







# **Pastor Butts**

## Proposed Itinerary



## Day 1 Feb 17, 2020\* - EN ROUTE

Depart the USA to Tel Aviv, Israel. Enjoy a hot dinner served aboard the airplane.

#### Day 2 Feb 18, 2020 - Arrive TEL AVIV

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, our representative will meet the group by the luggage carousel and assist us on the way out through customs. You will then be transferred to your Mediterranean Sea side hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

#### Day 3 Feb 19, 2020 - To the GALILEE

We will wake up to the first day of the Holy Land. After an Israeli breakfast, we will leave the hotel and drive north along the famous highway, biblically known as the 'way of the sea'. We will arrive at Caesarea, where we will explore the ruins of the Roman and the Crusader City. We will see the reconstructed Roman city, the walls from the times of the Crusaders and the prison where St. Paul was held in captivity before being sent to Rome.

This was also the place where the first gentile was converted to Christianity. As we leave the beautiful walls and moat, we will pass the remains of the Roman horse racing theater the Hippodrome. We will stop at the amazing remains of the Roman Aqueduct, which has been beautifully preserved under the sand dunes for 2000 years. We will continue to Mount Carmel and visit the Mukhraka the site where the Prophet Elijah debated the 450 prophets of Baal. From here there is a breathtaking view over the whole

Valley of Jezreel, better known as the Valley of Armageddon. After a complimentary Falafel lunch at a Druze village, we continue to the famous "Tel Megiddo", the archaeological mound. Here we can see the remains of King Solomon's Stables, an altar from the time of Abraham (4000 years old), and the magnificent water tunnel. We will continue to Nazareth. We will take a step back in time and see what life was like in the time of Jesus at the Nazareth Village. Arrival at our hotel on the shores of the beautiful Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 Feb 20, 2020- GALILEE

Today we will dedicate our time to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. After breakfast, we will start with a visit to Magdala where we can see the ruins of an ancient synagogue and a new built church overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Continue to visit Capernaum, 'the Town of Jesus', walk along the ruins of this Biblical Village, and see the Synagogue where Jesus preached and the house of Peter's mother-in-law. Drive up to the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

Visit the beautiful mosaic floor at Tabgha - the site of the miracle of the multiplication. We will visit a 2000 years old fisherman boat - The Jesus Boat and sail in a boat across the Sea of Galilee, and then have the famous St. Peter's fish for lunch in a restaurant on the lake shore. We finish the day with a Baptismal service at Yardenit for whoever chooses to do it. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5 Feb 21, 2020 - JORDAN

Today, after breakfast, we will drive south to Beit Sheaan, the largest Archeological site in Israel. We will explore the ancient Roman City with the Amphitheater and reconstructed streets.

Drive to Sheikh Hussein border to cross to Jordan. After going thru the procedures to enter Jordan, drive to Madaba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land and ruins of historical sites. Continue about 10 KM to Mount Nebo, from there Moses viewed the Promised Land. From there you will see the Jordan valley, Jericho and the Dead Sea. Visit the remains of the Byzantine church with a mosaic floor. Continue to Petra for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Feb 22, 2020 - JORDAN

Today, after breakfast, we will visit Petra. We will leave the hotel and travel on the road to Wadi Musa, the modern village of Petra. Walk or ride on horseback to the "Siq" (canyon) and then on foot into Petra, known as "Sela Edom" or red rock city, the ancient capital of the Nabateans from the 3rd century B.C. to 2rd Century A.D. Visit the most interesting monuments such as the Treasury, El Khazneh (a tomb of a Nabatean king), the field of tombs, obelisks, the altar, (Al Madhbah). We will continue to the towering mountains and rock formations of Wadi Rum. Dinner and overnight in Aqaba. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Feb 23, 2020 - EILAT AND DEAD SEA

This morning we will cross from Jordan to Eilat. We will travel north through the Arava valley to Timna - site of King Solomon's copper mines. While in this wilderness we will stop and see a fascinating replica of the Old Testament tabernacle. We will continue to the Dead Sea. 1300 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea is the saltiest body of water in the world. Our hotel is by the Dead Sea shores, where we will swim, or to be more exact, float, on this amazing sea - a non-swimmers paradise. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Dead Sea. (B, D)

## Day 8 Feb 24, 2020 - MASADA and DEAD SEA

Today, after breakfast, we will visit Masada - the site of the Zealots last stand against the Romans, which was originally built as a magnificent palace for Herod the Great. We will ascend and descend by cable car. At this great fortress we will visit the bathhouse, the storage rooms, the mosaics and the Byzantine Church. Then drive to the Qumran Caves area, where John the Baptist may have lived with the Essenes and where the Dead Sea scrolls were found in 1947. We will continue to Ein Gedi oasis for a short walk along the water stream. Here King David hid from King Saul in a cave. On to the Holy City of Jerusalem. At the entrance to the Holy City we will celebrate with a traditional blessing, while overlooking the walls of the City of the Lord. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

## Day 9 Feb 25, 2020 - JERUSALEM

We begin the day in the Holy City with a magnificent view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives. We visit the Church of the Pater Noster (Our Father) and walk down the Mount of Olives, stopping at the church of Dominus Flevit (Jesus Wept). We then enter the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. In this area are the oldest olive trees in the Holy Land, dating back to ancient times- a living witness to Jesus' arrest by the Romans. We will enter the Old City via the Dung Gate, then proceed to the Wailing Wall - the remnant of Herod's Temple, the holiest Jewish site- and touch its ancient stones. We will ascend the Temple Mount, where we view the Dome of the Rock. We will continue to the Via Dolorosa and the Arab Market - the Shuk, with its hundreds of stores selling many types of artifacts. We will visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre - the largest Church in Jerusalem. On to the Jewish Quarter, where we will see the renovated Cardo. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

## Day 10 Feb 26, 2020 - JERUSALEM and BETHLEHEM OVERLOOK

We will start the morning after breakfast, overlooking the Shepherds Field from Jerusalem. Then we continue to the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls can be seen and the Model of Jerusalem from the 1st Century. We will stop and pray outside the US Embassy. After a complimentary lunch, we will visit the Davidson Center Museum and learn about the history of the second Temple era. We will also visit the remains of Caiaphas' House, where Jesus was kept. On to Mt Zion and visit King David Tomb and the Room of the Last Supper. We will finish the day with a Communion Service at the Garden Tomb. In the evening, after supper at the hotel, we will enjoy the fascinating Sound and Light Show at the Tower of David. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11 Feb 27, 2020 - JERUSALEM

Today is a free leisure day, pursuing personal interests, or revisiting some sites that we have missed and shopping. In the evening, we will celebrate with a Banquet Farewell dinner with presentation of Pilgrimage Certificates. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

## Day 12 Feb 28, 2020 - RETURN TO USA

Early morning transfer to airport for flight back to USA. Arrive back home.

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. This tour is not recommended for those who have mobility limitations since it includes walking on uneven terrain.











<sup>\*</sup> Dates to be confirmed with airline.