

The Parish Church of  
**ST HELENA**  
AN ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

TO THE HOLY LAND  
AND BIBLICAL JORDAN

*Pilgrimage*



January 12 through 22, 2019

with Bishop Alden and Barbara Hathaway

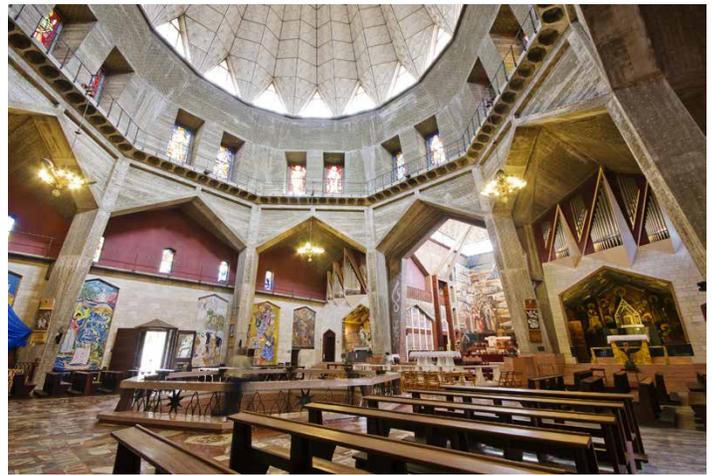
TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE

**Day 1: Saturday, January 12, 2019**  
**Depart Your Home City**

This is your departure date from the United States to Tel Aviv. While airfare is not included in the cost of the tour, we do offer a Concierge Airline Service to help with your reservations. Connoisseurs Tours' airline partners will assist you with coordinating flight schedules for each traveler in your party. Our airline concierge team will make managing your airline reservations effortless from the day we help you select the best flights through the day of your return.

**Day 2: Sunday, January 13, 2019**  
**Arrive in Tel Aviv**

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport you will be met by your local Christian guide. We will then transfer to the Renaissance Hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)



**Day 3: Monday, January 14, 2019**  
**Caesarea Maritima & Nazareth**

This morning, there will be an opportunity to celebrate Holy Communion together—not far from where Jesus first 'broke bread' with his disciples. We will then go to Caesarea Maritima, a completely man made harbor city of Roman times. The city is a beautiful and amazing excavated site where Paul argued his defense against Agrippa. We then drive to Jesus' home town of Nazareth, where we visit Nazareth Village and the Basilica of the Annunciation, together with other nearby buildings and excavations from the first-century village (Luke 2:39-40, 4:14-34). Then we travel to Galilee via Cana, where we will have an opportunity for a short renewal of marriage vows at the church in Cana, the site of our Lord's first miracle changing of water into wine at a wedding (John 2:1-10). This evening we will have dinner and overnight at our hotel, The Scots Hotel, our home for the next 2 nights. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Tuesday, January 15, 2019**  
**Lakeside & Caesarea Philippi**

We will be visiting several Gospel sites in and around Capernaum (the base for Jesus' public ministry)- Peter's home and Capernaum's remarkable synagogue; a natural amphitheater, where Jesus taught from a boat (Mark 4:1); the Mount of Beatitudes; and Tabgha (the place of 'seven springs'), where we remember the feeding of the 5000 and especially Jesus' Resurrection appearance (John 21). In the afternoon we drive northwards to Caesarea Philippi (or Baniyas), a source of the Jordan River; near here Peter confessed Jesus as the Messiah (Mark 8:27-29). The day concludes with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. (B,L,D)



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### Day 5: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 Across to Jerash & Jordan

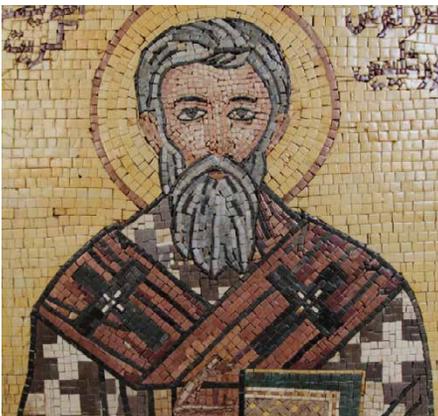
We say farewell to the Galilee, and drive to the Allenby Bridge Crossing, going over into the Hashemite Kingdom of



Jordan. We then drive to the impressive remains of Jerash (ancient Gerasa), with its triumphal arch, forum, theater, and impressive main street (Cardo Maximus): founded in 300 BC by the soldiers of Alexander the Great -this is one of the best preserved Greco-Roman cities in the world. We continue to our hotel on the Dead Sea, The Marriott, where we stay for 2 nights. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Thursday, January 17, 2019 Mnt. Nebo, Madaba & Tel Al-Kharrar

Today we visit Tel Al-Kharrar, a site of natural beauty recently set aside as a National Park, which many believe was 'Bethany



beyond the Jordan,' where John baptized Jesus (John 1:28; Mark 1:9-11): archaeological remains suggest Christians may have come here to worship since the second century, and we too will pray here and renew our baptismal vows. We

then drive up to Mount Nebo, from where Moses looked over the promised land (Deut. 34:1-4): weather permitting,

there can be great views in the morning light. After lunch in Madaba We return in the mid-afternoon to enjoy the facilities of our hotel—or even to float on the Dead Sea! (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Friday, January 18, 2019 Jordan, Jericho & Jerusalem

