

Journey to the **HOLY LAND** WITH THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE JANUARY 3 - 11, 2024

Hosts: The Rev. Reagan and Stephanie Cocke
& Special Teacher: The Rev. Dr. Peter Walker



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Stephanie and I are excited to lead this pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Land with our good friend and New Testament scholar, Peter Walker, who first took me to Israel in 1998. With Peter, you will not just be visiting biblical sights, but your faith will come alive and deepen as you see the places where Jesus was born, raised, ministered, preached, taught, died, and rose from the dead. We will explore the Galilee in the north and Jerusalem and its surrounding in the south of Israel, reading from the Scriptures and celebrating Eucharist. For those who wish, we will have a pre-trip to Jordan to see Amman, Petra, and Mount Nebo, where Moses stood looking into the Promised Land in which he would never step foot. While I never thought a trip to the Holy Land would change my life, it was changed in 1998 as Dr. Walker took me and my fellow seminarians to the biblical sights we will visit as well. Stephanie and I have great expectations for you. Please consider joining us.

The Rev. Reagan Cocke

Vice Rector The Church of St. John the Divine,
Houston, TX



BIO: THE REV. DR. PETER WALKER

The Rev. Dr. Peter Walker first visited the Holy Land in 1981 and has been leading tours on a regular basis since 1984—tours for clergy, students, and

lay people, tours for people from every continent. Peter has written numerous books, including popular-level books *In the Steps of Jesus*, *The Story of the Holy Land*, and *In the Steps of Saint Paul*. He is a graduate of Oxford and Cambridge and has taught at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3: DEPART THE USA

We are on our way to the Holy Land!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4: ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL AND CAESAREA MARITIMA

We land before noon and are met at Ben Gurion airport by our guide. Our first visit is right by the sea, walking around the ancient ruins of Caesarea Maritima, built by Herod the Great. We see its harbor, aqueduct, and theatre, as well as Herod's Palace where later St Paul would be kept under house arrest for two years (Acts 23-26). Check into our hotel in Tiberias (U Boutique or similar), where we will stay for two nights.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5: NAZARETH

We spend our first morning in Nazareth. We visit Mary's Well, the site of the town's fountain where Mary would often have gone to draw water. Nearby is the Greek Orthodox church of St. Gabriel with its many icons. From there, we walk to the Latin church of the Annunciation, the traditional site of Mary's childhood home and of the Angel Gabriel's appearance to her. After lunch, we visit the rounded hilltop of Mount Tabor, the traditional site for the Transfiguration. Dinner is at our hotel.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6: FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

This morning, we will enjoy being around the Sea of Galilee. First, we stop by the Jordan River for the renewal of our baptismal vows. Then, we take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee before entering Capernaum to see the ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes and visit the lakeside sites in Tabgha—the Loaves and Fishes church and the chapel of St. Peter's Primacy. We will also ensure time to celebrate Holy Communion together. We then drive south to Jerusalem and visit the Israel Museum before checking into the luxury American Colony Hotel.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7: BETHLEHEM

Today, we enjoy going to Bethlehem. As we go in, we cannot but notice the large wall, especially near Rachel's Tomb, that now separates the area of Bethlehem from Jerusalem. Down below the town is the area of Beit Sahour (Shepherds' Field), where we have an opportunity to see some of the caves in which the shepherds might have stayed when they were "out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2). We then go up to Manger Square. From here we go into the Church of the Nativity and down the steps into the Grotto of the Nativity, the traditional site for Jesus' birthplace. Dinner and overnight are at our hotel.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8: JERUSALEM

We depart for the Western Wall, a central site within Judaism, located just below the Haram al-Sharif (the Muslim sanctuary with the Dome of The Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque). We walk through the Old City streets to St. Anne's church by the Pool of Bethesda. After lunch, we walk down from the Mount of Olives, following the traditional route of the Palm Sunday Procession: we stop at the churches of the 'Pater Noster' and 'Dominus Flevit', where 'the Lord wept' over the city (Luke 19) and walk to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations. Our final visit is to the church at the center of Christendom, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, also known as the Church of the Resurrection, which marks the traditional site for Golgotha and the empty tomb of Jesus. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9: THE JUDEAN DESERT, JERICHO AND THE DEAD SEA

