



**South Hills  
Community Church  
Israel Itinerary**

**March 28-April 5, 2011**

Pastor Brad Abley and Maureen

**\$2888** per person-double occupancy

Land only price **\$ 2227** per person  
in double occupancy

Single Supplement **\$680**



*In 1999, Maureen joined me as I led a group of 23 people on an unforgettable and highly-rewarding trip of the Holy Land. I was continually surprised at how often the Lord suddenly met me at some of the key places we toured in Israel (the others had similar experiences).*

*Moreover, each time I read Scripture, I can still vividly "see" the places we visited -- and God's Word comes alive even more!*

*Since 1999, I've looked forward to a return trip to Israel and the time has come; Maureen and I will be leading a trip there next March 28 through April 5.*

*Please pray and ask God if He would have you join us; this land is His special land and from experience, I can tell you that He does indeed meet His people in a very special way; you'll never forget this trip!*

Pastor Brad

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[For Powerpoint Number Two - Trip preparation click here](#)

**Monday, March 28**

**Transatlantic**

Depart USA to Tel Aviv. We must be at the airport at least 3 hours before flight time. Enjoy our on-board transatlantic experience.

ENROUTE TRANSATLANTIC

**Tuesday, March 29**

**Tel Aviv**

Today, we arrive in Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, we are met and assisted by our guide. Our coach is waiting and we are transferred to our hotel in Tel Aviv for an Israeli dinner and a good night's rest.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TEL AVIV

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Transatlantic</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Tel Aviv</b>
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Caesarea / Mt. Carmel / Megiddo-Valley of Armageddon / Nazareth / Galilee</b>
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Boat Ride / Mt of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum / Caesarea Phillipi / Golan Heights / Yardenit Baptismal Site / Galilee</b>
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Beth Shean / Mt. Tabor / Judean Hills / Bedouin Lunch / Jerusalem / Bethlehem</b>
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Dead Sea / Qumran / Ein Gedi / Masada</b>
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Jerusalem / Old City</b>
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Jerusalem / Old and New City / Garden Tomb / Jaffa / Tel Aviv</b>
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>TransAtlantic to USA</b>

**Wednesday, March 30**

**Caesarea / Haifa / Mt. Carmel / Megiddo-Valley of Armageddon / Nazareth / Kibbutz**

This morning after our full Israeli breakfast, we travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of Caesarea, the ancient Roman capital, built by Herod the Great in 22 BC. The apostle Paul was imprisoned here before being sent to Rome. Pilate lived here during the time of Jesus' crucifixion. Cornelius and his household lived here too. Visit the Roman Theatre, the Aqueduct and Herodian Port. Continue toward Haifa, to see the magnificent panoramic view from Mount Carmel. Visit the Mukraka, the location of Elijah's altar where he

slew the prophets of Baal. Afterwards, we drive to overlook the Valley of Armageddon from Tel Megiddo which is 30 civilizations deep going all the way back to the Canaanites. Then we travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth, where we visit Nazareth Village before continuing to Galilee.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE**

**Thursday, March 31**

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

Experience a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. Visit Tabgha where Jesus fed 5000 with the loaves and the fishes of a small boy. Then continue to Capernaum, the city of Jesus and Simon Peter's house where the paralytic was healed. Cross the Jordan River to the land of Gaderenes. Visit Caesarea Phillipi, site of pagan altars, where Peter confessed Christ. Journey back toward Tiberias via the Golan Heights learning of Israel's great victory over Syria in recent history. We continue to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the upper Jordan River where you can be baptized before returning to your hotel.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE**

**Friday, April 1**

**Mt. Tabor / Beth Shean / Bedouin Lunch / Jerusalem / Bethlehem**

On our way to Jerusalem, we stop first at Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration. Then we visit nearby Beth Shean where the bodies of Saul and his sons were hung on the wall after their defeat at Mount Gilboa. Then we travel down the Jordan Valley. Near Jericho we travel up to Jerusalem and stop in the Judean Hills for an authentic Bedouin lunch in "Abraham's tent." Continuing, we arrive in Jerusalem and we check into our hotel and afterwards travel to nearby Bethlehem for a visit to the Church of the Nativity site of the cave where Jesus was born. We view the Shepherd's Fields and the Fields of Boaz and Ruth and have a short time to shop for olive wood and other souvenirs.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM**

