

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL

THE HOLY LAND

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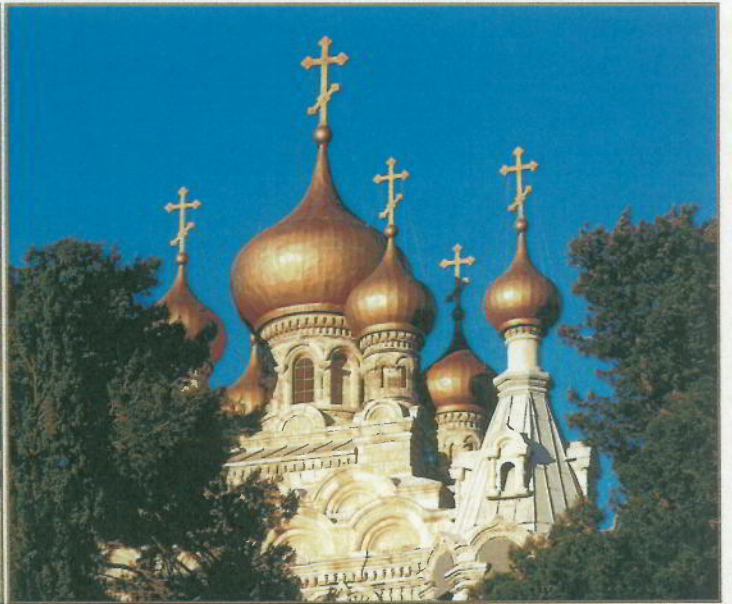
Haifa • Tiberias • Nazareth
Bethlehem • Jerusalem

hosted by

Pastor Jon Benson

10 Days: October 8 - 17, 2012

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Dear Friends,

A journey to the Holy Land is a spiritual Pilgrimage that every Christian should make at least once in a lifetime. There the Bible comes alive with names and events we have been hearing about all our lives. It brings a new richness as we walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem and visit such

awe-inspiring points of spiritual interest as the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Mt. Zion, and the Upper Room.

We'll also visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Shepherd's Field, and Nazareth. Add to that the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mt. of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of Loaves and Fishes and much more! And to share this spiritual experience with other Christians is an even more enriching experience. It creates a unique fellowship. It is a journey that is to be treasured forever.

Thousands of tourists are flocking to the Holy Land again. Now is the time to make this dream, this "trip of a lifetime" a reality for you. Of the many countries I have visited over the years, only one leaves such an emotional and spiritual impact ...the Holy Land!

I invite you to join our group on this inspiring adventure. Please send your registration and deposit back to me as soon as possible to secure a place on this tour.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jon Benson

TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Omaha.
- Accommodations in First Class hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Services of English speaking guides.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- Automatic \$100,000 flight insurance.*
- All service charges and local taxes.

*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

MON, OCT 8 – OMAHA/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Begin your exciting journey as you depart Omaha on board your overnight transatlantic flight to the Holy Land.

TUE, OCT 9 – ARRIVE TEL AVIV

Arrive Tel Aviv today where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motorcoach for the transfer to your hotel in the Tel Aviv area. Your exciting journey to the Land of the Bible begins. (D)

WED, OCT 10 – TEL AVIV/CAESAREA/HAIFA/TIBERIAS

Drive north today to Caesarea to view the ruins of the Crusaders' fortress and moat and sit in the great Roman amphitheatre. Continuing along the coast, you will see the aqueduct that carried water from Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. On to Megiddo located on the Plain of Esdraelon. Visit the museum, ruins of the city and Solomon's Stables. Continue to Haifa where you will ascend Mt. Carmel for a magnificent view of the sea and harbor. See the Carmelite Monastery and Elijah's Cave as well as the Bahai Temple with its lovely Persian Gardens. Proceed to Tiberias for the night. (B,D)

THU, OCT 11 – TIBERIAS

Today, cross the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, center of Jesus' Ministry in the Galilee. Visit the ruins of the Second Century Synagogue. Continue to Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Then on to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the famous Sermon on the Mount and chose the Twelve Apostles. Return to Tiberias for the night. (B,D)

FRI, OCT 12 – TIBERIAS/CANA/NAZARETH/JERUSALEM

Depart today via Tabgha and Magdala to Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine. Proceed to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Here you will visit the Church of the Annunciation and the winding streets of the old city. Proceed via the Jordan Valley and Beit Shean to Jerusalem and your hotel. (B,D)

SAT, OCT 13 – JERUSALEM

This morning proceed on a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. Enter St. Stephen's Gate. Visit St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the crippled man. Continue to the Temple Area. See the Dome of the Rock, the El Aqsa Mosque and the Wailing Wall. Exit via the Dung Gate to St. Peter's in Gallicantu. View the Valley of Gehenna and the Pool of Siloam.