Today has a very different feel as we escape into the wilderness of Judea, stopping in the Wadi Gelt to experience the desert's early morning silence and then going down to the Jordan Valley to hike up the Mount of Temptation from where we have panoramic views over Jericho. In the afternoon, we visit Qumran, famous for the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and close our day by swimming in—or really floating on—the Dead Sea!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10: THE WAY OF THE CROSS AND EMMAUS

Early this morning, we will walk along the Via Dolorosa, praying together the Way of the Cross. We return to our hotel for breakfast and then visit the Princess Basma Center. We then continue driving westwards from Jerusalem, past some of the sites associated with the story of Emmaus (Luke 24). Finally, we drive to the beautiful harbor town of Jaffa (ancient Joppa) before heading to Tel Aviv airport for our journey home.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11: RETURN HOME

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Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees,
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30: DEPART THE USA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31: ARRIVAL IN AMMAN

After landing in Amman, we will be met by the local representative and transferred to our hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1: AMMAN AND BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN

On our first day, we tour the city of Amman, seeing its citadel, the Archaeological Museum, and the Roman Theatre. We then drive down into the Jordan Rift Valley and visit the recently discovered site of "Bethany Beyond the Jordan" (John 1:28), where John may have baptized Jesus. In the mid-afternoon, we drive southward to Wadi Rum and settle into our Bedouin camp for a BBQ dinner and overnight in a Bedouin tent.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2: WADI RUM AND LITTLE PETRA

The landscape of Wadi Rum (the 'Valley of the Moon') with its immensity, color and awe-inspiring shapes can create an almost supernatural atmosphere. It was the setting for the 1962 film *Lawrence of Arabia*, and the actual location where T.E. Lawrence set up his camp; his book *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom* (1926) was named after the seven natural columns that can be seen as we approach the wadi. We will explore the desert in 4x4 vehicles, driven by local Bedouins, and experience the hospitality for which Bedouins are so famous. Some of us may opt, for an additional fee, to go on a camel ride! Then, in the afternoon we set off northwards, stopping briefly (if time permits) in Siq Al-Barid ('Little Petra') before arriving in Petra, where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3: PETRA

Today is our day to explore the unique city of Petra (the 'rose-red city half as old as time'). The only way into this extraordinary rock-cut city is through a long, narrow gorge (known as the Siq), which can only be accessed by golf cart, horseback, or on foot. The first thing we see—standing directly in front of us as we emerge from the Siq—is the vast façade of the Treasury (Al-Khazneh), built in the first century AD. We have several hours to wander further into the city, enjoying the intricate detail of the many monuments carved into the cliffsides of rose-colored rock. We return to our hotel in Petra for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4: FROM JORDAN TO ISRAEL

This morning, we visit Mount Nebo, where Moses caught a glimpse of the Promised Land (Deut. 34). On a clear day it is possible to see all the way across the Jordan Valley to the rooftops of Jerusalem. We then travel north to the spectacular ancient city of Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the world. We enjoy strolling through the famous oval piazza, wandering along the many colonnaded streets, and standing in the grand theatre. We then continue our journey, crossing the international border and journeying on to Tiberias, where we meet the rest of our fellow pilgrims at our hotel (U Boutique or similar).

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

**Sea Air Land Travel Company. Attention Susan Lindstrom
7731 Broadway Unit A1 - San Antonio, TX 78209**

Departure Date: 01/03/24 (L)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)
 Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
 Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Passport#: _____
 Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
 Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 Tour Selection: Holy Land Pilgrimage Only Add Jordan Pre-Tour

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)
 Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
 Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Passport#: _____
 Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
 Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 Tour Selection: Holy Land Pilgrimage Only Add Jordan Pre-Tour

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

**\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 09/20/23**

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Contact Sea Air Land Company for a quote.**

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PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: TH24 Date: 010324 Code: L ID: 30518

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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast lunch & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • Visas and Transfers • Tips for guide

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Fuel surcharges • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1,799 during the basic tour; \$499 for Petra.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	09/20/2023 If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after September 20, 2023:

We welcome registrations after 09/20/2023. Registrations received between 09/21/2023-10/05/23 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 10/06/23-10/20/23 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 10/21/23 will incur an additional fee. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$200 non-refundable cancellation fee. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on our buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 09/20/2023. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 11/15/23. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.