sea of Galilee and Tiberias. Along the way we stop first at Gideon Springs where Gideon chose 300 men to fight the Midianites. Then we visit Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home where we visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TIBERIAS

Feb 13

**Boat Ride / Mount of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum /
Caesarea Phillipi / Golan Heights / Yardenit / Tiberias**

Experience a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Afterwards we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. Then we descend the mount to Capernaum, the city of Jesus to see the ancient synagogue where Jesus spoke and the house of Simon Peter where the paralytic was lowered through the roof. We cross the Jordan River to the land of Gaderenes continuing to Caesarea Phillipi where Peter acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ. We return through the Golan Heights hearing stories of Israel's more recent battles and victories. Finally on the return to Tiberias we stop at Yardenit on the Jordan River where you can be baptized.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TIBERIAS

Feb 14

Megiddo / Mt. Carmel / Caesarea /Bethlehem / Jerusalem

Today we journey to Jerusalem. First along the way, we visit the excavation of Tel Megiddo overlooking the Valley of Armageddon. Here are Ahab's water tunnel and King Solomon's stables. We continue to the Mount Carmel near Haifa to visit Mukraka, the location of Elijah's altar where we see the magnificent panoramic view. Continuing, we drive along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital, Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in 22 BC. We visit the Roman Theatre, the Aqueduct and Herodian Port. Arriving in Jerusalem, we check into our hotel, and then drive to nearby Bethlehem for a visit to the Church of the Nativity, viewing the Shepherd's Fields and the Fields of Boaz and Ruth.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Feb 15

Jerusalem /Old City

This morning our inspiration-packed day begins with a drive to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area. We visit the Chapel of the Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, and Church of All Nations. We view the Kidron Valley where we can see the Tombs of Absalom, Zachariah and James and the Golden Gate. On the other side of the Kidron Valley, our morning walking tour is of the Old City. We arrive in the Temple area on Mt. Moriah and see the Dome of the Rock and El Aqsa Mosque. We visit the Western Wall, and walk through the ancient passageways of the Kotel Tunnel. At the end of the tunnel we arrive at St. Stephen's Gate, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of the Flagellation and the Ecce Homo Arch. We view the Gabbadian pavement and continue through the Bazaar to the last stations of the Via Dolorosa. We stroll through the Cardo to Mt Zion where we experience in awe the Room of the Last Supper and King David's Tomb.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Feb 16

Jerusalem / Masada

Today, we leave Jerusalem for the Dead Sea -the deepest point on earth (1200 feet below sea level). As we approach the sea we drive along the shore and visit the Essene ruins at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a shepherd boy. Our next stop is at the nature reserve of Ein Gedi, where King David found shelter from the rage of King Saul. Another short drive brings us to Masada where we ascend to the plateau by cable car to visit the magnificent Herodian fortress where from 70-73 AD Jewish Zealots made their last stand against the Roman Empire. Afterward we may enjoy a short float in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem via the Judean Wilderness

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Feb 17

Jerusalem / New City / Garden Tomb

This morning, we proceed, via the Hebrew University and the Knesset, to the Israel Museum. We visit the model of ancient Jerusalem and get a picture of what the area looked like in the time of Jesus. We enter the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited. We then visit Yad Vashem, the profound holocaust memorial and remember not to forget. For lunch we drive into the nearby Judean Hills for lunch with "Abraham" in a Bedouin tent. Afterwards, we return to the Temple Mount and visit the area near the Huldah gates, a recently excavated archeological site near the southern wall in the Old City. Here on the southern steps, Jesus probably entered the Temple area. Climaxing the day, we visit the Garden Tomb of Jesus and are inspired as we listen to an orientation overview beside Calvary, visit the empty tomb and share worship and communion.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Feb 18

Free Day / Jerusalem

We've seen spectacular sights, enjoyed unforgettable experiences together and alone. We've sung frequently, laughed a lot, cried a little, built lifelong relationships and, best of all, gained a unique appreciation and familiarity with God's Word that only comes with "being there." Our last day in Jerusalem is yours to savor. Sightsee, shop, share with friends over lunch, relax - it's your day.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Feb 19

Jerusalem / USA

Early this morning, we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our flight home. We arrive in San Francisco the same day.

Prices include:

1. Airfare, coach class flight on regularly scheduled flight from USA to Cairo with return from Tel Aviv.
2. Lodging double occupancy in first class hotels in Egypt, Jordan, and Jerusalem.
Lodging double occupancy in a kibbutz in Tiberias
3. Full breakfast and dinner daily in Egypt, Jordan and Israel.
4. Touring coach and English-speaking, government-licensed guide in Egypt, Jordan and Israel on sightseeing days.
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2011 Exodus Tour
Mark and Carrie Collins February 5-19, 2011

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after the date of your return.**

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