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Travel & Cruise Center

CHURCH GROUP TOUR PLANNING KIT



Let us help you plan your next group tour -
Holy Land, Footsteps of Paul, Noah's Ark/Kentucky
and much, much more

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ABOUT ZACHARY TRAVEL

Our agency was founded in 1983 by a pastor who discovered his love for travel after taking his own first trip to the Holy Land. Since that first trip, we have brought more than 55 groups to Israel. Today, our agency offers 40 custom group tours each year, both domestic and international, led by our own guides. We also book personal vacations including cruises, Disney World, all-inclusive getaways and much more. Find us online at zacharytravel.com.



GROUP TOURS

Thank you for considering us as your church's travel planner. For more than 40 years, our agency has made it possible for thousands of people to experience incredible educational and inspirational destinations such as Israel (Holy Land Experience), Greece and Rome (Footsteps of Paul) and more. We look forward to the opportunity to coordinate your church's next group tour. Please review the information provided.

The sample itineraries that are included in this packet are for your information and to help you think about where and what you'd like your church group to experience - these itineraries will vary and change based on several factors such as your group's departure location and your group's interests. Any tour can be tweaked or customized to include other activities or sites you would like your group to experience.

Once you have an idea of the tour you'd like to do and the destinations you want to visit, dates need to be chosen and your consultation scheduled with our office so we can go over all of your options and answer any questions you have. We'll then work on pricing and send you our proposal with costs and next steps.





EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND

Don't just *tell* your congregation about the Gospel.
Show them.



10-day and 13-day itineraries available

International tour
Requires passport
Air & motor coach

ITINERARIES

10 Day & 13 Day

ISRAEL ONLY

Day 1 - Depart Home Airport for an overseas flight.

Day 2 - Tel Aviv - Evening arrival in Tel Aviv. Overnight on the Mediterranean coast.

Day 3 - Sea of Galilee - Motor coach north along the Mediterranean Sea to visit Caesarea where Paul was a prisoner. Visit Elijah's **Mt. Carmel** and the ancient fortress of Megiddo. Cross the **Armageddon Valley** and visit **Nazareth**, boyhood home of Jesus. Journey through **Cana to Tiberias**, located on the shore of the beautiful **Sea of Galilee**, our home for two nights.

Day 4 - Sea of Galilee - We take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and visit **Mt. of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, Mt. Hermon, Jordan River headwaters** and **Capernaum**, the focal point of Jesus' Galilee ministry.

Day 5 - Jerusalem - Morning baptism in the Jordan River for those who desire. Down the Jordan Valley and visit the **Beth Shan excavation**. Continue on to visit ancient **Jericho**. Then up the **Jericho Road** to Jerusalem.

Day 6 - Jerusalem - (*The order of what we see while in Jerusalem may be altered*). Visit the **Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, and Garden Tomb**. Afternoon visit to **Bethlehem**, birthplace of Jesus, and **Shepherd's Field**.

Day 7 - Jerusalem - Drive down the Jericho Road to the **Dead Sea**. Visit the site of **Dead Sea Scrolls Cave**, and top of fortress **Masada**. We visit in and around the **Temple Mount** and **Dead Sea Scrolls Museum**.

Day 8 - Jerusalem - Visit the **Old Walled City, Temple area, Western Wall, Pilate's Judgment Hall, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Pool of Bethesda** and the **Upper Room**.

Day 9 - Jerusalem - More sightseeing. Afternoon sightseeing includes modern Tel Aviv and the ancient port of **Joppa**, where Jonah sailed away & where Peter had his rooftop vision. Shopping time in the Old City.

Day 10 - Early morning departure for a flight home, arriving home the same day.

ISRAEL PLUS PETRA

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Day 9 - Jerusalem - More sightseeing. Afternoon sightseeing includes modern **Tel Aviv** and the **ancient port of Joppa**, where Jonah sailed away & where Peter had his rooftop vision. Shopping time in the Old City.

Day 10 - Petra - Morning departure to the **Jordan River Crossing**. Visit the **Bethany baptism site**. View the Holy Land from the top of **Mt. Nebo**, as Moses did. Special lunch. Overnight in Petra.

Day 11 - Petra - Full day of sightseeing in Petra, one of the great wonders of the world. Overnight in Petra.

Day 12 - Amman - Today we head back to Amman. Day rooms in Amman for evening rest.

Day 13 - Home - Early morning flight for home, arriving in Baton Rouge early evening.



FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL



International tour
Requires passport
Air & motor coach
River cruise

ITINERARY

11 Days

Day 1 - Athens - Depart Baton Rouge (or other home airports) for an overnight flight to Athens.

Day 2 - Athens - Upon arrival, we transfer to our hotel and explore this historic city. (B,D)

Day 3 - Athens - City sightseeing including the **Acropolis** with the **Parthenon** and **Mars Hill** where Paul preached, plus much more. (B,D)

Day 4 - Piraeus - Mykonos - Morning transfer to our cruise ship. Sail the **Aegean Sea**. Late afternoon at the Island of Mykonos. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Ephesus, Turkey and Patmos - A morning visit to **Biblical Ephesus**, where both Paul and John preached. Late afternoon visit to **Patmos**, where John wrote the Book of Revelation. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - Crete/Santorini - Visit ports of call at **Heraklion, Crete** and the **Island of Santorini**. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Piraeus-Thessaloniki-Kavala- Morning disembark; retrace footsteps of Paul in Thessaloniki, then on to Kavala (Neapolis). Visit Philippi, the site where Paul first preached the Gospel and met Lydia, a noble woman from Asia Minor. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D).