We say farewell to Jordan and travel to Jericho. Local authorities proudly call Jericho the 'world's oldest continuously inhabited city' and this is no idle boast – archaeological evidence traces the city's history back more than 10,000 years. We will ascend the Mount of Temptation and marvel at the archaeological remains of Tel al-Sultan (Ancient Jericho). Our final destination is Jerusalem, where we will have four nights at the Notre Dame Hotel or Three Arches. (B,L,D)



### Day 8: Saturday, January 19, 2019 Jerusalem & the Old City

Today we explore the Old City in more detail: starting with the Western Wall and the area below the Temple, we then go up to Haram Esh Sharif (to see the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque) and finally visit St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda. After lunch at the Ecce Home Convent



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(on the site of the Antonia fortress in Jesus' day), we walk along the Via Dolorosa towards the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Our final visit is to the Garden Tomb, close to our hotel. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Sunday, January 20, 2019 Bethlehem & Ein Karem

Today, as we drive a few miles south, we pause to enjoy the spectacular views of Jerusalem from the Talpiot Promenade



and then go into Bethlehem, the city of David. We visit the Shepherds' Fields and the traditional birthplace of Jesus in the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2:1-20). Lunch at a wonderful local restaurant. We then drive north-west to Ein Karem, a charming village in the Judean hills, the birthplace of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-80). The bus will continue on to our hotel,



but for those who wish, we will continue on to the Israel Museum to see the Model of Ancient Jerusalem, and the Shrine of the Book (containing the Dead Sea Scrolls). (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Monday, January 21, 2019 Mount of Olives

We start very early with an optional visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher—the ideal way to appreciate the traditional site of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection, visited by thousands each day. We then return to the hotel for breakfast. Then we go up to the Mount of Olives where we will see various sites (associated with Palm Sunday, with Jesus' Apocalyptic Discourse and the Ascension), walking down to the olive groves of Gethsemane (Luke 19:28-48; 22:39-53; 24:50-53). We will finish the morning with a highlight: visiting the excavations beneath the Temple, and walking on the very steps which Joseph, Mary, Jesus and his disciples would have regularly used (Luke 2:22-38; Mark 13:1-2). This afternoon you have free time to rest or explore on your own. (B,L,D)



### Day 11: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Jerusalem Exploration & Departure Day

Today we have free time to enjoy Jerusalem and have lunch on our own in the city. After our farewell dinner we will depart Jerusalem for the Tel Aviv Airport. (Please coordinate your return flight to depart Tel Aviv after 10:30 p.m.). (B,D)

### Day 12: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 Arrive Home

Today we arrive home in USA from our overnight flights.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Renaissance | Tel Aviv | 1 Night



Located in the city center, our superb hotel in Tel Aviv is situated on the beach where you can sink into the warm white sand and Mediterranean Sea. Whether your trip is for business or leisure, we will make your stay relaxing and memorable. Your comfortable air-conditioned accommodation features a private balcony with fabulous views, well-lit work desk, wireless Internet, in-room safe and mini-bar. Before enjoying a hearty breakfast buffet, take a dip in the indoor swimming pool or rejuvenate yourself in the on-site fitness gym.

### The Scots Hotel | Galilee | 2 Nights



The luxurious Scots Hotel was established by the Church Of Scotland in 2004 in the historical compound of the Scottish Hospital, and uniquely combines the 19th century basalt buildings with a modern and up-to-date hotel of international standards. When planning the hotel, great emphasis was placed on conserving the character of the compound by producing a synergy between new and old. An atmosphere of calmness, quiet and tranquility; combined with history and mystery wrapped expanses; as well service of the highest level you have ever known awaits you.

### The Marriott Dead Sea | Jordan | 2 nights



The Jordan Valley Marriott Resort & Spa can't wait to exceed your wildest expectations. Showcasing a picture-perfect location on the sandy shores of the enthralling Dead Sea, the hotel welcomes travelers with five-star resort lodging and a remarkable assortment of luxury perks. All of the spacious, stylishly appointed hotel rooms and suites provide sensational views of the Dead Sea, deluxe bedding, a flat-screen TV, a minibar and much more.

### Hotel Notre Dame Center | Jerusalem | 4 Nights



Pilgrims and Christian clergy have been coming to the Hotel Notre Dame since the late 1800's. Between Jerusalem's city hall and the Old City, this large historic building is less than a 10-minute walk from the Holy Sepulchre Church and is adjacent to Jerusalem's Christian Quarter. All rooms have been completely renovated while staying true to the hotel's historical roots.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS

**TOUR COST:** \$3,595.00 per person double occupancy, with a \$1,195.00 single supplement.

**DEPOSIT:** \$750.00 per person deposit is required to confirm a reservation on a definite basis. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

**INCLUSIVE PRICES**

**Tour Prices:** Tour Prices are per person in U.S. dollars. All hotel accommodations, motor coach transportation, special dinners, sightseeing, admissions, portage, and the services of the local guides, drivers and the Tour Escort/ Guide are included, as per individual details of the itinerary. Transportation from arrival Airports to the beginning hotel is included in the cost of the tour on most journeys. Please review your specific itinerary for details. Transportation from the last hotel to the departure airport listed in the brochure is also included when you check out of the hotel. Transportation to and from airports and train stations may be shared with other guests.

