

12 Inclusive Days

# HGST & APC Israel 2018

“Ask for the ancient paths; ask where the good way is, and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls.” – Jer. 6:16

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May 8 – 19, 2018



## *Dear Friends,*

**Regionaltour** may be one of the most remarkable tours you will ever consider. An ancient historian wrote, “*the land itself is the fifth gospel.*” He saw the impact of ancient trade routes and crossroads upon Bible literature. They helped to bring understanding to the power plays behind Bible narratives.

**Regionaltour** lets us see this, too. Standing at breath-taking vistas, viewing ancient crossroads, walking ancient Bible paths that Jesus and the prophets knew provides an exciting step toward making the pieces of the Bible fit together. This is much more than the usual crowded church shrine and souvenir shop tour.

For three wonderful days, we will focus on the center of Jesus’ public ministry around the regions and shores of the Sea of Galilee. We will sail the sea on a double scale replica of a fishing boat (the Jesus Boat) found in our lifetime on the northern shores of Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. We may choose to overview the route of Joshua’s victory from Gilgal over the Benjamin Plateau on the edge of Jerusalem. Or, we may choose to visit the Valley of Elah and reconstruct the battle between David and Goliath.

In Jerusalem, we will sit on the Temple Steps in the Ophel Ridge and reconsider the Kingdom Parables of Jesus in Luke 19-21. One prominent Jewish scholar insists that this is the one place where we may say with certainty that we know Jesus was at this place and where He taught parables. We will walk on the ancient Herodian pavement that was familiar to Jesus, adjacent to the Western Wall.

Come, walk, and learn the land of the Bible with us.

Read the brochure, especially the Tour Conditions carefully. Note that today group travel includes airfares, hotels, meals, transfers, expensive entrance fees, and a scholarly guide at low prices not available for individual travel. Imagine all of this in a fully escorted tour with a spiritual leader you respect.

Return the registration form with your signature, date, and deposit right away to assure your space.

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Jerusalem – The Temple Mount

### **TOUR PRICE: Houston IAH r.t.**

**\$3935 – 20 or more participants**

**\$4170 – 15/19 participants**

Price is per person, double occupancy. Price adjusted for less than 15 persons.

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Lufthansa Airlines group economy airfare (non-refundable) r.t., standard 1<sup>st</sup> class hotels (twin bedded, dbl. occ.), daily breakfast & dinner, English-speaking guides, group airport transfers, entrance fees, portage of one suitcase, \$125 local tips (guides, drivers, porters, dining & hotel desks), estimated air taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:** Daily lunches, personal services requested.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:** \$715

**ISRAEL LAND ONLY PRICE:** \$3305 – Air transportation and individual airport transfers (taxis) are not included. If schedules permit, Land Only persons can use the group airport transfers.

# *Here is your itinerary:*

## **DAY 1 Tue May 8 USA DEPARTURE**

Be at the airport 3.5 hours before departure for security and check-in procedures for the nonstop flight to Frankfurt. Hot meals and in-flight services are per the airline procedures for groups.

*BLR = Bible Lands Resource: daily readings*

*BLR: p. 2 - Roads, Rivers & Crossroads.*

## **DAY 2 Wed May 9 ARRIVE TEL AVIV**

### **Region: Coast of Sharon**

Change aircraft at Frankfurt and continue to Israel. Arrive Tel Aviv late afternoon. Proceed through passport control into the customs area to claim luggage. Meet your guide outside in the group parking lot. Depart for a brief visit of Jaffa before checking in to your seaside hotel for dinner and lodging.

*BLR: p. 6 -Coastal Plains*

## **DAY 3 Thu May 10 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, the Pontius Pilate stone, Caesar's home and overview the stadium. Continue to the Crusader Fortress, the Roman harbor and the aqueducts. Depart for Megiddo, the Armageddon of Rev. 16. View the excavations, the water tunnel, and continue to Nazareth for a ridge view of Mt. Tabor and the Jezreel Valley. At Nazareth visit Mary's Well. Continue to Sepphoris to see the wonderful ancient mosaics, and more. Proceed to your lodging for the next three nights.

*BLR: p. 6 - OVERVIEW, #5 - Lower Galilee, #7 - Carmel*

## **DAY 4 Fri May 11 SEA CIRCLE TRIP**

### **Region: Sea of Galilee**

Depart for the Yarmuk River and ascend the Aphek Plateau for an unobstructed view of the Sea of Galilee from Kfar Haruv. Continue past Kourci ("demons into the swine") to Gamala. Proceed to Bethsaida, home of Peter, Philip, and Andrew. Continue to Chorazin. Visit the Mt. of Beatitudes (Mt. 5-7). Optional is a foot descent to the seaside of Tabgha. Visit Capernaum, the operations base for Jesus' public ministry. Sail the sea in the Jesus Fishing Boat, a double-scale replica of a Roman fishing boat.

*BLR: p. 7 - #17 - Sea of Galilee, JESUS AT GALILEE*

## **DAY 5 Sat May 12 TO UPPER JORDAN**

### **Regions: Upper Jordan, Sea of Galilee**

Briefly visit the Tiberias synagogue mosaics. Ascend Mt. Arbel for cliffside overviews of the center of Jesus' operations at Galilee. Depart the sea on the ancient Via Maris to Hazor (ancient crossroads). Continue 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 Christ. Visit Nimrud Castle, and return to the Sea of Galilee via Quneita to view the Syrian Border.

