



**Grace Community Christian Church
Israel Itinerary
February 9 - 18, 2011**

Pastor Steve La Farge

\$2886 per person in double occupancy

Land only price **\$2171** per person in double occupancy

Single supplement: **\$680***



Since I began preaching 15 years ago, I have dreamed of making a trip to Israel. In February of 2011, that dream will become a reality! Barb and I will be leading a trip to the Holy Land and we would like for you to come along! We will visit and study places that are mentioned in the Scriptures, and experience the wonders of this special area of our world up close. I hope you will consider joining us for this unique opportunity to grow, learn, explore, and travel together.

I have been told that once you travel to Israel, you will never read the Bible the same way again.

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ITINERARY

February 9 Transatlantic

Depart San Francisco to Tel Aviv. We must be at the airport at least 2 hours before flight time. Enjoy our on-board transatlantic experience.

ENROUTE TRANSATLANTIC

February 10 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

Day 1	Transatlantic
Day 2	Tel Aviv
Day 3	Neot Kedumim / Bedouin Lunch / Nazareth / Gideon Springs / Galilee
Day 4	Boat Ride / Mt of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum / Caesarea Phillipi / Golan Heights / Yardenit / Galilee
Day 5	Megiddo / Mt. Carmel / Caesarea / Bethlehem / Jerusalem
Day 6	Jerusalem / Qumran / Ein Gedi / Masada
Day 7	Jerusalem / Old City / Garden Tomb
Day 8	Jerusalem / New and Old City
Day 9	Free Morning / Valley of Elah / Maresha / Jaffa
Day 10	USA

Feb 11

Neot Kedumim / Jordan Valley / Allenby Bridge / Gideon Springs / Nazareth / Tiberias

Our day is full as we leave Tel Aviv traveling toward Jericho for a rendezvous with the rest of our group in the late morning. Along the way we have an opportunity to stop at the Biblical Garden of Neot Kedumim for an overview of the many plants and animals described in the Bible. We skirt Jerusalem and descend to the Jordan Valley near Jericho to pick up the rest of the group. Our Israeli guide takes us into the Judean Hills for lunch in "Abraham's tent." After this memorable lunch, we journey up the Jordan Valley to The Sea of Galilee and near Tiberias visit Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home where we visit Nazareth Village, a re-created replica of what it would have been like during

Jesus' days. If time permits, we will also stop at Mary's Well or Gideon Springs before arriving at our lodging.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE

Feb 12

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

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 stop briefly at Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes before entering 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 GALILEE

Feb 13

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 14

Jerusalem / Qumran / Ein Gedi / Masada

Today, seeing all the highlights of the Old City, 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 15

**Jerusalem / Mount of Olives / Pool of Bethesda / Via Dolorosa /
Church of the Holy Sepulchre / Mount Zion / Upper Room / Garden Tomb**

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 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. 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 16

**Jerusalem / Yad Vashem / Shrine of the Book / Model of Ancient Jerusalem /
Davidson Center / Western Wall / Kotel Tunnel**

This morning we proceed, via the Hebrew University and the Knesset, to visit Yad Vashem, the profound holocaust memorial and remember not to forget. We then visit the Israel Museum and enter

the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited. We also visit the model of ancient Jerusalem and get a picture of what the area looked like in the time of Jesus. With the model firmly in memory, we then we visit the actual Temple Mount, stopping at the Davidson Center for a virtual walk through of the Temple as it was in the time of Jesus. We 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. Continuing we visit the Western Wall, see the Dome of the Rock and El Aqsa Mosque and walk through the ancient passageways of the Kotel Tunnel. We walk back to our nearby hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Feb 17 **Jerusalem / Elah Valley / Maresha / Jaffa**

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 morning in Jerusalem is yours to savor. Sightsee, shop, and share with friends over lunch, relax. After check out from your hotel, we travel to Elah Valley where David slew Goliath and to Maresha, a city of Judah given to the clan of Caleb (Josh 15:44). 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

Feb 18 **Jerusalem / USA**

Just after midnight we depart Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv on our flight home. We arrive in San Francisco the same day.

Initial deposit to guarantee booking is **\$500** per passenger with balance due 11/8/2010.

INCLUDED

1. Coach class flight from San Francisco to Tel Aviv and back.
2. Lodging double occupancy in tourist class hotels in Israel
3. Full breakfast and dinner daily in Israel.
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. Entrance to Kotel Tunnel in Jerusalem
11. Emergency medical insurance for the whole group.
12. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates in Israel.

