

American Veterans Tour to the Holy Land

This is a rare opportunity to visit the land that has been the birthplace of civilization and cradle of many of the world's major religions. Our group, consisting largely of US military veterans, family and friends, will explore the Holy Land held sacred by so many. You will learn about your own religion and the religions of others right where so many historic events occurred. All your life you have heard and read of these places and events that transpired there. Now you can revive the memories of those stories and expand your knowledge and appreciation of your religious heritage where these events took place.

You will understand the migration of the Jewish and Arab peoples, see the influence of Jewish, Muslim and Christian peoples in the Holy Land of 2012. You will return home with a better understanding of your own religion as well as those of others and a first-hand appreciation for the tensions that underlie the politics of the entire region.

We will discuss and examine military campaigns that have shaped the region from Roman times through the Crusades and right up to the 1967 war that gave Israel its current borders.

Along the way you will interact with many fascinating people who call this wonderful land their home. Back in your own home the Holy Land will no longer be an abstraction, but rather a real place where you can envision events of the past and imagine ongoing events as they continue to unfold in this truly remarkable land.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Thursday, February 16, 2012 - USA / Aloft. Depart the USA for Israel. Your flight includes meals and in-flight entertainment for your journey.

DAY 2: Friday, February 17 - Tel Aviv. Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to your hotel. This evening enjoy an orientation meeting with your tour manager, followed by a Welcome Dinner. Overnight: City Hotel, Tel Aviv (D)

DAY 3: Saturday, February 18 - Jaffa / Caesarea / Megiddo / Nazareth / Tiberias. Begin your pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a visit to ancient Jaffa (New Testament Joppa) where the Apostle Peter had a vision while sitting on the rooftop of the House of Simon the Tanner, and received God's command to preach the Gospel to the Gen-

city of Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee Overnight: Kibbutz Levi Hotel, Tiberias. (B, D)

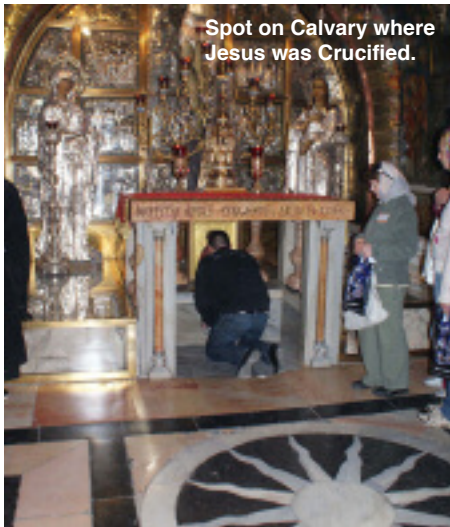
DAY 4: Sunday, February 19 - Golan Heights. Drive to Safed, a holy city in Judaism and the center of the mystical Kabbala. Stroll through the artists' colony and visit an ancient synagogue. Proceed to Golan Heights stopping at Mitzphe Gadot for a tour and lunch at Kibbutz Gadot. Continue to Har Ben Tal site of a former Israeli bunker. Next visit a kosher winery in Katzrin, the largest town in the Golan Heights. Also visit a Military base in the Golan Heights and Kuneitra to see former Syrian bunkers. You will also have the opportunity to see some war monuments. (Subject to availability, a talk by a security Military officer) Return to your hotel. Evening dinner and overnight. Overnight: Kibbutz Levi Hotel, Tiberias (B, D)

DAY 5: Monday, February 20 - Yardenit Baptismal Site / Beit Alfa / Beit Shean.

Another spiritually enriching day begins at the headwaters of the Jordan River, the Yardenit, where Christian visitors come to renew their faith with a traditional Baptism. It was here that John the Baptist baptized Jesus. We then travel to Belvoir Fortress. The fortress became a crusader



Viewing Old Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives



Spot on Calvary where Jesus was Crucified.

stronghold in 1168, when it was erected to fend off Muslim forces attacking the Kingdom of Jerusalem.

The day continues with arrival at the Beit Alfa Synagogue National Park in the nearby kibbutz of Heftziba. Here you will see a 6th century Byzantine-era synagogue, with a mosaic floor depicting the lunar Hebrew months as they correspond to the signs of the zodiac.