**Saturday, April 2**

**Dead Sea / Qumran / Ein Gedi / 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. The next stop is at Masada where we ascend to the plateau by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins. Masada is the fortress where from 70-73 AD Jewish Zealots made a final stand against the Roman Empire. a small band of Jews held out against the Roman army. Afterward we may enjoy a short float in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem via the Judean Wilderness.

**Sunday, April 3**

**Jerusalem / Old City**

This morning our inspirationally 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 visit the Western Wall. We 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 see St Peter in Gallincantu, the location of the original Roman steps which were the primary passageway from the Upper Room to the Garden of Gethsemane and then experience in awe the Room of the Last Supper and King David's Tomb.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM**

**Monday, April 4**

**Jerusalem / Old and New City / Garden Tomb**

This morning, we will visit a recently excavated archeological site near the southern wall of Temple Mount in the Old City. We visit the Davidson Center for a virtual walk through of the Temple at the time of Jesus. We see the ancient Cardo where Jesus walked and where still to be seen portions of the Temple fell when the Temple was destroyed by the Romans around 70 AD. We see also the Pinnacle, where the trumpet sounded to announce the Sabbath. It is also the site of the second temptation of Christ by Satan. We visit the steps to Huldah Gate where the 12 year old Jesus amazed the scribes with His knowledge. Then, traveling into modern environs we proceed via the Hebrew University and the Knesset to the Israel Museum and visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited and where the model of ancient Jerusalem, as it was in Jesus time, is housed. Next is a sobering visit to Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial. To climax this day and our trip to the Holy Land, we visit the Garden Tomb of Jesus, followed by an orientation beside

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Calvary and a very special communion service. In the later afternoon we travel toward Tel Aviv and stop in Jaffa, the home of Simon the Tanner and where Jonah embarked on his appointment with the great fish. We enjoy dinner in a local restaurant in Jaffa before transferring to Ben Gurion airport for our late night flight home.

**DINNER IN JAFFA AND OVERNIGHT TRANS-ATLANTIC**  
(Jordan bound group overnight at Grand Beach Tel Aviv)

**Tuesday, April 5**

**USA**

Arrival in USA today

OR

## Jordan Extension Group

**Tuesday, April 5**

**Jerash / Madaba / Petra**

Today we leave early from Tel Aviv and travel to the Sheik Hussein Bridge near Tiberias and cross into Jordan. We will be met and transferred north to the ancient Roman Decapolis city of Jerash. From Jerash, we go 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. On our way to Petra we stop at Madaba to view an ancient mosaic map, the oldest known map of the Holyland. We continue then southwards on the desert highway to Petra.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT PETRA**

**Wednesday, April 6**

**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**

**Thursday, April 7**

**Bethany / Baptismal Site / Amman City Tour**

This morning, we travel to the site that scholars say is the authentic site where John the Baptist baptized. Walk the many paths that allow pilgrims to touch some of the natural spring water that John used during his ministry. This is followed by a city tour of Amman and then dinner in Madaba before transferring to the Amman Airport for our flight home.

**DINNER MADABA**

**Friday, April 8**

**USA**

Arrival in USA today

### INCLUDED

1. Coach class flight from USA to Tel Aviv and back.
2. Lodging double occupancy in superior tourist class hotels.
3. Full Israeli breakfast and dinner daily.
4. Touring coach & English-speaking, government-licensed guide on the sightseeing days.
5. Transfers from / to the airport in Israel.
6. Entrances to sites listed in itinerary.
7. Portage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel.
8. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates.
9. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
10. Visits to Nazareth Village, a Bedouin Lunch, the Davidson Center and the Kotel Tunnel.
11. Emergency medical insurance for the whole group.

