

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ABILENE "IN HIS STEPS" TOUR OF ISRAEL APRIL 20-29, 2020

TOUR ITINERARY AND REGISTRATION FORM

Day One: Monday April 20, 2020

Depart USA

- Depart Dallas/Ft. Worth airport on a flight to Tel Aviv.
- Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Tuesday April 21, 2020

Arrive Tel Aviv

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our hosts and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your Israeli tour guide and driver at the airport and depart for **Tel Aviv**, known as the "city that never sleeps," with its centers of culture, recreation, national history, great beaches and fine stores.
- Check into the Renaissance Hotel with time to rest and freshen up before dinner.
- **Welcome dinner** at the hotel and **orientation** to the program.
- Enjoy a **free evening** in Tel Aviv for an opportunity to walk down the **Tel Aviv Beach Promenade**, explore **Rothschild Boulevard**, with its many outdoor cafés, or check out the **Tel Aviv Port**, with its restaurants, sidewalk cafés and clubs.
- Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, located directly on the Mediterranean Sea.
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tlvbr-renaissance-tel-aviv-hotel/

Day Three: Wednesday April 22, 2020

From Tel Aviv to the Sea of Galilee

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel and depart Tel Aviv, driving northwards along the **Sharon Plain** to the ancient city of **Caesarea**, built by Herod the Great in honor of Augustus Caesar. While in the hometown of Cornelius (the first gentile believer) and the traditional site of Paul's imprisonment before his trial in Rome, we will visit the Roman theatre, aqueducts, hippodrome, Crusader city and the new excavations in the city.
- Travel to the top of **Mt. Carmel** and visit the Carmelite monastery of **Muchraka**, the traditional site of the battle between Elijah and the prophets of Baal.
- Visit the Druze village of **Daliyat al-Carmel** and have lunch (on your own) in the home of a local Druze family.
- Explore the incredible Roman city of **Sepphoris**, where we will view the magnificent mosaics and learn about the possible connection between this city and Jesus.
- Conclude the day at the indescribable cliffs of **Arbel** overlooking the Sea of Galilee.
- Continue to the Leonardo Plaza Hotel and check in.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.

- Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, located directly on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.
<https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-plaza-hotel-tiberias>

Day Four: Thursday April 23, 2020

The Sea of Galilee Region

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- Begin the day with a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee** in a replica of an ancient fishing vessel, much like those used in the time of Jesus.
- View the incredible "**Jesus Boat**", an ancient fishing boat that dates back to the time of Jesus.
- Visit **Capernaum**, the city on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus performed many of his miracles, where Simon Peter had a home and where Jesus based his ministry in Galilee.
- Travel past **Bethsaida**, the hometown of Simon Peter, his brother Andrew and Philip and the possible site of the feeding of the 5000 and **Korazim**, the remains of a 2,000-year-old Jewish community, overlooking the Sea of Galilee.
- Visit the site of **Caesarea Philippi** at one of the headwaters of the Jordan River, where the great confession of Simon Peter took place.
- Lunch (on your own) en route.
- Visit the **Hill of Beatitudes**, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, overlooking the Sea of Galilee.
- Drive to the Sea of Galilee and explore the new findings in the ancient town of **Magdala**.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.
- Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, located directly on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Day Five: Friday April 24, 2020

From the Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- Check out, depart the hotel and travel through one of the possible locations of **Cana**, the site of the first miracle of Jesus.
- Drive to **Nazareth**, site of Jesus' childhood, and stop at Mt. Precipice for a spectacular view of the Jezreel Valley and of Jesus' own home town.
- Visit the fortress city of **Megiddo** in the Jezreel Valley, one of Israel's most famous Biblical sites, with its incredible archaeological remains, ancient water system and its traditional identification as Armageddon
- Stop at the newly uncovered ruins of the city of **Beth Shan**, stopping on the way at the **Spring of Harod**, where Gideon chose his 300 fighting men
- Drive south via the **Jordan Valley**, stopping for lunch (on your own) along the way.
- Visit the **Jordan River** at Kasser Al Yahud and stand at the spot traditionally believed to be the place where Jesus was baptized and close to the place where the Israelites crossed over the Jordan River entering Israel.
- View **Jericho**, one of the world's oldest cities, where Jesus healed blind Bartimaeus and had dinner with Zacchaeus.
- Ascend to the holy city of **Jerusalem**, entering the city from the east and stopping for a panoramic view of the city from Mt. Scopus.
- Continue to the spectacular David Citadel Jerusalem Hotel and check in.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.
- Overnight: David Citadel Jerusalem Hotel.
www.thedavidcitadel.com