Day 8 - Thessaloniki-Berea-Kalambaka - See **Church of St. George, Pella**, home of the Lion Hunt. Continue on to **Berea** and the **Ayios Christos Church**. Dinner and overnight stay in **Kalambaka**. (B,D)

Day 9 - Kalambaka-Athens - Depart hotel for another fantastic day. Visit the **Meteora Monasteries**, built on 24 perpendicular rocks. Visit will include 2 monasteries before driving towards Athens for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 10 - Corinth - After breakfast, travel to **ancient Corinth** where Paul preached and wrote First Thessalonians and his letter to the Romans. Return to Athens and cross the **Corinth Canal**, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Back to Athens for free time to rest before dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 11 - Home - Transfer to the airport for our flight home, arriving the same day.



THE ARK ENCOUNTER



Domestic tour
Motor coach

ITINERARY

5 Days

Day 1 - Bowling Green, KY - Early morning departure from Zachary, Baton Rouge, Hammond, Meridian, MS, to Bowling Green, KY for overnight.

Day 2 - Lexington, KY - This morning we visit the **Corvette Museum**. All Corvettes are built in Bowling Green. Mid-day sightseeing in Louisville, KY. Visit **Churchill Downs** and **Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory**. Visit Frankfort, Kentucky's State Capitol. Two-night stay in Lexington.

Day 3 - Lexington, KY - Morning visit to the **Creation Museum** in Petersburg, KY. Then lunch and a visit to the fascinating reconstructed **Noah's Ark**. This life-size museum was built in the exact size and dimensions of the Old Testament-based ark. Then back to Lexington for our second night.

Day 4 - Nashville, TN - Before leaving the Lexington area, we visit the wonderful **Kentucky Horse Park** with its parade of horse breeds, seeing multiple breeds of beautiful horses. This afternoon we drive across Kentucky and into Tennessee for overnight.

Day 5 -Home - Today we drive home, arriving in Baton Rouge this evening.



OTHER TOURS TO CONSIDER

Looking for senior adult trips or life group tours or women's ministry trips to encourage group bonding and friendship? Consider some of these motor coach tours we offer. Interested in longer tours? Ask us about our longer domestic tours or our international tours.



Branson

- 4 days
- 2 to 4 shows
- Deluxe motor coach
- Most meals included

Smokies Fall Foliage

- 5 days
- Smoky Mountain National Park, Dollywood
- 2 shows
- 5 meals



Arkansas Fall

- 4 days
- 3 historic resorts/hotels
- Deluxe motor coach
- 5 meals included
- Thorncrown Chapel, Great Passion Play, Crystal Bridges Museum

Nashville Christmas

- 4 days
- General Jackson Showboat, Ice, Country Christmas Dinner & Show, Grand Ole Opry
- 5 meals



TOUR LOGISTICS AND PRICING

Trips will vary in price according to the duration of the trip and the destination. Pricing is based on double occupancy (2 to a room). Triple and quad rates are not offered. Should travelers wish to room 3 or 4 to a room, they will all pay double occupancy rates. This is due to many hotels now charging *more* for triple and quad occupancy. Should someone wish to room as a single (1 to a room), they will pay an additional single supplement fee.

Frees: Frees are based on the number of people signed up for a group and can be agreed upon before trip pricing is confirmed. A standard free ratio is 1 to 20 paid passengers but can be adjusted based on the needs of a group.

Minimum participants: Groups must have a minimum number of participants in order for a trip to go. This is usually between 15 and 20 people depending on the trip.

Tour Leader versus Tour Guide: A tour leader is someone from your group who is the designated leader for the trip. This could be a church staff member, a pastor, or someone else who has been assigned the role. This person will be the contact with our agency in the planning of the trip, and will be responsible for checking the group in to the hotels, instructing the group on wake up times and departure times, and in general, managing all of the group's details while on the trip. We will provide all documents and materials the tour leader needs, including a detailed day-by-day. A tour leader's cost is typically covered as a **free** due to the work they will be doing for the rest of the group.

A tour guide is someone from our agency who will accompany your group and handle all of the details so everyone in your group can enjoy the trip without being responsible for the hotel check-ins, etc. There is an additional cost for utilizing a tour guide for your group.

Travel Insurance: We offer travel insurance for groups based on the price of the trip and not age and covers pre-existing conditions.

BOOKING PROCESS

Our agency makes it easy for your group to book, make payments, purchase travel insurance and answer all of their many questions they may have.

REGISTRATION

We provide itineraries and registration forms for you to share with your congregation.

DEPOSITS

You have a few options for receiving deposits.

Option 1 - Send our office a check to hold the number of spots you believe you can book, and as your church members pay you their deposits, you'll forward their registrations to us.

Option 2 - Receive your church members deposits and forward payments and registration forms to our agency for processing as you receive them.

Option 3 - Ask your church members to book directly with us, with deposits and registration forms, and let our office update you with a weekly list of names as we receive them.

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Deposits and subsequent payments are fully refundable until final payment deadline. After a deposit is received, a balance notice will be sent to each traveler. Partial payments can be made up until the final payment deadline, or one final balance payment at the time of the final payment deadline. Payments can be made online at our website (ACH or Credit Card) or by check in the mail. If a traveler needs to cancel after the deadline, they must have purchased travel insurance in order to file a claim and get a refund. For your group's convenience, we offer a group policy and pricing will be available with balance statement.



MATERIALS & TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Fourteen to thirty days before departure, we will provide a day-by-day for your group, along with other important information such as how to pack, and what to expect and your general travel documents such as your electronic flight confirmations. We'll also provide a scripture guide and some other resources your group may wish to explore before they travel. Should you like to offer a information meeting before the tour, please let us know, and we can try to provide some of this material so you can distribute it at your meeting.

READY TO GET STARTED?

Contact our office to get started. We will need to know the trip you're interested in doing, the dates you're interested in traveling, and the number of people you estimate will participate.

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