### Not included:

Government taxes on airline tickets, airport taxes, and fuel charges.  
Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. Approximately \$12.00 per day.  
Meals other than those specifically mentioned  
Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.  
Transfers to or from US departure airport and passenger's home or organization.  
Travel insurance except for the emergency medical insurance mentioned above.

Cost of obtaining passports, visas, handling fees, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours, tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.

## AIRLINE SCHEDULE

### ISRAEL ONLY GROUP

DELTA AIRLINES CONFIRMATION NUMBER: **HGX84Y** (PARTY OF 12)

Monday, March 28	Lv San Francisco	8:30am	DL 2740
	Ar NYC Kennedy	5:08 pm	
	Lv. NYC Kennedy	8:10 pm	DL 268
Tuesday, March 29	Ar. Tel Aviv	1:10 pm	
	SURFACE TRAVEL		
Thursday, April 5	Lv Tel Aviv	12:05 am	DL 269
	Ar NYC Kennedy	5:00 am	
	Lv NYC Kennedy	7:15 am	DL 1865
	Ar. San Francisco	10:40 am	

### ISRAEL EXTENSION GROUP

DELTA AIRLINES CONFIRMATION NUMBER **HGLH4R** (PARTY OF 5)

Monday, March 28	Lv San Francisco	8:30am	DL 2740
	Ar NYC Kennedy	5:08 pm	
	Lv. NYC Kennedy	8:10 pm	DL 268
Tuesday, March 29	Ar. Tel Aviv	1:10 pm	
	SURFACE TRAVEL		
Thursday, April 7	Lv Tel Aviv	12:05 am	DL 269
	Ar NYC Kennedy	5:00 am	
	Lv NYC Kennedy	7:15 am	DL 1865
	Ar. San Francisco	10:40 am	

### JORDAN EXTENSION GROUP

DELTA AIRLINES CONFIRMATION NUMBER: **GQC58Q** (PARTY OF 13)

Monday, March 28	Lv San Francisco	2:25 –	DL 1680
	Ar Atlanta	9:58 pm	
	Lv. Atlanta	11:05 pm	DL 152
Tuesday, March 29	Ar. Tel Aviv	5:00 pm	
	SURFACE TRAVEL		
Thursday, April 7	Lv Amman	11:55 pm	DL 33
Friday, April 8	Ar NYC Kennedy	5:25 am	
	Lv NYC Kennedy	7:10 am	DL 1865
	Ar. San Francisco	10:38 am	

## HOTELS

### TEL AVIV

Grand Beach Hotel  
250, Hayarkon St.  
Tel Aviv 63504, Israel  
Tel: 972-3-5433333,  
Fax: 972-3-5466589  
[www.grandbeachtelaviv.com](http://www.grandbeachtelaviv.com)

### GALILEE

Kibbutz Ein Gev  
14940 Kibbutz Ein Gev  
(Sea Of Galilee)  
Tel: 972-4-6659800  
E-mail: [resort@eingev.org.il](mailto:resort@eingev.org.il)

### PETRA

Golden Tulip Kingsway Hotel  
PO Box 71  
Wadi Mousa,  
Petra, Jordan  
Phone 03/215-6799; Fax 03/215-6796

### AMMAN

Grand Palace Hotel  
Queen Alya Street and Sport, 11192, Amman  
Jordan  
Phone: (962 6) 5691131; Fax: (962 6) 5695143  
[www.ammangrandpalace.com](http://www.ammangrandpalace.com)



Report to the bus 15 minutes before any scheduled departure if the destination does not require luggage transfer.

Exercise discretion if engaging in unscheduled, independent activities. It is suggested that you join with four or more others in such excursions. Stand by and assist if a fellow member of your group encounters a problem.

