

Alderwood Community Church of Seattle, WA

**ASM Study Trip to Israel**

December 26, 2010 – January 7, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>December 19</b></p> <p>Telephone #s:</p> <p>Gloria Hotel . . . . . 2-628-2431  Mizpah Ramon . . . . . 2-628-2401  En Gev . . . . . 4-665-9800  Mobile (Bookman) . . . . .  Mobile (Guide) . . . . .</p>	<p><b>December 20</b></p> <p>From the USA, precede with 011-972-</p>	<p><b>December 21</b></p>	<p><b>December 22</b></p>	<p><b>December 23</b></p>	<p><b>December 24</b></p> <p>Christmas Eve</p>	<p><b>December 25</b></p> <p>Christmas Day</p>
<p><b>December 26</b></p> <p><u>Depart for Israel</u> by the flight of your choice and arrangement.<sup>1</sup></p>	<p><b>December 27</b></p> <p><u>Arrive</u> <u>Ben Gurion Airport,</u> <u>Tel Aviv, Israel</u></p> <p>Make your way to our hotel in Netanya, on the shore of the Mediterranean<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Introductions &amp; Preview<sup>3</sup> (after evening meal)</p> <p>ON: Blue Bay Hotel Netanya</p>	<p><b>December 28</b></p> <p><u>Coastal Plains &amp; The Jezreel Valley</u></p> <p>Caesarea Maritima  Mt Carmel (Muhra)ka  2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Tomb  Megiddo  Ein Harod/Mt Gilboa  Nazareth Village  Nazareth Illit</p> <p>ON: Golden Crown - Nazareth</p>	<p><b>December 29</b></p> <p><u>Sea of Galilee</u></p> <p>Sepphoris (overlook)  Mt Arbel  Cove of the Sower  Ginosar (lunch),  Tabgha/ Mt of Beatitudes  Capernaum  Gergasa  Boat Ride (to En-gev)</p> <p>ON: En Gev - Sea of Galilee</p>	<p><b>December 30</b></p> <p><u>Northern Galilee</u></p> <p>Huleh Valley  Chorazin, Hazor  Dan  Caesarea Philippi  Mt. Hermon foothills  Golan Heights  Yardenit/Baptism<sup>4</sup>  Gamla</p> <p>ON: En Gev</p>	<p><b>December 31</b></p> <p><u>Jordan Rift</u></p> <p>Beth Shan  Jericho  Qumran  Lunch / Dead Sea Swim  En Gedi  Masada  Arad  Wilderness of Paran</p> <p>ON: Mizpah Ramon</p>	<p><b>January 1</b></p> <p><u>Northern Negev</u></p> <p>Machtsh Ramon  Sede-Boqer  Beer-Sheva  Ashkelon  Lachish/Beit Guvrin  Mt of Olives Overlook</p> <p>PM: Preview of Jerusalem</p> <p>ON: Gloria Hotel - Jerusalem</p>
<p><b>January 2</b></p> <p><u>Shephalah/</u> <u>Western Approaches</u></p> <p>Elah Valley/Azekah  Sorek Val/Beth-Shemesh  Ajalon Val/Ajalon  Biblical Gardens  (Yad HaShmonah/Lunch)  Nebi Samwil (Mizpah)</p> <p>PM: Western Wall</p> <p>ON: Gloria Hotel</p>	<p><b>January 3</b></p> <p><u>Introduction to Jerusalem</u></p> <p>Bethlehem  Herodion/Tekoa  2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Model  Shrine of the Book  Haas Promenade  Mt of Olives  (walk to Kidron Valley)</p> <p>ON: Gloria Hotel</p>	<p><b>January 4</b></p> <p><u>Jerusalem/OT</u></p> <p>Citadel of David  Hezekiah's Northern Wall  Model: 1<sup>st</sup> Temple  Jerusalem (Ariel Ctr)  City of David  Hezekiah's Tunnel/  Pool of Siloam  Afternoon: Free</p> <p>ON: Gloria Hotel</p>	<p><b>January 5</b></p> <p><u>Jerusalem/NT</u></p> <p>Temple Mt/Western Wall  St. Anne's/Bethesda  Sisters of Zion  Via Dolorosa  Holy Sepulcher Church  Southern Excavations  Jewish Quarter/Cardo  Western Wall Tunnel</p> <p>ON: Gloria Hotel</p>	<p><b>January 6</b></p> <p><u>Jesus' Final Hours</u></p> <p>Upper room  Walk to Gethsemane  Christ Church  Gordon's Calvary</p> <p>Afternoon free  Farewell Dinner</p> <p>Depart for airport <sup>5</sup>  - time per your arrangement</p>	<p><b>January 7</b></p> <p>Dep. Tel Aviv  by the flight of your choice and arrangement</p> <p>ON: In your own bed!</p>	<p><b>January 8</b></p>

