MARCH 9-20, 2020

HOLY LAND TOUR

JOIN PASTOR RICK AND PAT ON A GUIDED TOUR THROUGH THE HOLY LAND OF ISRAEL
Dear Friends,

Pat and I are delighted to once again host a most spiritually enriching excursion to the Holy Land!!! We took a group in 2018 and rediscovered the enrichment of walking the sites of so many biblically significant events. We discovered the power of “being there,” to picture the events, sense the environment, and see where events that we have always read about had occurred. Our joy is to lead this tour - to organize, arrange, and then conduct a trip where at every turn there is biblical and spiritual significance. Our joy is to provide a review of biblical events when we are standing where they took place. We also look forward to the spiritual enrichment that comes from devotional thoughts shared throughout the tour. We know that you will profit from this in immeasurable ways - even as those who went in 2018 can attest. We look forward to having you with us!! Sign up today to let us know of your interest and reserve for yourself a spot on the tour.

Sincerely,

Pastor Rick Gregory
DAY 1  Monday, March 9

USA DEPARTURE

Be at the airport at least 3.5 hours prior to departure for your international check-in procedures for the nonstop flight to Tel Aviv. Hot meals and in-flight entertainment are per airline policies.

DAY 2 Tuesday, March 10

ARRIVE TEL AVIV

(Region: Coast of Sharon) Arrive in Tel Aviv this evening and proceed through passport control. Meet your guide outside in the group parking lot. Depart to your hotel for lodging.

DAY 3 Wednesday, March 11

TO SEA OF GALILEE

(Region: Coast of Sharon, Jezreel Valley, Sea of Galilee) Visit Caesarea Maritima (Acts 10, Peter's encounter with Cornelius) to view the Roman theater, Pontius Pilate stone, Caesar’s seaside home and the stadium. Continue to Herod’s harbor and the Roman aqueducts. Proceed to Muhraka on Mt. Carmel (Elijah encounters the prophets of Baal). Visit Megiddo (the dig and the water tunnel). Continue to Nazareth to visit Mary's Well. Time permitting, depart for the Mt. Arbel cliffside overview of the center of Jesus' operations at Galilee.

DAY 4 Thursday, March 12

SEA CIRCLE TRIP

(Region: Sea of Galilee) Circle the sea visiting sites of Jesus' ministry. Depart for the Yarmuk River and ascend the Aphek Plateau for an unobstructed view of the Sea of Galilee from Kfar Haruv. Continue past Koursi (Jesus cast demons into swine) to Bethsaida, home of Peter, Philip, Andrew. Visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7). Optional is a foot descent to the seaside of Tabgha. Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry ministry. Optional is a lunch-break to sample St. Peter's fish. Sail the sea in the Jesus Fishing Boat, a double-scale replica of a Roman fishing boat. Visit the modern baptismal site of the Jordan River.
DAY 5  Friday, March 13

TO UPPER JORDAN

(Regions: Upper Jordan, Sea of Galilee) Depart the sea on the ancient Via Maris, pass Hazor (ancient crossroads, largest Canaanite city) to Tel Dan. Walk through the Nature Preserve beside the roaring Jordan River to Tel Dan. View the High Place of Jeroboam. Proceed to Banias (Caesarea Philippi), Peter's confession of Jesus as Christ. Enjoy a brief stop at Nimrod Castle. Return via Quneita to view the Syrian Border.

DAY 6  Saturday, March 14

BETH-SHEAN, JERICHO, DEAD SEA

(Regions: Jordan River Valley, Dead Sea) Visit Tel Beth-shean (Bible crossroads) and ascend the top to consider the demise of Israel's first king, Saul. Briefly overview the dig of Scythopolis and motor beside the Jordan River. Continue to OT Jericho. Visit the tel to view the dig of the walls by Dame Kathleen Kenyon. Continue to Qumran for a late lunch-break (self-host) and overview of caves associated with the Dead Sea Scrolls. Proceed beside the Dead Sea to an oasis-like hotel on the Dead Sea.

DAY 7  Sunday, March 15

MASADA, JERUSALEM

(Regions: Dead Sea, Jerusalem) Ascend the fortress of Masada by cable car. View the ruins of the Zealots last stand against Roman forces, including the siege ramp and the synagogue. Descend to the Dead Sea for a swim, and continue to Ein Gedi (David and Saul). Walk to the waterfall. Depart for NT Jericho to view Herod’s Winter Palace. Ascend the Roman road (the reference for Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan) and view the cliffside St. George's Monastery. Continue to the Mt. of Olives for a first view of the Old City and an ancient Genesis welcome. Proceed to your lodging.