Not included in the above quotation:

Government taxes on airline tickets, airport taxes, and fuel charges. (Estimated airport taxes as of 3/15/10 are \$95 and fuel surcharges are \$346. All are subject to change by the respective governments and airlines.)

Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides, maids and waiters. Approximately \$12.00 per person per day.

Meals other than those specifically mentioned

Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.

Transfers to or from San Francisco and passenger's home or organization.

Travel insurance except for the emergency medical insurance mentioned above.

What Is Not Covered Under The Program

While the Group Travel Assistance Program covers a wide range of circumstances, certain events and occurrences are not covered under these plans. Some examples are detailed below. The program does not cover losses or expenses if they result from any injury occurring prior to and including the effective date of insurance, any illness occurring during the sixty days prior to and including the effective date of insurance for which treatment by a licensed physician has been sought or advised or for which symptoms exist which would cause a prudent person to seek diagnosis, care, or treatment. However, if the condition is controlled (not exhibiting symptoms or requiring the adjustment of treatment of medication throughout the sixty-day period by taking of prescription drugs or medications and travel restrictions are not advised by a licensed physician, then the medical condition will not be considered a Pre-Existing Condition. The departure date is the effective date of coverage.

MONEY

Withdraw cash at ATMs to save money. Take advantage of favorable exchange rates offered by ATMs. Cash is dispensed in local currency, and debited from your account in US Dollars - this eliminates additional conversion fees and commissions assessed by currency exchange bureaus.

Your PIN should be 4 digits. If your PIN is longer, contact your issuing financial institution and ask for a new PIN number. If you have an alphabetic PIN, translate the letters to numbers before leaving the US.

Test your PIN before you travel.

Financial institutions may have restrictions on daily withdrawals even when you are in another country. Check with your financial institution.

GROUP TRAVEL ADVICE

Tranquility, harmonious relations and a successful journey can be ensured if each tour member, personally, adjusts their mode of behavior to following some simple ground rules.

Make a commitment to the concept, "If you're on time -- you're late!"

Report to the bus 30 minutes before any scheduled departure, when moving from one city to another and luggage transfer is required.

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.

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

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 be fine for lunch.

HAVE FUN!!!



ONE FORM PER INDIVIDUAL

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NAME _____ Name Tag “_____”

First, Middle and Last name exactly as it appears on your passport

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

ROOMMATE _____ non smoking
If none indicated, smoking

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE _____

PASSPORT # _____ ISSUE PLACE _____ EXP DATE ___/___/___

Gender: M F • Date of Birth ___/___/___ • Birthplace _____ • Citizenship _____

Emergency Contact: _____

 I HAVE ENCLOSED A DEPOSIT PAYMENT OF \$ 500.00.

FORM OF PAYMENT Check # _____ payable to “International Christian Journeys”

 I have read and agree to the terms and conditions printed on the next page.

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SEE [HTTP://WWW.INTERNATIONALCHRISTIANJOURNEYS.COM/TRAVEL_INSURANCE.PHP](http://www.internationalchristianjourneys.com/travel_insurance.php) FOR INFORMATION.

 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 A Cupertino CA 95014

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

The following fees will be assessed for all cancellations: from deposit to 90 days prior to departure \$100 per person; less than 90 days prior to departure \$300 per person plus all non-refundable expenses incurred by International Christian Journeys/Hadar Travel and Tours and its marketing representatives on the group's behalf.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

International Christian Journeys/Hadar Travel and Tours is acting as intermediary in selling services and making bookings and reservations for airlines, hotels, land and water transportation, meals, tours, etc. This agency, therefore, shall not be responsible for breach of contract or any intentional or careless action or omission on the part of such suppliers that results in any loss, damage, delay or injury to you or group members. International Christian Journeys/Hadar Travel and Tours is further not responsible for acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery, acts of governments or other authorities, acts of war whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, customs regulations, delays or cancellation or change of itinerary or schedule or for any loss beyond their control. This agency is not responsible for loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents. International Christian Journeys/Hadar Travel and Tours is not liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the client as a result of any of the foregoing clauses.

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Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the above and agreement on your part to the current price and exchange rates and may be subject to change without notice prior to departure. The price is a special group rate based upon all passengers following the same itinerary. There will be a \$200.00 per person charge to any individual who wishes to deviate from the tour plus any difference in the airfare. There will be a \$200 surcharge for passengers purchasing the land tour without the air transportation.

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.

LINK TO REGISTER ON WEB SITE:

Sign up form: http://www.internationalchristianjourneys.com/enrollment_form.php

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