This afternoon enter Herod's Gate to the Roman Praetorium, beneath the Sisters of Zion Convent, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you walk the Via Dolorosa, the traditional way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy

Sepulchre. Leave the Old City through the Damascus Gate. End your inspiring visit at the Garden Tomb, believed by many to be Golgotha. (B,D)

SUN, OCT 14 – JERUSALEM

Drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Descend the Mt. of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane and walk along the ancient olive trees, viewing the Kidron Valley. Visit the Church of All Nations on the Rock of Agony. Ascend Mount Zion to see the Upper Room, traditional site of the Last Supper. Drive to Bethlehem. Visit the Church of the Nativity. See the Manger where Jesus was born and Shepherd’s Field. Time to shop for wood carvings before returning to Jerusalem. (B,D)

MON, OCT 15 – JERUSALEM

This morning we drive to Bethany to visit Lazarus’ Tomb and the village of Mary and Martha. Then on to Biblical Jericho, believed to be the oldest city in the world. View Elisha’s Spring and the Mount of Temptations. Continue to the Dead Sea, 1288 feet below sea level, site of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah. Stop at the Caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and visit the excavations. On the east side of the Dead Sea are the Moab Mountains and Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Continue to the citadel stronghold of Masada. Ascend by cable car to the fortress where 967 Zealots made their last stand against Rome in 73 AD. (B,D)

TUE, OCT 16 – JERUSALEM

Today the day is at leisure for shopping and exploring the city on your own. (B,D)

WED, OCT 17 – JERUSALEM/TEL AVIV/OMAHA

Your exciting adventure in the Holy Land is over as you transfer to the airport to board your flight back to Omaha, arriving the same day. (B)

B=Breakfast

D=Dinner

A word about NAWAS . . .

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 62 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

EXPERIENCE: There is no substitute for 62 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

RELIABILITY: For more than 62 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.

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RESERVATION FORM

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Please read the all-inclusive tour features and conditions. Then complete this handy form. Book early!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

MAIL TO: Pastor Jon Benson
SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
633 Willow Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
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- double room sharing with.....
- single room (\$650 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$.....as deposit (\$400 per person) for.....person(s)

Passenger #1:

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....

First.....

Middle.....

Gender: Please check Male Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth.....Country of
(day/month/year) Citizenship

Place of Birth.....
(city/state)

Passenger #2:

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....

First.....

Middle.....

Gender: Please check Male Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth.....Country of
(day/month/year) Citizenship

Place of Birth.....
(city/state)

This reservation form serves as your acceptance of the policies, terms and conditions as outlined in the General Conditions on the back of this brochure.

****Please include a clear photocopy of your passport****

GENERAL CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$400 per person. No reservation is considered firm until deposit has been received. Your initial deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms of our General Conditions. Space is limited and offered on a first-come basis. Final payment is due at Nawas Travel 100 days prior to departure date.

Nawas accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express for balance/final payments only. Credit cards are not accepted for deposits. The price of the tour already includes a built-in discount of 3% for payments made by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales. Credit cards will only be accepted prior to the final payment due date. Credit card charges cannot be accepted over the telephone. Tour members who want to use a credit card for final payment should contact Nawas at the time final payment is due for further information.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: A U.S.A. passport valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the trip is required to travel. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to check their passport's expiration date. Non-U.S.A. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport. It is the sole responsibility of non-U.S.A. citizens (including green card holders) to ensure they have the required visas/travel documents for each country to be visited on their tour and for re-entry into the U.S.A. Visa fees (if any) are not included in the tour price.

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: By any IATA/ARC air carrier or other scheduled jet carrier, in economy class, with flights and air routings at the discretion of the air carriers and Nawas and based on non-refundable bulk group fares. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. We strongly recommend all tour members retain both their ticket receipts and boarding passes as copies of same cannot be provided. Airline tickets must bear your first, middle and last name as it appears on your passport. Passengers must apply directly with the airline for frequent flyer mileage, awards are at the sole discretion of the airline. Nawas makes every effort to provide the lowest possible price on our group tours and therefore does not guarantee the most direct routing to/from your final destination. Nawas is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules or delays a flight for any reason. Nawas is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled or delayed flights by any carrier.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION: By deluxe motorcoach.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Accommodations are at first class hotels based on two persons sharing a twin or double bedded room with private bath. Nawas cannot guarantee roommates. A person taking a single room (subject to availability) must pay a supplement of \$650.