Be aware that holding a bus beyond its scheduled departure time may be ordered only when the tour leader, in his/her discretion, determines that there is an emergency.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE**

Because of the serious threat to members who suffer allergic reactions to cosmetic scents, we ask that you please do not use perfumes or strongly scented cosmetics on the bus.

#### **ISRAEL CRIME**

The crime rate is moderate in Israel.

There have been increased reports of harassment of tourists by vendors in many tourist areas of Jerusalem, including, in particular, the Mount of Olives. Also for safety in general, American citizens should exercise extreme caution and avoid, to the extent possible, shopping and market areas, pedestrian walkways, malls, public buses and bus stops, trains and train stations, as well as crowded areas and demonstrations.

**JORDAN: CRIME** is generally not a serious problem for travelers in Jordan, but petty crime is prevalent in the downtown Amman Hashimiyah Square area and near the Roman Theater. In the narrow streets of the Old City, crowded conditions invite pickpockets and other petty criminals. It is safer to travel in groups when visiting the center of Amman. Travelers are urged to be more guarded in these areas so that they do not present easy opportunities for criminals. Purse-snatchings in central and western Amman are reportedly on the increase. In several cases, thieves in moving vehicles snatched pedestrians' purses and drove off. In some instances, victims were injured when they were unable to free themselves from their purses. When carrying a purse, it would be wise to conceal it if possible, to avoid walking near the road within reach of passing vehicles, and to walk against the flow of traffic.

Before traveling please consult the following website for tips re safety:

**[http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety\\_1747.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html)**

#### **PACKING TIPS**

- √ Plan for variations in weather from warm to cold to rain. Bring layers. Think washable, wrinkle-free, cool and compact.
- √ Comfortable shoes are a MUST! (lots of uneven walkways)
- √ Take toiletries in small containers—just the amount needed. Take disposable items that can be tossed when you are finished.
- √ Plan for medication, health and hygiene needs. You may not be able to run out and buy what you need.
- √ Ship purchases home whenever possible. Carry as few as possible.
- √ Make a list of luggage contents and approximate value in case you have to fill out a baggage claim form.
- √ Practice Pack! Lay out everything and start packing by priority. (Write it down; then pare it down!)
- √ Take 50 \$1 bills. These can get you through many situations.
- √ Carry a bag to see you through all emergencies (Kleenex, towelettes, passport, cash, ID, credit card/traveler's checks, your hotel list, local maps, something edible. Buy water after security.
- √ CLOTHING: casual clothing, walking shoes, underwear, nighties, sweater/light jacket, rain poncho, minimum jewelry.
- √ MAKE-UP ITEMS and TOILETRIES: Keep a meticulous list over a week's period of the "stuff" you cannot live without.
- √ HEALTH ITEMS - vitamins, aspirin, medications, extra pair of glasses and a copy of your Rx, contact lens stuff, laxative, diarrhea needs, decongestant.
- √ PASSPORT / CREDIT CARD/ATM CARD/TRAVELER'S CHECKS!!\* (Most items forgotten from above can be replaced with these!

√ MISC.: Bible. Consider also the following: small sewing kit, plastic folding cup, wash cloth, mirror, shower cap, small scissors, travel alarm, curling iron, hair dryer (alt. Current), travel iron, camera, film, umbrella, voltage adaptor, outlet adaptor, watch, other books and small binoculars.

ADDITIONAL ADVICE

Be aware and be careful.

Always carry small coins in local currency.

Fruit and cheese from a local vendor might



ONE FORM PER INDIVIDUAL

PASTOR BRAD AND MAUREEN ABLEY
SOUTH HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH / SAN JOSE CA

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If none indicated, [ ] smoking

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EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] I am interested in additional cancellation insurance.

Passenger signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please send form with deposit to:
International Christian Journeys
20380 Town Center Lane, Ste 225 – Cupertino CA 95014

(note: you may register on this site but are not enrolled until we receive your deposit)

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Full trip cancellation insurance is recommended. All notices of cancellation must be in writing.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

**All passports must be valid for six (6) months  
after the date of your return.**