**Hotel Accommodations:** The tour price includes all hotel accommodations with private baths. Our standard is to provide the best available accommodations without sacrificing value. Although the quality of accommodations may differ slightly from one hotel to another, our commitment to your comfort is unwavering. Two-bedded rooms are reserved in most hotels. Triples are usually two bedded rooms plus a roll-away cot and are not recommended for comfort.

**Meals:** Included meals are specified in the itinerary.

**Gratuities:** All customary gratuities for hotel, restaurant staff, and local guides are included.

**NOT INCLUDED**

**Air Transportation:** Air transportation to the tour departure point and from the tour ending point is not included. While airfare is not included in the cost of the tour, we do offer a Concierge Airline Service to help with your reservations. Connoisseurs Tours' airline partners will assist you with coordinating flight schedules for each traveler in your party. Our airline concierge team will make managing your airline reservations effortless from the day we help you select the best flights through the day of your return.

**Gratuities to your Guide/Escort and drivers:** Gratuities are not included to your overall guide/escort

and coach driver, a recommended gratuity amount will be provided to you in your final tour documents. Connoisseurs Tours wishes to stress that this gratuity is optional and on a voluntary basis.

**Personal Expenses:** Personal expenses such as phone calls, use of fitness center, room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, mineral water, soft drinks, laundry, airline service fees, excess luggage fees, and other optional incidental extras are not included in the tour price.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Travel Protection:** Connoisseurs Tours offers Cancellation/Delay/Medical Protection. The cost of travel protection is \$242.00 per person based on double occupancy. \$319.00 per person for single occupancy.

Connoisseurs Tours strongly recommends that you purchase Cancellation/Medical Protection. Traveling is a big investment. It pays to protect yourself against unforeseen circumstances that can result in trip cancellation and additional expenses such as costs related to medical emergencies.

This Travel Insured Protection Plan is specifically designed to provide you with peace of mind knowing you are protected against the financial impact of unexpected events while on your trip. Additional insurance is available to include the cost of your airfare. Please contact Connoisseurs Tours if you would like to insure the cost of your airline tickets after you have purchased your airline tickets.

**Health and Fitness:** Connoisseurs Tours are moderate exertion journeys. Travelers must certify that they are in good health and can walk one to two miles a day. These journeys are not recommended for those who have mobility limitations such as walkers, wheelchairs and scooters.

**CANCELLATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

All cancellations must be in writing. Schedule:

**From the time of booking to 90 days prior to departure:** The deposit amount (per person) is non-refundable.

**89 to 60 days prior to departure** 50% of the tour price is non-refundable.

**59 to 0 days prior to departure** 100% of the full tour price is non-refundable.

**Itinerary Change and Flexibility:** Connoisseurs Tours pledges to make every effort to operate all tours as

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advertised. Connoisseurs Tours reserves the right to alter or curtail any aspect of the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, hotels/ and or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any additional expense for these substitutions will be covered by Connoisseurs Tours.

**Responsibility:** Connoisseurs Tours acts only as an agent for the traveler with respect to transportation, accommodations and other services offered on the tour. Connoisseurs Tours and the agents assume no responsibility or liability for any act, error omission, or for any injury, loss, accident or delay or irregularity that may be caused by any defect in any aircraft, ship, train, bus or other carrier or through negligence or default of any subcontractor or other third party. The passage contract in use by the carriers when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the traveler. Connoisseurs Tours and/or their agents will not responsible for loss, injury, damages or expenses to person or property, due to illness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature or other causes in connection with the tour for anything beyond their reasonable control. Connoisseurs Tours is not responsible for transportation or other delays or changes to the tour program beyond their control, nor any additional expenses or loss of time that may be incurred by the traveler. It may be necessary or advisable for the wellbeing of all travelers to alter the itinerary at any time, without notice to the travelers, and such alterations will be made without penalty to Connoisseurs Tours.

Connoisseurs Tours reserves the right to decline or not to retain any person as a member of any tour or to change or withdraw a tour as circumstances demand. All rates quoted are based on tariffs in effect at the time the tour was planned and are subject to change in the event of adjustment therein. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk and baggage insurance is recommended. Connoisseurs Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of equal or superior quality. The proposals of this section are governed by Georgia law, and final payment by the traveler to Connoisseurs Tours shall be deemed to be consent to the above provisions.

**Any payment made towards a tour booking shall constitute a confirmation by the Guest on behalf of themselves and all other persons named on their booking that he or she has read, understood, accepted and agreed to the Terms & Conditions of this tour, the terms of which will apply to the Guest and all other persons named on their booking.**

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