# Pathfinder Project Reunion A "Holy Land" Experience! In the "Footsteps of JESUS"



**Payment Terms & Options:** 

First Deposit to secure your space is \$450 ~ Second Deposit of \$1,550.00 due: July 15, 2019 ~ Balance due: Mar 04, 2020! Cancel Terms: Initial \$450 deposit nonrefundable/nontransferable - Full \$2000 deposit penalty Sept. 10/19 and under full penalty Apr 04/2020 \* Optional Payment Plan: \$221 per month, per person dbl. occupancy, Oct. 2018 thru Mar 04, 2020 (18 payments)! \$295/Single Occupancy\*\*\*

PACKAGE INCLUDES: 11days/10ngts, R/T Intl. Air from NY-JFK on El Al Airlines, R/T Transfers, SFC & DLX Hotel accommodations, Breakfast & Dinner daily, Escorted Tours w/ English speaking tour guides, \* Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee, \* Cable Car to ascend Mt. Masada, \* The Wailing Wall \* The Dead Sea \* Mount of Olives and most of all, walk the Footsteps of Jesus! We will even have an opportunity to be "Baptized" in the River Jordon! Children under 14 and unaccompanied minors not accepted. Not Included: Transportation to/from JFK, Passport, Tipping, things of personal nature and meals not mentioned. Optional Round Trip Motor Coach Service to/from the DMV to JFK- information & cost to come and based on the number of signups (Immunizations not required for US Citizens) (Prices & Itinerary are subject to change)!

Travel arrangements by: Champion Services Travel- 301. 686-0970 OR all4champion.com 
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DOB: \_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_ (only if sharing same invoice) age range: \_\_20-30's \_\_40-50's 60+ (\$450 pp) Nonrefundable Nontransferable Rooming with\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (travel protection plan mandatory for room share program) Special celebration? CREDIT CARDS ADD 3% PROCESSING FEE 

## **Holy Land Itinerary**

## Day 1 Saturday Jun 13/20-

Depart US NY, JFK International Airport for your overnight flight on EL AL Airlines to Israel and the Holy Land experience. Our flight schedule for 2020- TBA. If you live outside of the Washington DC area, you will make your own way to NY, JFK Airport. Those living within the Washington DC Metro area, an optional round trip Motor Coach service will be offered and based on how many sign-up. Cost TBD

## Day 2 Sunday Jun 14/20

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv (Ben Gurion) International Airport, you will be met and assisted through airport formalities by our local representatives and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Later this evening enjoy a welcome dinner to celebrate your arrival and overnight at your hotel. **Tel Aviv - Arrival D Netanya- Deluxe** 

## Ramada Netanya Hotel

The five-star accommodations, full-service spa, relaxing pool and prime location provide the perfect combination of indulgence, accessibility and service. Ramada Netanya is a true oasis of luxury, providing guests with unmatched personal attention, service and style. Featuring 180 spacious, fully-equipped suites of sophisticated elegance and comfort, Ramada Netanya is the ideal destination for visitors to Israel's business, leisure and tourism centers.

#### Day 3 Mon, Jun 15/20

Caesar Premier Tiberias- Breakfast at your Hotel. Drive along to the Mediterranean Coast to Caesarea. This ancient city was built in honor of Augustus Caesar by Herod the Great, and was the capital of the Romans in the Holy Land for nearly 500 years. The ancient theater, the Crusader City and the fantastic aqueduct serve as a back-drop for the Book of Acts; Cornelius, the first gentile convert; the home of Philip the evangelist; the many visits by the Apostle Paul including his two-year imprisonment and his journey to Rome. Continue to the mountains of Carmel – Muhraka where Elijah engaged in the contest with the false prophets of Baal and then on to Megiddo, from here there is a breathtaking view over the whole Valley of Jezreel, better known as the Valley of Armageddon. Continue to the famous "Tel Megiddo", the archaeological mound. Here we can see the remains of King Solomon's Stables, an altar from the time of Abraham (4000 years old), and the magnificent water tunnel. Continue across the Valley to view Mount Tabor the site of the 'Transfiguration'. Arrive in Nazareth and visit the Church of the Annunciation, and the Synagogue where Jesus learned to read the Bible. On the way to Tiberias, pass Cana of Galilee, the village where Jesus performed his first miracle - the miracle at the wedding. Arrival at your hotel on the shores of the beautiful Lake of Galilee. Dinner and overnight. Sea of Galilee BD

The Tiberias Caesar Premier Leisure Hotel is located on the city's promenade, at a short walking distance from the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) - but still right at the heart of the city's shopping and entertainment centers. The hotel has 220 spacious, well-designed rooms, all with spectacular views towards the Kinneret and the Golan Heights. The hotel boasts its own luxurious spa, the only hotel in the entire region with a Thermo-Mineral pool, as well as 20 treatment rooms, salt-water baths, a large gym, and a superb sauna.