It is then a short ride to visit the remains of Beit Shean, a city mentioned in the Bible, later a Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine city which was destroyed by an earthquake in 749AD. It was here that the Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and his sons on the walls of Beit-Shean (1 Sam 31:10-12). Touring resumes south through the Jordan Valley passing by the ancient city of Jericho en route to the Holy City of Jerusalem where dinner will be served at the hotel. Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, Jerusalem. (B, D)

DAY 6: Tuesday, February 21 - Mt. of Olives / Gethsemane / Mt. Zion / Via Dolorosa / Church of the Holy Sepulcher / Garden Tomb.

This morning, travel a short distance to the Mount of Olives with its panoramic view of the entire Old City. Walking down the Mount of Olives into the Garden of Gethsemane brings you to a tranquil spot in the Garden among olive trees dating back to the time of Jesus. Here time will allow for personal reflection and prayer before arriving atop Mt. Zion where a visit is planned to the Upper Room, traditional location of the Last Supper and later, Caiaphas' House. Touring resumes in the Old City with a visit to the Western Wall, focus of daily Hebrew ceremonies and celebrations. Then a walk along the Via Dolorosa *Road of Sorrow* where Jesus carried the cross through these same streets to his crucifixion. The Via Dolorosa leads us to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher built atop the crucifixion site. Free time will be given to wander and shop among the many shops and stalls in the colorful Arab Bazaar. The day concludes just outside the city walls at the Garden Tomb, first identified in 1849. Here a rock formation resembles a skull (Golgotha), and the site accords with the biblical data of the area where Jesus was buried. Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, Jerusalem. (B, D)

DAY 7: Wednesday, February 22 - Israel Museum / Yad Vashem / Bethlehem.

Today begins with a visit to Latrun. In the Six-Day War in 1967, Latrun was captured by the Israeli Defense Forces, and the main-road to Jerusalem was re-opened and made safe for travel. The villages of Imwas, Yalo and Bayt Nuba were razed, their residents taking refuge in the West Bank and Jordan. Canada Park was established on the land. The Tegart Fort was turned into the Yad La-Shiryon memorial for fallen soldiers of the Israeli Armored Corps and a Museum was established there. The outdoor display

includes 110 tanks and other armored fighting vehicles, including the Merkava and T-72 tanks. Other notables in the outdoor area include a large tank successfully mounted high atop a former British water tower, a collection of innovative mobile bridges constructed by the IDF, and a long, engraved commemorative wall bearing the names of Armored Corps soldiers killed in defense of the country. We then return to Jerusalem and visit the Shrine of the Book where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept. We will also visit the Model City, a 1:50 scale model of Jerusalem as it was during Jesus' time on earth. The morning tour will conclude with a visit to Yad Vashem, a museum built in memory of the 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis during World War II. This afternoon, take a short drive to Bethlehem (switch buses at check point) to visit the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave of Christ's birth, as well as Shepherd's Field where angels appeared to announce Christ's birth to the shepherds gathered there. and plains of Boaz. Return to hotel for evening dinner and overnight. Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, Jerusalem (B, D)

DAY 8: Thursday, February 23 - Masada and the Dead Sea. Today, enjoy a full day tour to Masada and the Dead Sea. Drive through the Judean Desert and along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ascend the towering desert mesa via cable car to visit the excavations of the fortress of King Herod and last stronghold of the Zealots against the Romans. Here you will be able to see many of the original structures, such as the synagogue and storehouses, that have been painstakingly restored by archaeologists. Descend the mount via cable car. Next, visit the Museum of Masada. The museum combines archaeological artifacts and a theatrical atmosphere, together with accompanying radio play and audio explanations, to create a meaningful guided tour of the Story of Masada. Continue your tour as you journey via Ein Gedi and the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest elevation on Earth at more than 1,200 feet below sea level. While at this natural wonder, enjoy the opportunity to float in the water or cover yourself in the mineral-rich mud. Afterwards, return to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy Farewell Dinner at your hotel Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, Jerusalem. (B, D)

DAY 9: Friday, February 24 - Return to the USA. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

B = Breakfast. L = Lunch D = Dinner



American Veteran Butch Sincock and Israeli Veteran Ezra Eini. Both served their countries in the 1960s.



