

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 7, 2022

THE BEST OF
Israel

WITH BRYAN AND
TIMBERLY ECKELMANN

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO
ATHENS + CORINTH
NOVEMBER 7 - 10, 2022



ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUMMARY OF *tour activities*



ABOUT YOUR *Hosts*

REV. DR. BRYAN ECKELMANN serves as a Pastor at the 3,000-member St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Southern California, focusing on Biblical Studies, worship ministries, and congregational care. Bryan also was adjunct professor of American Religious History at Vanguard University. He holds advanced degrees from Gordon-Conwell Seminary and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

TIMBERLY ECKELMANN graduated with highest honors from Austin Theological Seminary, and has taught the Bible and Church History across the country.

Bryan and Timberly have two grown children and two gifted and talented grandchildren. They enjoy deep conversations, long walks, and travel with friends.

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DAY 1 | OCTOBER 28

Depart USA to Tel Aviv

We depart Los Angeles on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast are served on the flight. Premium economy and business class upgrades are available upon request.

DAY 2 | OCTOBER 29

Arrive in Tel Aviv; Hotel in Tiberias

We arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv. Then we travel by bus to the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where we check into our hotel in Tiberias, enjoy dinner and a good night's sleep.

DAY 3 | OCTOBER 30

Boat Ride, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum

Welcome to the Land of the Bible! After breakfast, our travel coach takes us to the Sea of Galilee, where many of Christ's lessons and miracles occurred. We will enjoy Sunday Worship on the boat as we traverse the lake. We then enjoy the peaceful Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7) and the Primacy of Peter Church, where Jesus commanded Peter to "feed my sheep" (John 21). At Capernaum, where Simon Peter's house is thought to have been located, we will wander among the ruins of an ancient synagogue. We then walk the beautiful Arbel Valley, where Jesus and his disciples surely traveled.

DAY 4 | OCTOBER 31

Magdala, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Tabgha

Following breakfast, we travel the ancient caravan route to Tel Megiddo, one of the most ancient cities in the Holy Land. Nearby is Mount Carmel, the site of Elijah's triumph over the prophets of Baal (1Kings 18). After a stop at Tabgha, where Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 is remembered at the Church of the Loaves and Fish (John 6), we then visit historic Magdala, and picture ourselves seated before Jesus in the synagogue. The day ends with a beautiful dinner at the Magdalena Restaurant, considered to be one of the best eateries in Israel.

DAY 5 | NOVEMBER 1

Jerusalem Tunnels, Southern Wall, the Western ("Wailing") Wall, Temple Mount

This morning we say goodbye to Galilee and travel south to Jerusalem. Glimpse the Holy City from Mount Scopus, then visit the historic excavations of the Southern Wall and the tunnels under the Western Wall. Walk on the very stones where Jesus trod to Herod's "second temple" and see the place where our Savior taught. Visit the Western Wall (often called "the Wailing Wall") before ascending the Temple Mount, where the Old and New Testaments converge with one another and today share space with the Dome of the Rock, the third holiest site of Islam. Check into your Jerusalem hotel – your home for the remaining six nights of the Holy Land tour.

DAY 6 | NOVEMBER 2

Shrine of the Book, Model City, Bethlehem, "Sharing the Bread" with Local Christians

Explore Israel's national museum and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. Understand better the Jerusalem of Jesus' day with a look at the First Century Model of the City of Jerusalem. Then journey to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity and the cave where tradition holds that Jesus was born. Wander the Shepherds' Field, thought to be where the angels proclaimed Christ's birth. Our day then concludes with the "Sharing the Bread" dinner, a precious time of fellowship at the homes of local Christians in Bethlehem.

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DAY 7 | NOVEMBER 3

Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Pool of Siloam, Mount Zion, Upper Room

We begin our day atop the Mount of Olives, where Jesus often stayed and from where he ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1). We trace the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed after the Last Supper and was arrested (Matthew 26), then through the Valley of the Tombs to the Pool of Siloam, where Christ healed the man who was lame for 38 years (John 5). Explore King David's Tomb on Mount Zion and the Upper Room, the traditional site of the Last Supper and the fire of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 1).

DAY 8 | NOVEMBER 4

Via Dolorosa, Antonia Fortress, Old City, Afternoon at Leisure

Walk the Via Dolorosa (The Way of Suffering), the path that Jesus walked from the Antonia Fortress, where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. Enjoy the colorful oriental market in the Old City. Continue to the restored Jewish Quarter and the Roman Cardo, which was the main street of Jerusalem in Roman times. Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built on the traditional site of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection. Visit the Church of St. Anne, a church left almost unchanged since the time of the Crusades, which is known for its perfect acoustics (yes, we'll sing a song there!). See the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the beggar (John 5). Spend the afternoon as you wish – resting, exploring, or discovering Jerusalem!