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<sup>1</sup>Arrival in Israel on Monday will mean departing the US on Sunday. Select any carrier you like, but be careful to *schedule your arrival sometime on Monday, Dec 27, 2010*. The earlier you arrive, the more time you will have to gather yourself before we start out on Monday morning.

<sup>2</sup> There are two ways to reach the Blue Bay Hotel in Netanya: taxi and pre-arranged shuttle service. Either is direct and will be no difficulty at all.

To secure an *individual taxi*, after passing customs and picking up your luggage, proceed through the Greeters Hall and exit at Gate #3; find the dispatcher's station and ask for a taxi to the Blue Bay Hotel in Netanya. (Have the address available, though it will probably not be necessary.)

NOTE: Taxi drivers are required by law to use the meter on all trips. Unless you know the accepted rates, do not be tempted to set a price beforehand. For long trips, the driver must charge passengers according to the Ministry of Transport price list posted in all taxis. Further, a 25% surcharge for night trips is in effect from 9:01pm – 5:29am (from 4pm on Fridays & holiday eves). Trips out of Ben Gurion Airport are charged an additional NIS 5.00, and passengers pay approximately NIS 3.00 for each suitcase.

To secure a pre-arranged shuttle, contact the Airport Shuttle Service at [www.israel.airport-shuttle.com](http://www.israel.airport-shuttle.com). This is a pre-paid service; you will be asked to pay by credit card and a payment voucher will be sent you via the internet. The driver will be waiting for you at the reception hall at Ben-Gurion Airport (with an appropriate sign); he will drive you directly to the hotel in Netanya. The price/person is dependent on the total number in the group; you will find those prices listed on the web-page. Notice that the prices are in US dollars. They range from \$20 – 30/person.

Please note that the cost of getting to the hotel is not covered in the cost of the trip, so you will have to pay for this yourself. Please do not be intimidated by this, as it is very simple and entirely dependable. The trip has been arranged in this way in order to keep your cost at a minimum.

Even at that, it will be wise to travel with a cell phone which is useable in Israel. On the other hand, if you do not have a mobile phone, it will not be hard to find a phone to use. The tour guide will be carrying a cell phone and will be accessible at any time. If a plane is delayed or missed, he should be notified as soon as possible. It will not be difficult to make arrangements to get the traveler to the group, regardless of what delay might occur.

<sup>3</sup>We will regularly gather in the evenings to preview the region we will be exploring the next day.

<sup>4</sup> Travelers are sometimes anxious to be baptized in the Jordan River, and this is the place provided for that. If you are interested in doing this, there are details that should be attended to before the trip – does it qualify as a biblical baptism, who will do the baptizing, has it been arranged in partnership with your church and pastor, etc.

<sup>5</sup>We would like to gather on this evening for a farewell dinner together, so it would be best if you could schedule your departure late on Thursday or early on Friday. (Remember that you will have to be at the airport 3 hours before departure, and it will take about an hour to get to the airport.) Several airlines have very late departures – around midnight or shortly thereafter (which would mean departure from the hotel around 8 pm). Others leave early in the morning – around 8 am. Your room will be available to you as late as you need it. Once we know the various departure times, we will work with the hotel to arrange for a sherut taxi to pick you up at the time appropriate to your departure time. Don't be at all intimidated by this, as this is standard procedure for hotels in Jerusalem, and the ride will be directly from the hotel to the departure terminal at Ben Gurion Airport.