#### Day 4 Tue, Jun 16/20

Caesar Premier Tiberias- Breakfast at your Hotel. Drive up to the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Visit the beautiful mosaic floor at Tabgha - the site of the miracle of the multiplication. Sail in a boat across the Sea of Galilee, and then have the option of tasting the famous St. Peter's fish for lunch in a restaurant on the lake shore (on own expense). Visit Capernaum, 'the Town of Jesus; walk along the ruins of this Biblical Village, and see the Synagogue where Jesus preached and the house of Peter's mother-in-law then on to the Church of Peter's Primacy. Finish the day with a Baptismal service at Yardenit- the River Jordan, for whoever chooses to do it. Dinner and overnight at the Caesar hotel, Tiberias. Sea of Galilee BD

## Day 5 Wed, Jun 17/20

Caesar Premier Tiberias- Breakfast at your Hotel. Drive north through the Golan Heights to Caesarea Philippi and the Banias, one of the water sources of the Jordan River. View Mount Bental and hear the heroic story of the Yom Kippur War on this site. Visit the Golan Heights Winery and learn about the wines produced in this region. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at your hotel.

North & Golan Heights BD

## Day 6 Thu, Jun 18/20

**Dan Panorama Jerusalem** -Breakfast at your Hotel. Drive south to Beit Shean, the largest archeological site in Israel. Explore the ancient Roman City with the Amphitheater and reconstructed streets. Then, view the mosaic floor unearthed in the ancient synagogue at Beit Alfa then on to the Springs of Harod at the foot of Mount Gilboa. Drive along the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem. **Beit Shean - Jordan Valley BD** 

Dan Panorama; located in the heart of Jerusalem and within walking distance of the Old City, the Dan Panorama is a hotel offering air-conditioned accommodation and a great range of facilities. Free Wi-Fi is provided.

#### Day 7 Fri, Jun 19/20

Dan Panorama Jerusalem - Breakfast at your Hotel. Begin the morning with a magnificent view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives. Drive down to the Kidron Valley and enter the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of All Nations where we can view the Basilica of the Agony and view one of the most ancient Olive trees in the Holy Land, a living witness to Jesus' arrest by the Romans. Continue along the Kidron Valley, viewing the Tomb of Zachariah as well as the Tomb of Absalom - King David's son. We will enter the Old City via St. Stephen's Gate and walk along the Via Dolorosa stopping at the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda and then on to Ecce Homo Arch and the rest of stations of the cross ending at the Church of Holy Sepulcher - the largest Church in Jerusalem. Proceed to the Wailing Wall - the remnant of Solomon's Temple, the holiest Jewish site - and touch its ancient stones. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in

Jerusalem. Old Jerusalem BD



## Day 8 Sat, Jun 20/20

Dan Panorama Jerusalem - Breakfast at your Hotel. Depart Jerusalem and drive across the Judean desert to the Qumran Caves area, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and then on to the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. 1300 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea is the saltiest body of water in the world. Visit Masada - the site of the Zealots last stand against the Romans, which was originally built as a magnificent palace for Herod the Great. Take the cable car up to this great fortress and visit the bathhouse, the storage rooms, the mosaics and the Byzantine Church. Enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea or to be more exact, float, on this amazing sea - a non-swimmers paradise! Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem, BD

#### Day 9 Sun, Jun 21/20

Dan Panorama Jerusalem —Breakfast at your Hotel. Then drive south-east from Jerusalem to the holy city of Bethlehem. Visit the "Church of the Nativity", before moving onto the Shepherd Fields where the 'shepherds watched their flocks by night'. Return to Jerusalem and proceed on to the Jewish Quarter and visit the Temple Institute. End the day at the Garden Tomb. Continue to the famous Tunnels from the Hasmonian era and out to the Via Dolorosa and the Arab Market - the Shuk, with its hundreds of stores selling many types of artifacts. Enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. This would a perfect opportunity for those interested to share your new experiences with the group. New City of Jerusalem BD

#### Day 10 Mon, Jun 22/20

**Dan Panorama Jerusalem-** Breakfast at your Hotel. Enjoy your "Free at leisure" day in the City of Jerusalem to explore on your own and maybe do some last minute shopping. This evening PFP Farewell Dinner and reflections on your reunion and your Holy Land Experience! **Jerusalem - BD** 

## Day 11 Tue, Jun 23/20

Breakfast at your hotel before heading home after an amazing experience and new memories! Our local representative will escort you to Ben Gurion International Airport Tel Aviv for the flight back to the US. 2020 Flight schedule TBA –

#### Words from the president

Dear Pathfinder Travel Family;

We have been blessed to travel the world together, and share experiences that will last a lifetime. Our desire to see and experience more of the world God created for us to enjoy has taken us to foreign lands; and afforded us the opportunity to be enriched by the lives and culture of other children of God around the world. Through our experiences we have bonded as family; and our Egyptian travels brought home the point that as people of color, we are all F-A-M-I-L-Y..., as reminded by Noha, our Egyptian guide.

