

# Join Bishop Ruth Smith on a Bible Land Study Tour Departs February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## *Itinerary*

### **Day 1 ATLANTA**

Depart Atlanta for our flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast will be served aboard.

### **Day 2 TIBERIAS (GALILEE)**

Receive assistance with customs and the transfer of luggage. Boarding our private motorcoach we will make our way to our hotel for the night. (Time permitting we will make a stop at Caesarea Maritima, the stunning Roman city built by Herod the Great. Here we will visit the theater, crusader fortress, ancient aqueduct, and sea port from which Paul sailed to Rome). Proceed to our hotel for dinner and a good night's rest in anticipation of an exciting week. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias (or Haifa).

### **Day 3 TIBERIAS (GALILEE)**

After our Israeli breakfast we start our touring where we left off yesterday with a drive up Mount Carmel to Muhraqa, "Place of the Burning," where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal. Continue to Megiddo, one of Solomon's fortress cities and guardian of the Valley of Armageddon. We continue Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, for a visit to Mary's Well (where we as a child Jesus would have gone with his mother to get water). We make a stop at Cana, we recall that this is where Jesus performed His first miracle. Overnight Tiberias

### **Day 4 TIBERIAS (GALILEE)**

Our day begins with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We will dock at Nof Ginosar where we will see a boat that was made in Jesus' day. We will visit Kursi (Gergasa) then on to Bethsaida and Capernaum, where we will visit a first century synagogue where Jesus preached. Onward now to the indescribable Mount of Beatitudes, then Tabgha, site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our last stop today will be at the Jordan River Baptismal Site (Yardenit). Those wanting to be baptized in the Jordan may do so there. to our hotel in Tiberias. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

### **Day 5 JERUSALEM**

Leaving Tiberias we will visit the excavations at Beit She'an. Then we'll travel past Jericho, view the Mount of Temptation. We start up to Jerusalem, driving through the Judean Hills. A brief overview of the Old City of Jerusalem then we drive to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus and King David, past Rachel's Tomb, view Shepherd's field making a stop to visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Time permitting, we will stop at one of the famous Bethlehem gift shops Then to our hotel for the night Dinner and overnight Jerusalem

### **Day 6 JERUSALEM**

After breakfast we start our day with a visit to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Old Jerusalem, then walk down the Mount of Olives to the chapel that commemorates our Lord weeping over Jerusalem. Finally we come to the Garden of Gethsemane where we will see eight venerable olive trees, leafy offshoots of the trees that witnessed our Saviour's agony. We cross the Kidron Valley to begin with a walking tour of the Old City. Entering through the Dung Gate leading to the Western Wall and the Temple Mount where we will see the Dome of the Rock and the El Aksa Mosque. Then we will proceed to the Muslim Quarter where we will visit the beautiful Crusader Church dedicated to St. Anne and the nearby Pool of Bethesda. We'll pass the traditional 14 Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa on our way to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem

### **Day 7 JERUSALEM**

We have an exciting day ahead of us. We'll begin with a drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to the mountain fortress of Masada. We'll ascend by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins of the fortress where the Jewish zealots made their last stand of the Judean revolt against Rome. After lunch, and an opportunity for a dip in the Dead Sea. Then on to Qumran to see the caves where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### **Day 8 JERUSALEM**

Day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem

### **Day 9 JERUSALEM**

We will visit the House of Caiaphas where Jesus was held prisoner and on to the traditional Upper Room and tomb of King David. After lunch we visit the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and a visit to the Model City, a model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus, the model will help us understand the Old City that we have been touring. Time permitting we make our way to the Yad Vashem, the museum of the Holocaust. A visit to this museum is a profoundly moving experience. You will want time here for quiet reflection. We then go to the Garden Tomb for a communion service. You will have some time to reflect on all the things you have done and seen in this land. (Depending on flight time we either transfer to airport or overnight in Jerusalem) After dinner we transfer to the airport for our flight home. We will have a clear understanding of Psalms 122:6 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem'.

### **Day 10 ATLANTA**

We arrive home looking forward to our next trip.

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- English speaking guide services,
- All entrance fees as per itinerary for 6 days with guide
- Breakfast and dinner daily

### Not Included

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- \$375 airport tax (subject to change- governed by airlines)
- Lunches

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