DAY 8  Monday, March 16

JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM

(Regions: Jerusalem, Judean Hills) Visit the Mt. of Olives for orientation to Jerusalem's Old City (Ps.122). Walk the traditional Palm Sunday route past the Dominus Flevit Church to the Garden of Gethsemane. Proceed to the Dung Gate. Enter the Ophel Ridge to walk on the ancient Herodian pavement and to view the Temple foundation stones. Continue to the Temple steps from Jesus' time, the one place where we know Jesus walked and taught (Lk. 19-21). Depart for the Judean Hills and Bethlehem. Visit shepherds' fields. Walk to the historic Guide Street to visit Herodian caves beneath a Lutheran Church. Continue a two block descent to Manger Square. Enter the Church of the Nativity, and St. Catherine's Church to visit Herodian caves below. View St. Jerome’s tomb, and depart for an olivewood shop before returning to Jerusalem.
DAY 9 Tuesday, March 17

(Region: Jerusalem) Enter the Dung Gate and ascend the Temple Mount to view the Dome of the Rock. Continue to the intact St. Anne's Crusader Church, the Pools of Bethesda, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Walk through the marketplace on the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the Israel Museum to view biblical artifacts, the Shrine of the Book and the scale model of Herodian Jerusalem. Continue to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

DAY 10 Wednesday, March 18

(Region: Jerusalem) Walk through the Damascus Gate into the Jewish Quarter to visit the Wohl Archaeology Museum and view the underground excavations of Upper Jerusalem of Jesus' lifetime. The Herodian Mansion may possibly be that of the High Priest Caiaphas. Continue via the Cardo to view the Byzantine Cardo Map (Madeba map replica) and walk the Herodian period pavement. Walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Zion Gate and Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room. Proceed to the Jaffa Gate to walk the wall of the Old City's Christian Quarter to the Damascus Gate. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 11 Thursday, March 19

(Region: Jerusalem) 9:00 A.M. private tour and communion at the Garden Tomb. Proceed to the southern excavations of the Ophel Ridge. Enter Area G to explore the dig of the City of David and continue to the Warren Shaft. Descend to the Gihon Spring and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel (bring old shoes for the walk through knee-deep water) to the Pool of Siloam (Jn. 9). Descend Jerusalem on the Beth-horon Road into the Aijalon Valley (the sun stood still). Pass Nahal Sorek (Delilah) and Beth-shemesh (Samson, Ark of the Covenant) and continue to the Valley of Elah. Ascend Socoh and consider the geography of David and Goliath's encounter. Proceed to Jaffa (Jonah sails from Joppa, Jon. 1:3) for leisure time before celebrating a farewell dinner at a seaside restaurant. Transfer to the Tel Aviv Airport for the departure procedures.

DAY 12 Friday, March 20

USA ARRIVAL

Fly while reliving Holy Land experiences. Arrive at San Francisco this afternoon. Proceed through passport control and into customs. Clear customs and return to your home.
Terms and Conditions:

1. DEPOSITS: Registrations require a signed and dated IGM form and a $400 deposit per person. Late Deposit fees are: $50 for less than 100 days and $150 for less than 60 days (after invoice period) before departure. Late registrations risk airspace not being confirmed.

2. 2. FINAL PAYMENTS: Final payments must be received 60 days prior to departure. Payments received later will be assessed $50 per person and must be paid by a Cashier's Check or Money Order. If final payment is not received by 40 days prior to departure, the participant’s tour space will be canceled and the deposit forfeited.

3. DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS: Deposits and Final Payments are payable to IGM TOURS.

4. CREDIT CARDS: VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards may be used for deposits and Final Payments.

5. FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final tour documents (including airline tickets and any itinerary adjustments) will be available one week before departure to facilitate any last minute changes.

6. TOUR CANCELLATIONS: Written cancellations must be sent directly to IGM TOURS. Cancellations (for any reason whatsoever) are subject to a $50 IGM administrative fee. 120 days prior: an additional $100 per person plus $100 airline fee. 40 days prior: the full tour price is charged. There are no refunds for international tickets once issued.

7. AIR TRANSPORTATION: EL AL Israel Airlines group economy airfares (10 persons flying the same route) are non-refundable and issued about 40 days prior to departure. Tickets do not permit changes in names, cities, or dates without penalty. Airfares are subject to change until ticketed. Seats are assigned by the airline in a group block. Requests for special seat assignments may be submitted but are not guaranteed. Those wishing to provide their own air transportation must notify IGM TOURS no later than 120 days prior to departure.

8. HOTELS: Prices are based on 1st class hotel rooms (twin bedded, dbl. occ.). If changed, similarly priced hotels are used. Single room occupants (for any reason) must pay single room surcharge.

9. MEALS: Daily breakfasts & table d'hote or buffet dinners. Coffee/tea are only included with breakfasts.

10. GROUP TRANSFERS & ENTRANCE FEES: Overseas group transfers and entrance fees are included. Individual transfers are not included for those who deviate from tour itineraries.

11. PORTERAGE: Overseas porterage of 1 suitcase is included. The fee for additional suitcases/flight bags is $1 per hotel.