DAY 9 | NOVEMBER 5

Jordan River, Jericho, Masada, En Gedi, Qumran, the Dead Sea

Travel the Judean Wilderness paralleling the Ancient Roman road to view the Valley of the Shadow. Remember your baptism at "Bethany beyond the Jordan"—thought by many to be the place where Jesus was baptized. Visit Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world. Ride the cable car to the top of Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod the Great. On the way back to Jerusalem, pass Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and discuss the mysterious community of the Essenes who once lived here. Pass En Gedi, where young David hid from King Saul. Stop at the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, where those who desire may take a quick float in the mineral-rich waters (bring your bathing suit!).

DAY 10 | NOVEMBER 6

Gordon's Calvary, Garden Tomb

Our last full day in the Holy Land brings us to Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb, where the agony of our Lord's crucifixion and the reality of His resurrection come alive. Here at this peaceful spot, we share the Lord's Supper together. Spend the rest of the day as you wish – resting, exploring, discovering Jerusalem – before a special dinner and preparation for our flight home.

DAY 11 | NOVEMBER 7

Arrive in the USA

Arrive home with a lifetime of memories that will renew your faith and forever change how you experience the Bible.

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DAY 11 | NOVEMBER 7

Athens

Welcome to Athens! In this ancient and dynamic city, we will walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and rediscover the message and challenges of the Early Church. After checking into our hotel near the Acropolis, we walk the Plaka, Athens' most ancient section, and enjoy dinner on our own.

DAY 12 | NOVEMBER 8

Athens, Corinth

Not only one of the world's most glorious cities, Athens also allows us to follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. We visit the Acropolis, the massive rock that has dominated the panorama of Athens for twenty-five centuries. At the Acropolis, we will see the ruins of the Parthenon, the Propylaea, and the Erechtheion (temple of Athena of Nike). We then ascend Mars Hill, where Saint Paul preached to the Athenians (Acts 17:22f). We wander the ancient Agora (the former public center of Athenian life) we will imagine the lives of the very first Christians in the Western Civilization. In the afternoon, we make the short trip to Corinth, where Paul lived for two years and whose early Christians received four letters from the Apostle. We will wander Corinth's amazing ruins, including the Corinthian 'Bema' – the exact site of Paul's trial by Gallio (Acts 18:12-16).

DAY 13 | NOVEMBER 9

Athens at Leisure, or Optional Day Tour: Delphi, Osios Loukas Monastery

Following breakfast, the day is yours to enjoy Athens on your own, explore the city markets and museums and the picturesque narrow streets. You may choose to take the optional tour to ancient Delphi, considered for centuries to be the center of the ancient world (or the "navel" of the earth!). On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the pagan Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. We continue for a visit to the Orthodox Port Monastery of Osios Loukas. The monastery is considered one of the most beautiful in Greece, with a treasury of Christian icons. Enjoy a traditional Greek dinner in a taverna with music and dancing as our final dinner of the trip—overnight in Athens.

DAY 14 | NOVEMBER 10

Return to USA

After breakfast, we go to Athens airport for our flight home, filled with new sense of the reality of Christ's life and the miraculous impact his followers had on the world.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR *includes*

- Guided sightseeing
- Roundtrip International Airfare from Los Angeles to Tel Aviv
- Fuel surcharge and government taxes (subject to change)
- Accommodations in first class hotels
- All meals provided, unless otherwise noted
- Deluxe motor coach
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees, gratuities and program fees
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person only included at the hotels
- Local hotel taxes

GREECE EXTENSION INCLUDES:

- Accommodations in first class hotels
- Guided sightseeing
- Border crossing taxes and visa fees
- Deluxe motor coach
- Entrance fees, gratuities and program fees

Rates do not include:

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection – optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals, unless otherwise noted
- Church donations

WHAT'S THE *cost?*

FROM LAX*

\$5,395

WITHOUT AIRFARE*

\$4,695

GREECE EXTENSION*

\$1,050

*Prices are listed as per person and based on double occupancy. Single occupancy requires additional supplement; see details on back cover or online.

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The Best of Israel with an optional extension to Greece with Pastor Bryan and Timberly Eckelmann

October 28-November 7, 2022 Greece Extension: November 7-10, 2022

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Street Address: _____

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Cell/Home Phone: _____ Contact Cell for Airline While Traveling _____

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Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed) _____ Double (1 Bed, 2 People) _____ Twin (2 Beds, 2 People) _____ Triple (3 Beds) _____

Name of Roomate(s): _____ If single: Match me with a roommate Solo (in room by myself)

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