

Suggested Itinerary for Dr. Danny Crosby & Pastor Brett Lester March 9-20, 2020

YOUR DAILY ITINERARY

MON, MAR 09 DFW • TEL AVIV

Depart from **DFW** to **Tel Aviv, Israel**. Meals and overnight on board. After dinner relax and enjoy the on-board entertainment.

TUE, MAR 10 TEL AVIV

Arrive at Tel Aviv's **Ben-Gurion Airport** and meet our guide who will welcome us to the Land of the Bible and escort us throughout our stay in Israel. Israeli guides are legendary for their knowledge and dedication. Ours will instruct us on the many sites we will visit and their relationship to the religion, history, archaeology, culture, and modern life in Israel.

Time permitting, visit **Old Jaffa**, the traditional home of **Simon the Tanner** and the port from which **Jonah** sailed. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in **Tiberias**.

WED, MAR 11 TIBERIAS

Refreshed from a good night's sleep you may wish to stroll the beach before a full Israeli Buffet Breakfast. Today we pass through the fast growing towns and farms of the **Plain of Sharon** enroute to **Caesarea**, site of major events in the lives of **Peter** and **Paul**. It's on to **Megiddo**, inspiration for James Michener's "The Source". Archaeological digs reveal 20 layers of civilization, including fortifications of **King Solomon** and the water tunnel of **King Ahab**. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the fertile **Jezebel Valley**, **prophesied site of Armageddon**, at the crossroads of the ancient **Via Maris**. Continue through the rolling hills of the **Galilee** to **Nazareth**, site of Mary's Well, and **Cana**, site of His first miracle, before arriving in **Tiberias**. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in **Tiberias**.

THU, MAR 12 TIBERIAS

This day alone is worth the trip! We are now literally walking in the footsteps of Jesus. We will take a most memorable **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, in a replica of the ancient wooden boat used in Jesus' day. We will visit an ancient boat believed to be from Jesus' time found in the Sea of Galilee in 1986. We walk into old **Capernaum** with the **ancient synagogue**; on to the site of the **Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes** (Tabgha), the **Sermon on the Mount** and the **Mount of Beatitudes**. You will have an opportunity for a lunch of **St. Peter's fish** (optional.) In the afternoon we will journey north to **Caesarea Philippi** (Banias Spring) where **Peter** confessed, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God*" (*Matthew 16:16*.) We'll also visit the ancient city of **Dan**, where Jeroboam set up the golden calf in the north of Israel. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in **Tiberias**.

FRI, MAR 13 TIBERIAS • DEAD SEA

This morning we will visit the **Jordan River** and **have the opportunity for a baptismal service**. Drive along the **Jordan Valley** to **Beit She'an** to see the expansive excavations taking place at this ancient Roman Decapolis city. Stop at **Gideon's Spring** where **Gideon** selected his soldiers to do battle against the Midianites. Visit **Ein Gedi**, fabled **Spring of David**, and proceed to **Qumran** where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found in 1947. We will go for a swim, rather a "float", in the salted waters of the **Dead Sea**. Dinner and overnight at the **Dead Sea**.

SAT, MAR 14 MASADA • DEAD SEA • QUMRAN

Depart to **Masada**, overlooking the **Dead Sea**, the lowest spot on Earth, where we ascend by cable car to visit the remnants of **Herod's Palace** and where in 73 A.D. the **Zealots** made their last stand against the might of Rome. **It's now time to "go up" to Jerusalem**. We will enter the city as pilgrims did since ancient times to fulfill the words of the prophet "*I was glad when they said unto me: 'Our feet shall stand within thy Gates, O Jerusalem'*" (*Psalms 122:1-2*.) Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**.

SUN, MAR 15 JERUSALEM

Start the day with a magnificent view of the **Old City** from the top of the **Mt. of Olives**. Take the "**Palm Sunday Walk**" to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, the **Church of All Nations** and drive across the **Kidron Valley**. Enter the **Old City** through **St. Stephen's Gate** (Lions' Gate) to the **Muslim Quarter**, visit the beautiful **Church of St. Anne** and the **Pool of Bethesda**, **Pilate's Judgment Hall**, and the **Ecce Homo Arch**. Walk along the **Via Dolorosa**, into the **Christian Quarter**, and see the **Stations of the Cross**. Drive to **Mt. Zion** to see the **House of Caiaphas**

and the **Upper Room of the Last Supper**. We will visit **Bethlehem** and see **Manger Square**, the **Church of the Nativity**, and view **Shepherds' Fields** and the **Fields of Boaz and Ruth**. Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**.

MON, MAR 16 **JERUSALEM**

We will begin the day with a visit to the reconstructed **Jewish Quarter**, walk through the **Cardo**, the original Roman street and see the amazing remains of the massive wall built by **King Hezekiah**. See the important excavations taking place at the **Western Wall** and the **Southern Temple Staircase**. On to the **Temple Mount**, where Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac. See the **Dome of the Rock** and **al-Aqsa Mosque** that now stands there. End the afternoon at **Golgotha** (Gordon's Calvary) and the **empty Garden Tomb**. Special time is planned for worship, communion, meditation and inspiration

TUE, MAR 17 **JERUSALEM**

Start the day with a visit to the City of David and walk through Hezekiah's tunnel to the Pool of Siloam. Proceed to the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. End the day at Yad Vashem. The Holocaust Memorial. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem

WED, MAR 18 **JERUSALEM**

Today we travel through the **Negev Desert** to **Ashkelon**. This was a major Philistine city and location where Samson slew 30 men. We travel through the **Valley of Elah** where David slew Goliath. We drive into the Negev Desert to the southern most part of biblical **Beer Sheva** and we'll see Abraham's Well where he watered his flocks. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

THU, MAR 19 **JERUSALEM**

Today is a day at leisure for you to relax and enjoy the Old city on your own. . *This evening we will share in a Farewell Dinner and the presentation of a Certificate of Pilgrimage to each tour participant.* Late this evening and after dinner we transfer to the airport. Our guide will assist us with check-in procedures.

FRI, MAR 20 **ISRAEL • DFW**

Depart on our flight this morning.. We arrive home today with wonderful memories of a visit to the Land of the Bible!