This reunion trip aspires to cast that net of family wider, and as Christians to retrace, relive, and be reawakened to our Christian roots as we together walk, "In the Footsteps of Jesus". What better way to deepen our relationship with Christ than to relive the life that transformed all our lives.

We have again partnered with Champion Service Travel to bring you the best possible 11 day experience with several payment options.

The God we serve promises "that" if we delight ourselves in him, "He will give us the desires of our heart"; and 'not deny us any good thing', Psalm 37:4 and Psalm 84:11. Let's take Him at His word. It is my hope that you will plan to delight yourself in the Lord by walking in 'the footsteps of Jesus' with us on this June 2020 pilgrimage as The Pathfinder Project; Inc. traces our Christian roots to walk "In the Footsteps of Jesus".

# **COSTING**

## USD \$3,985.00 (Rate per person based on double occupancy, 2 people sharing 1 room)

Single Room USD \$5315 (triple & quad rooms are not an option)

## **INCLUDES:**

11days & 10nigts

International Airfare from JFK to Israel

Arrival & departure transfers

All services as specified in itinerary

Breakfasts and Dinner daily

Meal codes: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Accommodation in Superior First Class & Deluxe Hotels with standard double rooms

Transportation in luxury air-conditioned vehicles including qualified drivers

Sight-seeing as per itinerary led by qualified English speaking tour guide

Entrance fees and Luggage handling

Travel Representative Meet and Greet upon arrival

## **EXCLUDES**:

Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc

Customary Tips for tour guides & driver (\$11 per person per day = \$99) CST will collect at hotel check-in or in advance if you wish

Cost of obtaining Passports (MUST PROVIDE TRAVEL AGENCY WITH 2 COPIES OF YOUR PASSPORT!)

Trip cancellation insurance

## Hotels are Superior First Class and Deluxe, to view visit web-sites below:

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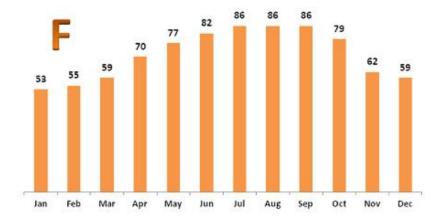
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For travel protection insurance, visit our website all4champion.com home page, click the Travel Guard-AIG link and get a FREE Quote and to make a purchase. If you have a pre-existing medical condition that may prevent you from traveling, you need to purchase insurance within 14 days of making your tour deposit!

CST will provide a "Travel Insurance Brochure" with your welcome package after registration

Please keep in mind that rates and itinerary are subject to change per government and or travel industry!

## Israel's weather chart:



# **Israel Trip**

# **Information Summary Sheet**

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Travel Agency: Champion Services Travel, PO Box 44140, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Bernadette Champion, Agent

301. 686-0970 office – E-mail: cchamp154@comcast.net Website: www.all4champion.com

**Travel Dates:** June 13-23, 2020

**COST:** \$3,985 per person, double occupancy (Single \$5315). Triple & Quad accommodations are not an option. 2020 airline tax increase may be applied

**Immunizations:** there are no immunizations or vaccinations required for US Citizens traveling to Israel! US citizens must be up on their childhood immunizations.

A valid Passport is required/PLEASE SUBMIT 2 COPIES OF YOUR PASSPORT TO AGENCY! Visa is not required!

**Trip Insurance** is highly recommended.

**Luggage** recommendation: 1 checked bag weighing no more than 50lbs., 1 carry-on weighing no more than 15 lbs. plus your purse or backpack

## **Payments:**

A Deposit of \$450 per person is due at booking. Make checks payable to <u>Champion Services Travel.</u> Monthly payments are welcomed. All final payments must be paid in full by said date. Late payments are subject to penalties, late fees or cancellation. Please submit registration form with your deposit or it will not be accepted.

\*\*\*Optional Payment Plan: \$221 per month, per person dbl. occupancy, Oct. 2018 thru Mar 04, 2020 (18 payments)! \$295/Single Occupancy\*\*\*

#### **Cancellation Terms:**

Initial \$450 Deposit nonrefundable/nontransferable – Full \$2000 Deposit Penalty will apply Sept. 10/19 and under full penalty Apr 04/2020

## **Tipping:**

Is customary, recommend \$11 per person per day (\$99), CST will collect upon arrival to Israel from each traveler. Must be in US \$Dollars and in a sealed envelope with your name on the envelope!