12. LUGGAGE: Group touring is limited to one normal size suitcase (not to exceed 50 lbs), one camera case, and one flight bag.

13. PASSPORTS & VISAS: Each participant is responsible for a valid passport with 6 months validity for USA return, and must mail or e-mail to IGM a legible copy (do not fax). Data is required 60 days prior to departure. A visa is not required on this tour for U.S. passports. Other than U.S. passports must advise IGM at the time of registration.

14. NO SMOKING POLICY: Smoking is not permitted on coaches or flights.

15. ITINERARY CHANGES: The itinerary has been planned under the direction of your tour leader. It is possible that the daily itinerary may be adjusted by unforeseen circumstances.

16. PRICING FLUCTUATIONS: Tour prices are based upon estimated airfares, current tariffs, agreements and exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure production, May 2019. These factors are outside the control of IGM, and will be defined by IGM at least 60 days before departure. If the fuel surcharges increase any time prior to ticketing you will be assessed.

17. DEVIATIONS/CHANGES: Deviations/changes must be requested in writing to IGM ($50 per person plus airline fees) at least 120 days before departure and are subject to airline regulations. Requests less than 90 days are not accepted. Persons requesting to provide their own air transportation must notify IGM at least 120 days prior to departure.

18. REFUNDS: Refunds are made only per the guidelines listed below.

19. TRAVEL INSURANCE: IGM strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance for protection of one's tour and luggage investments. An optional policy from Travel Guard is mailed to registered tour participants. Additional coverage, including Pre-existing Conditions, may be available if purchased within 15 days of the tour deposit payment.

20. TOUR OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY: IGM TOURS, Inc., herein and hereafter referred to as IGM and/or its agents, act only in the capacity as a broker agent for the passenger in all matters connected with hotel lodging, sightseeing, tours and transportation, whether by air, rail, motor coach, boat, or any other means and as an agent holds itself free of responsibility for any damage or expense resulting from any cause whatsoever. IGM is a bonded wholesale travel broker, which complies with California’s “Seller of Travel State Law”: CST#2018950-50. IGM and/or its agents will not be responsible for any damage or expenses or inconvenience caused by late registrations, late airplanes, trains, boats, or changes in any of their schedules due to strikes or any other reason whatsoever. IGM operates 9:00am to 5:00pm weekdays excluding holidays. IGM will not be responsible for the loss or damage to luggage or any passenger’s personal belongings. IGM recommends the purchase of Travel Insurance to cover such events. IGM reserves the right to refuse any person as a tour member at any time before or during the actual tour. IGM reserves the right to cancel, change, or withdraw the tour in whole or in part at any time. The sole obligation of IGM is to refund payments received in connection herewith if not acceptable by tour members. Refunds for canceled airfares and services abroad for any reason will be made only after having been received from the airlines, hotels, or companies performing these services, less any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the operation resulting from those cancellations and will follow the guidelines herein contained for cancellations. Requests for any refund due to absence from the itineraries abroad must be submitted to IGM in writing not less than 60 days prior to departure and are subject to agreements with overseas Operators. Any dispute arising out of these tours will be settled in the courts of the City of Hayward, CA.

21. AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY: The participating airline, EL AL Israel Airlines, is responsible only for the air travel portion of this tour performed for it on behalf of tour participants in accordance with the terms and conditions of their individual passage contracts and subject to the applicable laws, treaties and regulations governing air transportation. Tour services, including but not limited to carriage by land or sea, guide services, hotel accommodations, restaurants and all services other than carriage by air, are furnished by contractors who are independent and do not act for or on behalf of the above airline and the above airline shall not be responsible for any act, omission or event occurring prior to the tour participants embarkation upon or after his/her disembarkation from the aircraft. The usual passage contract by the airline when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the tour participants and in purchasing a passage contract as part of this tour, the tour participant acknowledges and accepts the foregoing conditions. The above airline is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board its aircraft.
THE BEST OF ISRAEL
Registration Form

COST: $3,852

Group: Gregory – March 9, 2020

Name: ____________________________________________

(Gender and names exactly as printed on passport!)  

Address: __________________________________________

City, State & Zip: ______________________________________

Phone (area code): ______________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Citizenship: __________________________________________(Country issuing passport)

Passport#: ________________________________________(Mail a copy of passport to IGM TOURS, do not fax.)

Departure City: _________________________________________________________________________

Roommate: ________________________________________(Singles must pay surcharge!)

____ I request single room lodging - $735 supplemental surcharge.

____ I request to be a “Land Only” tour participant. I will arrange my own air transportation. I understand that I am free to utilize the group airport transfers. If schedules necessitate individual transfers they are my responsibility. I have carefully read the brochure and Tour Conditions and agree to these terms and conditions as a binding contract when my registration and deposit are received by IGM TOURS. Enclosed is my deposit of $________ ($400 per person).

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_______________________ Signature(s) Date

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