Day Six: Saturday April 25, 2020

The Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- Begin the day with a spectacular view of the city of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**.
- Walk down the Mt. of Olives to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and spend time for prayer and worship in the olive grove where Jesus prayed prior to his arrest and crucifixion.
- Enter the Old City of Jerusalem through **St. Stephen's gate** and visit the **Pool of Bethesda**, where Jesus told the lame man to "take up his mat and walk."
- Visit **Antonia Fortress**, the traditional site of Jesus' trial by Pontius Pilate.
- Continue along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**.
- Travel to Bethlehem where we will have lunch (on your own).
- Visit the city of **Bethlehem**, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, and visit the **Church of the Nativity** and **Manger Square**.
- **Dinner** at a local Jerusalem restaurant.
- Free evening to explore the **Old City** at night, the **Mamilla pedestrian mall** across the street or outdoor cafes on **Ben-Yehuda Street**.
- Overnight: David Citadel Jerusalem Hotel.

Day Seven: Sunday April 26, 2020

Old City of Jerusalem and the New City of Jerusalem

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- Begin the day by visiting the holiest site in Judaism – the **Western Wall**.
- Walk under the walls of the Old City through the recently opened **Western Wall Tunnels**.
- Visit to the **Southern Wall Excavations**, including the southern steps, where Jewish pilgrims would have entered the Temple Mount and the stores and stalls where Jesus and the other Jews would have bought their food, drink and sacrifices for the Temple.
- Lunch on your own in the **Jewish Quarter** and continue on a walking tour, including King Hezekiah's First Temple period **Broad Wall**, and the ancient **Roman Cardo**.
- Visit the area of **Mt. Zion**, including the traditional burial site of King David, and the Room of the Last Supper.
- Travel to the **New City of Jerusalem** and see the **Knesset, Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book** (home of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the hustle and bustle of the open-air **Machaneh Yehuda market**.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.
- Free evening to stroll along the **Ben-Yehuda and Rivlin streets**, joining the many Israelis out on the town.
- Overnight: David Citadel Jerusalem Hotel.

Day Eight: Monday April 27, 2020

Masada and the Dead Sea Region

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- Depart Jerusalem and travel through the **wilderness of Judea**, the place where Jesus was tempted.
- Ascend by cable car to visit **Masada**, Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman legionnaires in 70 AD.
- Lunch on your own at the base of Masada.
- Stop for an overview of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from King Saul.

- Visit **Qumran**, a settlement of the first century Jewish sect known as the Essenes and site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.
- Overnight: David Citadel Jerusalem Hotel.

Day Nine: Tuesday April 28, 2020

Garden Tomb - Free Afternoon - Depart.

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- The entire morning is **free!** Feel free to shop in the Old City, walk the walls of the Old City, visit the City of David, Tower of David Museum, Old City Market, etc.
- After lunch, we will have an inspirational worship and communion service at the **Garden Tomb**, where Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose from the grave!
- **Farewell dinner** at a local restaurant in the Jerusalem area.
- Travel to the airport, check in for your flight and depart.
- Overnight: Flight

Day Ten: Wednesday April 29, 2020

Arrive USA.

- Arrive back in the USA.

Cost of Tour: Will be posted in June 2019

Included in Tour Cost:

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

- Round-trip airline reservations from Dallas-Ft. Worth to Tel Aviv.

HOTELS:

- Seven (7) nights accommodations at Deluxe First Class hotels in Israel, as listed in itinerary, or similar, based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath throughout. A few single rooms are available at an additional cost of XXX. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate and MBF Enterprises, Inc. is unable to do so, the passenger will have to pay the supplemental charge.

MEALS:

- Two meals daily in Israel consisting of buffet Israeli breakfast and dinner are included throughout the tour.

SIGHTSEEING:

- Sightseeing by private bus, as shown in itinerary, including all entrance fees, with private English-speaking guide.

TRANSFERS:

- All transfers between airports and hotels.

PORTERAGE:

- Porterage and handling of one (1) bag per person.

TAXES:

- All taxes on the hotels, meals and other tour services.

Not included in tour price:

- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges (approx. \$100-\$175 per person)
- Tips for the local Israeli guide and driver.
- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended).
- Personal expenses (laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- Excessive baggage charges, such as overweight charges or the portage of more than (1) suitcase.
- Individual services apart from group.
- Expenses due to flight delays, strikes, bad weather or other irregularities.
- Cost of passport.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Registration and deposits: An initial deposit of \$300 per person is required to secure definite reservations. We regret that no space may be reserved without a deposit.

Final payment: Balance of payment is due on January 20, 2020.