*BLR: p. 7 - #16 - The Upper Jordan*

## **DAY 6 Sun May 13 SHECHEM, JACOB'S WELL, JERUSALEM**

### **Regions: Samaria, Jordan Valley, Jerusalem**

Visit Tel Beth-shean (Bible crossroads) to consider the demise of Israel's first king, Saul. Briefly overview the dig of Scythopolis and pass by Dothan and Samaria (royal city). At Shechem, visit Tel Balata (view the Joshua stone?) and Jacob's Well (Jesus met the Samaritan woman). Depart for the Benjamin Plateau and continue to the ancient city of Jerusalem. From Mt. Scopus enjoy an ancient first view of the Old City and receive a special Genesis welcome to Jerusalem. Continue to lodging. *BLR: p. 6 - #8 - Manasseh, #9 - Ephraim, #10 - Benjamin Plateau*

## **DAY 7 Mon May 14 JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM**

### **Regions: Jerusalem, Judean Hills**

Visit the Mt. of Olives for orientation to Jerusalem's Old City. Walk the Palm Sunday route past the Dominus Flevit Church to the Garden of Gethsemane. Proceed to the Dung Gate and visit the Western Wall (Bar Mitzvahs today). Enter the Ophel Ridge to view the Herodian pavement, the Temple foundation, and the Temple steps where we know Jesus walked and taught (Lk. 19-21). Explore the Western Wall Tunnels (subject to time confirmation). Depart for Herodium (Herod's grave?), the view of Tekoa (Amos' home), the Judean Hills and Bethlehem. Visit shepherds' fields, the Church of the Nativity, and take time for olivewood shopping before returning to Jerusalem. *BLR: P. 6 - OVERVIEW: Jerusalem, p.7 -JESUS AT JERUSALEM*

## **DAY 8 Tue May 15 JERUSALEM**

### **Region: Jerusalem**

Enter the Dung Gate and ascend the Temple Mount to view El Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Continue to the intact St. Anne's Crusader Church (hymn-sing?), the Pools of Bethesda, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Walk through the marketplace into the Jewish Quarter to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Continue to Zion Gate, Mt. Zion, and the Upper Room. Proceed to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Visit the Israel Museum to view renovated Bible archaeology, the Shrine of the Book and the 1/50 scale model of Herodian Jerusalem. Return to the hotel for dinner, or stay at the museum to take advantage of the extended Tuesday hours (open until 9 PM). Those extending will return to the hotel by taxi at their own expense.

## **DAY 9 Wed May 16 DEAD SEA, MASADA**

### **Region: Judean Wilderness, Dead Sea**

Depart for OT Jericho to see the tower and wall (c. 8000 BC), and the remains of a 6th century BC house on the eastern slope. Continue to the baptismal site Bethabara. Motor beside the Dead Sea to the fortress of Masada. Ascend by cable car. View the ruins of the Zealots last stand against Roman forces, including the siege ramp and the synagogue. Swim in the Dead Sea and continue to Ein Gedi (David and Saul). Walk the path to the waterfall. Depart for Qumran to view the caves. Return to Jerusalem. *BLR: p. 7 - Rift Valley: OVERVIEW - #19 The Dead Sea, #19 - Dead Sea*

## **DAY 10 Thu May 17 JERUSALEM, FREE AFTERNOON**

### **Region: Jerusalem**

9:00 A.M. private tour and communion at the Garden Tomb. Walk to the Damascus Gate and proceed to 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. 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). The balance of the day is at leisure for personal interests in Jerusalem. *BLR: p. 6 - OVERVIEW: JERUSALEM*

## **DAY 11 Fri May 18 JUDAEAN SHEPHELAH**

### **Region: Benjamin Plateau, Judean Shephelah**

Visit Nebi Samwil, Samuel's grave, to view an ancient approach to Jerusalem, and Joshua's conquest route. Descend on the Beth-horon Road into the Ajalon Valley (the sun stood still). Visit Tel Gezer (Canaanite stronghold, Gezer Calendar). Pass 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. Visit Tel Maresha's underground house and the columbari. Also, visit the Beth Guvrin caves. Return to Jerusalem. Celebrate a special Farewell Dinner tonight. *BLR: p. 7 - #11 The Shephelah*

## **DAY 12 May 19 Sat ARRIVE USA**

Depart early morning for the Tel Aviv Airport for the flight to Frankfurt and Houston. Fly while reliving the experiences of Holy Land. Arrive Houston early evening. Proceed through passport control and into customs. Clear customs and return to your home.

### **REQUESTED HOTELS**

TEL AVIV: Leonardo Art Hotel

TIBERIAS: Ron Beach Hotel

JERUSALEM: YMCA Three Arches Hotel



Megiddo – HGST Group 2013

## **TOUR 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. 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 and Discover** credit cards may be used for deposits and Final Payments. A \$75 surcharge applies if using American Express for the Final Payment.

**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.**  
**90 days prior:** an additional \$100 per person plus \$150 airline fee.  
**40 days prior:** the full tour price is charged.  
**There are no refunds for international tickets once issued!**

**7. AIR TRANSPORTATION: Lufthansa 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. **Group economy tickets are not upgradable, and seats are assigned by the airline in a group block. Requests for special seat assignments are not permitted. Those wishing to upgrade should travel as Land Only participants.**

**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 portage 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, July 2017. 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 90 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 90 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, motorcoach, 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 airlines, Lufthansa Airlines, are 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.

# HGST & APC Israel 2018

## Registration Form

Group: **Kennard – May 8, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gender and names exactly as printed on passport!)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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.  
((\$715 supplemental surcharge))

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).

Signature(s)

Date

Mail deposit to:

**IGM TOURS**  
P.O. Box 20488  
Castro Valley, CA 94546  
(510) 727-0380  
(510) 538-8777 fax  
E-mail: [igmtours@aol.com](mailto:igmtours@aol.com)

VISA, MasterCard, Discover: Call **IGM TOURS** about one week after mailing this form, or submit the card number, name on the card, expiration date, security code and billing address. A \$75 surcharge applies for American Express payments.