The Western Wall of the Temple

American Veterans Holy Land Tour

February 16 - 24, 2012

Reservation Application

From \$2,080 (land-only - double occupancy)

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(Please make checks payable to "MilSpec Tours")

Tour Option (✓ one)

- Land Only \$2,080 per person (double occupancy)
 Land and Roundtrip Air from New York \$3,599 per person (double occupancy)

Single Room Supplement (✓ if you desire a single room at the additional cost) \$683 per person

Payment Option (✓)

- Option A: I would like to Pay In Full. Payment enclosed.
 Option B: I am paying a deposit only and will pay in full 90 days before departure.

Insurance Option (✓ one)

I accept the travel insurance at an additional cost. Below are tour costs ranges and associated insurance cost.

- Land Only \$164 per person Land Only per person with Single Room \$200
 Land & Air \$270 per person Land & Air per person with Single Room \$305

Please add the per person cost of your insurance to your \$400 deposit when submitting this registration form.

- I will obtain my own insurance.



Young Soldiers of the Israeli Defense Force

Tour Participants (please print your names as they appear on your passports)

Name: _____ Male Female Date of Birth: _____

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Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please furnish us with both your street address and post office box address to avoid delays in shipment of documents to you by Federal Express.

Your home phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Any diet/health problems? _____

Please print the name and phone number of a person not traveling with you who is to be notified in the event of an emergency.

Name: _____ Relationship _____ Phone #(____) _____

Special requests/places to visit: _____

- I desire: 2-in-a-room. Single Room at additional cost noted above.
 Willing to share, 2-in-a-room basis. Roommate (if known) _____

To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following:

- Discover Card Visa Mastercard American Express

Name on Card: _____

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Expiration Date: ____ / ____ Billing Zip Code: _____

I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this tour brochure.

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Tour Prices Do Not Include: International air unless purchased as an option from us; airport/customs/departure taxes, passports, any applicable visa fees, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing, meals other than those shown in the itineraries, items not on table d'hote menus, laundry, liquor, mineral water, beverages with lunch & dinner, customary gratuities to Tour Directors, Coach Drivers & local guides, & any other expenses of a personal nature.

Tour Prices are based on a minimum of 20 tour participants as shown in the itinerary, and on tariffs and rates (currency & exchange) known at the time of printing; prices are subject to adjustment without notice in event of changes to such rates prior to departure.

Airfares if purchased as an option are subject to change without notice. Excursion airfares are often non-refundable and/or subject to cancellation fees. Trip Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended.

Hotels: Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room. Applicable single supplements are indicated for those wishing single room accommodations. Single rooms are limited in quantity and are sometimes not of the same size or quality as twin/double rooms. Single room reservations will be accepted with the understanding that we cannot guarantee single rooms will be available on all parts of your tour. We do not recommend triple rooms as they tend to be very crowded; in most cases, triple rooms are a twin room to which a cot has been added. There is no reduction in tour cost for triple rooms.

Deposits and Final Payments: A deposit of \$400 per person is required to effect reservations. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due when billed but not later than 90 days prior to departure. Acceptance on tour is subject to verification of payment in full to MilSpec Tours.

Baggage: No responsibility is incurred by MilSpec for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers belongings. It is recommended that all passengers purchase baggage insurance.

Passports and Visas: A valid passport is required for all tour participants. Visas are not required for this tour program.

Smoking: Please kindly note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted on the motorcoach at any time.

Cancellations for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$225.00 per person service charge, if written notice is received between 179 and 101 days prior to departure. If cancellation occurs 100 days and 61 days prior to departure, deposits will be refunded less a \$350 per person cancellation charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less 80% of land services and 100% of air cost. 30 days or less or no-show: 100% of all services. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended on all tours.

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Tour Participants: In order to insure the smooth operation of all tours, and to ensure congenial tour groups, MilSpec Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to expel from the tour any person for any reason including anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interest of the tour group. Any handicapped participant who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participant's well-being. MilSpec Tours reserves the right to exclude from the tour any handicapped participant whose physical condition impairs customary operation of the tour. Should a wheelchair or other special equipment, care, maintenance or services be required at any time, all arrangements shall be made and all costs and obligations will be borne by the tour member. All tour members must be able to make their own way on/off the motorcoach. Well-behaved children over 10 years of age are welcome on any MilSpec Tours tour under the same conditions as noted above.

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Travel Insurance

Take advantage of our valuable insurance protection. For \$164 to \$305 you can enjoy the security of the following coverage:

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