Cancellations and refunds: If the trip is cancelled 120 days or more prior to departure, there is no penalty and a full refund will be issued. If the trip is cancelled between 119-90 days prior to departure, there will be a \$100 per person cancellation charge. If the trip is cancelled between 90-61 days prior to departure, there will be an additional \$200 per person cancellation charge. If a trip is cancelled within 60 days of departure, there will be no refund. The cancellation penalties may be less if there is a person on a waiting list or if the trip can be sold to another individual. Cancellations must be made in writing; verbal cancellations, whether in person or by phone, are not valid. A special optional trip cancellation insurance policy is available.

Travel and Health Documents: A valid passport is required for all tours. No special inoculations are required unless specifically notified.

Tour price: The price of the tour is based on a minimum of 30 passengers. Should the final membership fall below this number, MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to increase the tour price.

Responsibility: This tour is planned and operated by MBF Enterprises, Inc. by contracting for services from other suppliers. MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or its agents, acting as agents for the tour members, shall be responsible to tour members for supplying services and accommodations as set forth in this brochure, except to the extent such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to force of nature, delays, or other causes beyond the control of MBF Enterprises, Inc. If the service and accommodations set forth in this brochure cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of MBF Enterprises, Inc., best efforts will be made to supply comparable services and accommodations. If such services and accommodation cannot be provided due to the above reasons, or if the services are not used due to voluntary omission by the tour member, refunds will not be granted.

By becoming a member of the tour, a participant waives any claim against MBF Enterprises, Inc. for any damages to or loss of property, or any injury to or death of persons due to any act of negligence of any hotels or any other persons rendering any of the services and accommodations included in the ground portion of the itinerary. MBF Enterprises, Inc. shall not be responsible for any delays, substitutions of equipment, or any act or omission whatsoever by any air or surface carrier, its agents, servants and employees; and a participant, by becoming a member of the tour, waives any claim arising there from. MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or its agents is not responsible for loss or damage to participants baggage (baggage insurance highly recommended). The liability of the Airlines for the loss or damage to the baggage of the participant shall be limited in accordance with the carrier's liability insurance coverage, unless a higher value has been declared with respect hereto and additional payment made to the airline.

MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to decline, accept or retain any participant as a member of this tour at any time. If a participant is removed from the tour, a proportionate refund will be made. MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure and if the tour is canceled, MBF Enterprises, Inc. shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of monies paid by the participant to MBF Enterprises, Inc. NOTE: If, because of war, or an act of God, or any reasonably unavoidable catastrophic circumstances, MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are forced to cancel the tour after funds are advanced to the airlines, ground service agents or other such vendors, MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are only obligated to return moneys advanced by the passengers in this tour which MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are successful in recovering from those vendors.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ABILENE
"IN HIS STEPS" TOUR OF ISRAEL REGISTRATION FORM
APRIL 20-29, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Office): _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Name by which you like to be called: _____

_____ I am willing to share a room with another tour member.

_____ Please find me a roommate

_____ I have a roommate: _____

_____ I will travel on a single room basis at an additional supplemental cost.

Participant #1:

Name as it appears on your passport _____

Passport # _____ Your Birth date _____

Date of Expiration _____ Your Profession _____

Participant #2:

Name as it appears on your passport _____

Passport # _____ Your Birth date _____

Date of Expiration _____ Your Profession _____

Name to contact in case of emergency: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Telephone _____

Any special requests, dietary and/or medical requirements of which we should be aware?

I am enclosing (or have already sent) a check for the amount of \$ _____, payable to MBF Enterprises, Inc., as my initial deposit.

RESPONSIBILITY: This tour is planned and operated by MBF Enterprises, Inc. by contracting for services from other suppliers. MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or its agents, acting as agents for the tour members, shall be responsible to tour members for supplying services and accommodations as set forth in this brochure, except to the extent such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to force of nature, delays, or other causes beyond the control of MBF Enterprises, Inc. If the service and accommodations set forth in this brochure cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of MBF Enterprises, Inc., best efforts will be made to supply comparable services and accommodations. If such services and accommodation cannot be provided due to the above reasons, or if the services are not used due to voluntary omission by the tour member, refunds will not be granted.

By becoming a member of the tour, a participant waives any claim against MBF Enterprises, Inc. for any damages to or loss of property, or any injury to or death of persons due to any act of negligence of any hotels or any other persons rendering any of the services and accommodations included in the ground portion of the itinerary. MBF Enterprises, Inc. shall not be responsible for any delays, substitutions of equipment, or any act or omission whatsoever by any air or surface carrier, its agents, servants and employees; and a participant, by becoming a member of the tour, waives any claim arising therefrom. MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or its agents is not responsible for loss or damage to participants baggage (baggage insurance highly recommended). The liability of the Airlines for the loss or damage to the baggage of the participant shall be limited in accordance with the carrier's liability insurance coverage, unless a higher value has been declared with respect hereto and additional payment made to the airline.

MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to decline, accept or retain any participant as a member of this tour at any time. If a participant is removed from the tour, a proportionate refund will be made. MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure and if the tour is canceled, MBF Enterprises, Inc. shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of monies paid by the participant to MBF Enterprises, Inc. **NOTE:** If, because of war, or an act of God, or any reasonably unavoidable catastrophic circumstances, MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are forced to cancel the tour after funds are advanced to the airlines, ground service agents or other such vendors, MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are only obligated to return moneys advanced by the passengers in this tour which MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are successful in recovering from those vendors.

As a condition to acceptance of any application, each applicant must agree to and sign the statement set forth below:

I have carefully read the itinerary outline for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation and represent that I am physically and mentally fit to be able to participate in it and recognize and accept any risks thereof and the conditions set forth therein, including the refund policy. I also understand and hereby agree for and on behalf of myself, my dependents, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth under "Responsibility" (above), and to release, defend and hold harmless MBF Enterprises, Inc. and any of their officers, agents, licensees or representatives from any and all liability for delays, injuries or death, or the loss of or damage to any property, however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, this trip.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tour Members Requesting a Roommate Assigned by MBF Enterprises, Inc.

We will try to arrange roommates for those traveling alone who prefer to share a room with another participant. If we are unable to find a roommate and a single room must be assigned, or if due to cancellation, illness or any other reason, a single room must be assigned at any time, the single supplement must be paid by the tour member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Participant Guidelines

International travel, while rewarding, can be physically difficult. The itinerary may require early departures and late arrivals, occasionally resulting in a "long day" with varying meal times. We plan the tour itinerary to maximize the study experience, balanced with appropriate safety and physical comfort. The following information will help you understand the nature of this Bible study tour and the level of physical activity you can expect. Participants should be able to:

- Walk at least 3-5 miles on paved roads, both up and down hills.
- Walk for an extended time on cobblestone or uneven surfaces, as well as on gravel roads
- If you routinely need a cane to assist you in walking, you should consider not going on this trip
- Walk up and down stairs (both even and uneven) without assistance, often without railings
- Travel via airplane for 10 to 12 hours
- Travel via bus for up to two hours at a time. We will load/unload from a bus at least 4 times a day
- Personally carry all luggage through airport terminals without assistance (porters will be available at all hotels)
- Go through international passport control and customs without assistance

Should you need medical attention and/or hospitalization while on this trip, please know that your spouse or your emergency contact listed on this registration form is responsible for your care. Staff and/or personnel from MBF Enterprises will not be able to accompany you or stay behind should you need care. If need be, your spouse or emergency contact may need to travel to Israel to coordinate your care.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the level of physical activity, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Fanning (Mike@Mikefanning.com).

I (we) have read the participant guidelines and understand them in their entirety.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return the completed form (with signature) to:

MBF Enterprises, Inc.
1655 Hawks Tree Lane
San Antonio, TX 78248
(210) 710-6234 Office
(720) 834-3637 Fax
mike@mikefanning.com

Holy Land 2020

First Baptist Church

Abilene, TX

The trip includes:

April 20 – Depart DFW.

April 21 – Arrive. Overnight in Tel Aviv at the Renaissance Tel Aviv.

April 22 – Full day sightseeing. Overnight in Tiberias at the Leonardo Plaza.

April 23 – Full day sightseeing. Overnight in Tiberias at the Leonardo Plaza.

April 24 – Full day sightseeing. Overnight in Jerusalem at the David Citadel.

April 25 – Full day sightseeing. Overnight in Jerusalem at the David Citadel.

April 26 – Full day sightseeing. Overnight in Jerusalem at the David Citadel.

April 27 – Full day sightseeing. Overnight in Jerusalem at the David Citadel.

April 28 – Half day sightseeing, afternoon free, farewell dinner in Jerusalem, travel to airport, depart Israel.

April 29 – Arrive back in DFW.

Rates Include –

Round trip airfare from DFW to Tel Aviv on United (the schedule is great...only one stop)

All airport transfers in Israel

7 nights accommodations in 5 star deluxe hotels

Breakfast and dinner included daily

7 days sightseeing in a private bus with a private guide

All entrance fees

Porterage at the hotels on one bag per person

Taxes on hotels, meals and other tour services

Dinner out at local restaurant in Jerusalem

Farewell dinner in Jerusalem

Cost - \$4752.00 per person