Departure Date
June 13, 2020

Final Payment Due March 4, 2020

Formal Orientation: Hosted by Gail Jackson

Date: TBA Location: TBA Time: TBA Phone: TBA

**Document distribution:** Meeting approximately 30 days before departure, location & date TBA.

Pricing and itinerary are subject to change without notice!

Israel Fun Facts & Country information... click here

# **Frequently Asked Questions for Israel**

#### Do I need a Visa for Israel?

American and Canadian citizens only need a valid passport to visit Israel. A Visa is not required for US Citizens. Other nationals should contact the Israeli consulate in their area for more information. A tourist entering Israel is allowed to stay up to three months. To extend your stay after three months, contact the Ministry of Interior Affairs.

## Can I rent a car with my American or Canadian Driver's License?

You can use your driver's license in Israel for up to three months. NOTE: Travelers with small children should be cautioned to bring their own car seats for use in rental cars. This is one of the best suggestions to any traveling parent.

## **Health Regulations?**

There are no vaccinations or immunizations required for travel to Israel. US Citizens should be up to date on your childhood immunizations.

## Can I use my electrical appliances in Israel?

The electric current in Israel is 220 Volts AC, single phase, 50 Hertz. Most Israeli sockets are three-pronged, but many of them can accommodate other varieties. Most luxury hotels provide hair-dryers and all hotels have sockets for U.S. shavers. Most other appliances require a converter or transformer that can be purchased at any hardware store in Israel.

## What to pack? SEE WEATHER CHART ABOVE

Dress is casual by day, but dressier wear if you wish to venture out in the evenings. Conservative dress is needed for religious sites. Women are required to cover their heads with a scarf and men must wear long pants in the same areas. Weather in Israel during this season is pretty warm, so we recommend you pack light clothing and in layers; Cotton & Linen works best. Make sure to pack comfortable walking shoes as some areas are coble stone, may be hilly, uneven and there may be a period or two of longer walking in some areas.

## How can I call home?

To direct dial home from Israel, dial 001-, then the area code and then the rest of the number. The international dialing code for Israel is 972 (from outside Israel) to direct-dial Israel from overseas; omit the "0" in the local Israeli area code. We recommend you check with your cell phone provider for international plans.

## Tipping?

It is customary to tip. Service charges are often included in tour packages. A 15/18 percent tip is the average in restaurants when on your leisure time. While tipping is not mandatory in taxis-locals usually don't- visitors are free to do so. **Note:** For our Tour Guide & Driver, CST will collect gratuities from all travelers upon arrival; we ask that you placed in a sealed envelope in US \$ with your name on the outside of the envelope. (Suggested tipping per person is \$11 per person per day = \$99 ea.) You may do take care of your tipping in advance.

## What about Customs?

Israel has a dual channel customs clearance system. Use the Green Channel if you are only bringing: A. Personal clothing, B. Alcoholic Drinks (up to one liter per person aged at least 17) C. Perfumes (up to 1/4 liter per person) D. Tobacco (up to 250 cigarettes per person at least 17) E. Gifts, up to \$200. If you are bringing more than this, select the Red Channel. For more detailed information, visit <a href="http://www.israelishortcut.org/Services.aspx?l=2&c=3&id=67">http://www.israelishortcut.org/Services.aspx?l=2&c=3&id=67</a>

## Money...

The Israeli currency is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS) that is divided into 100 Agorot. The approximate rate is 3.5NIS to \$1 or 2.5NIS to 1 Canadian Dollar. For exact daily rate check <a href="www.factsofisrael.com">www.factsofisrael.com</a> - Most banks are open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays; also from 4 to 6 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays and the eves of major Jewish holidays. Bank branches in major hotels usually offer convenient additional banking hours. **Restrictions:** There are no restrictions on the amounts of local and foreign currencies visitors may bring into Israel. Foreign currency may be exchanged at the airport or at any bank and in many hotels throughout Israel. Payment in foreign currency exempts tourists from paying Value Added Tax (VAT) on certain purchases. ATMs: Linked with major American systems, ATMs are prevalent throughout Israel. Major credit cards-American Express, Diners' Club, Visa and MasterCard/ Access/Euro card-are widely accepted throughout Israel. Holders of Visa or MasterCard/Access/Euro card credit cards may withdraw funds at the foreign currency counters of affiliated banks or at certain ATMs.

## Where can I get information about facilities and accessibility for the handicapped?

Contact Milbat, the Advisory Center for the Disabled at Sheba Medical Center in Tel Aviv Tel: 011-972-3-530-3739 and or (check with travel agent)

## **Jewish, Christian and Muslim Holidays Calendar:**

Please note that during major Jewish holidays and on Saturdays, banks and most businesses are closed. Except in Haifa and Eastern Jerusalem, there is no public transportation except for taxi service. There are no observed holidays in Israel during our June 2020 Tour period.