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily.

SIGHTSEEING: As specified in the itinerary using motorcoach transportation or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and the services of local English-speaking guides or tour managers are included.

TRANSFERS: Assistance and transfers from airports to hotels and vice versa in private motorcoach.

SERVICE CHARGES, TAXES AND PORTERAGE: Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on April 18, 2011, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and porters at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price.

FLIGHT INSURANCE: Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

DEVIATIONS: All deviation requests from the group itinerary must be received at Nawas in writing no

later than 100 days prior to departure. A \$100 non refundable fee per person will be charged on all deviations in addition to any extra airfare that may be incurred. Air deviations are subject to availability and restrictions as imposed by the airlines.

BAGGAGE: Airlines may now charge baggage fees for checked luggage on international/domestic flights based on the policy of each carrier. The maximum number of pieces of luggage, the weight allowance and baggage dimensions may also vary by airline from the USA to overseas destinations and beyond. Many carriers require that checked luggage in economy class not exceed 50 lbs with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches. Regulations vary for business/first class passengers. Airline policies regarding baggage are subject to change at any time without prior notice. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with their airline prior to departure for baggage information, regulations and compliance. Nawas is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. Due to space limitations on Nawas motorcoaches, Nawas can only allow one piece of luggage per person plus a carry-on bag with total dimensions of 45 inches which fits in the overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you. Wheeled carry-on bags are not permitted due to limited motorcoach capacity. Nawas Travel accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to the tour members' baggage or personal belongings at any time. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon written request.

TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:

Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must advise NAWAS in writing at the time of reservation. A physically able companion must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. NAWAS is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain countries/destinations involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. NAWAS is not responsible for any passenger requiring special medical equipment.

THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees/surcharges and fuel surcharges (taxes/surcharges currently estimated at \$600 to \$675 per person), passport fees, visa fees (if any), phone calls, valet/laundry service, wines, liquors, mineral water, after dinner coffee or tea, tips to escort, guides, drivers and waiters, sightseeing and other services not specifically mentioned, excess baggage and all other items of a purely personal nature.

CANCELLATIONS: Written cancellations received by Nawas Travel up to June 9, 2012, refunds will be made less a \$200 per person cancellation fee. From June 10, 2012 to 70 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a \$400 per person cancellation fee. From 69 to 31 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. From 30 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. Failure to receive final payment by the due date may result in the cancellation of your tour reservation and the forfeiture of your deposit. Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. No refunds will be given for any unused services while on tour.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to allow for unexpected medical emergencies. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon written request.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The airfare used is based on non-refundable bulk group fares in effect on April 18, 2011. Airlines reserve the right to increase fares without prior notice. Tour members will be required to pay any airfare increases and fuel surcharges as imposed by the airlines prior to departure.

Land costs are based on estimated 2012 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on April 18, 2011 and a minimum of 32 or more participants. While we have made the best possible estimates of what we expect costs to be in 2012, we cannot guarantee actual prices, exchange rates and airfares. Any increases in land costs or airfare that may occur will be collected from each passenger prior to departure. We reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour consistent with normal increases should the group fall below 32 persons, or in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance supplier to obtain the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

RESPONSIBILITY: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, INC. (NAWAS), and their agents

act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by railroad, motor bus, motor car, cruise vessel, boat, air or any other means. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, NAWAS is not liable for any damage, loss (including but not limited to personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress, death and property loss), expense or inconvenience caused by any act, omission or default of any supplier providing tour services or by any other person or reason whatsoever or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader/host or travel agent. NAWAS assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier. NAWAS reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time, to operate the tour with a substitute tour leader at any time, to decline or not retain any person as a member of the tour for any cause at any time. Nawas reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary if needed including deleting and adding cities and changing the sequence of the itinerary, or whenever in Nawas' sole judgment as conditions warrant, or if Nawas deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchasers of this tour and/or passengers. The services of any IATA/ARC air carrier may be used in connection with this tour.

***California Residents:** Please read the enclosed disclosure required by the Sellers of Travel Act before booking.

Exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any and all disputes arising under, in connection with, or related to these General Conditions or the provision of services by NAWAS shall be in the state court sitting in Fairfield County, Connecticut, and you expressly agree not to challenge the jurisdiction or venue of such court or to assert that such court is not a convenient forum. All disputes arising under, in connection with, or related to these General Conditions or the provision of services by NAWAS shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of Connecticut, without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. Payment of deposits by tour participants indicates acceptance of the above terms and General Conditions.

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