

A JOURNEY OF FAITH TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

with Solana Beach & La Jolla Presbyterian Churches



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FEBRUARY 11-22, 2024



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 -

Depart Los Angeles with Turkish Airlines nonstop flight #10 to Istanbul, leaving at 6:25pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – GALILEE

Arrive Istanbul at 6:15pm and connect with Turkish Airlines nonstop flight #864 to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion, leaving at 7:35pm and arriving at 8:40pm. Upon arrival, you will be met by a Ya'lla Tours USA Israel representative and our tour guide who will assist the group with the transfer to our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for overnight. Stay in a Deluxe Room at NOF GINOSAR, a 4-star hotel surrounded by lawns and private gardens on the waterfront of the Sea of Galilee. www.ginosar.co.il/en/hotel/

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – TIBERIAS (B,L,D)

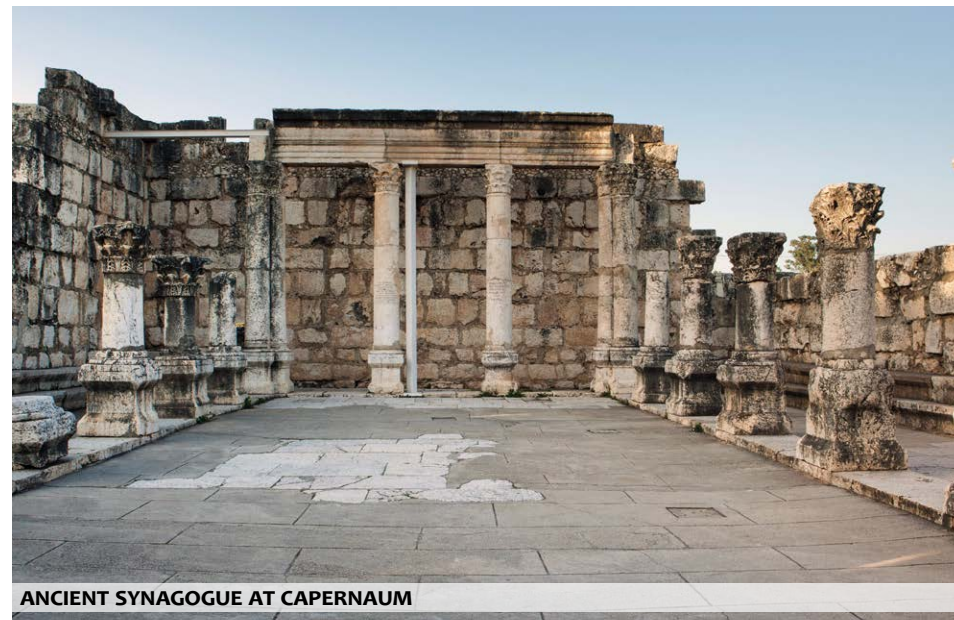
Take a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to visit the 2,000-year-old Ginosar Boat (“the Jesus boat”) discovered in 1986. Nearby, we visit the New Testament fishing village of Magdala (Matthew 27:56, 61). Continue to Tabgha, the traditional site of the multiplication of bread and fish (John 6:1) and then to Capernaum, with an ancient synagogue where Christ taught. The disciples Peter and Andrew made their homes here as well (John 6:24). Enjoy a St. Peter’s Fish lunch by the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Then visit the Church of the Primacy, where Peter was first among the apostles to confess the divinity of Christ (Matthew 16:16, Mark 8:29, John 6:69). Continue to Kursi and see the remains of the Byzantine church and floor mosaic commemorating the miracle of the swine running into the Sea of Galilee (Mark 5:15). End the day on the Jordan River, where you will have the opportunity to renew your baptism. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – TIBERIAS (B,D)

Visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, the traditional site where Jesus Christ delivered the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5). Next, we are off to the ruins of the prehistoric settlement at Tel Dan, once a thriving Canaanite community and the northern limit of the Promised Land. It was here that King Jeroboam set up a calf altar that brought disaster on Israel. Back on the bus, we continue north to Caesarea Philippi (Banias Spring), where Peter confessed to Jesus, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16). From this location, we can see Mt. Hermon, often covered with snow year-round. Continue to the Golan Heights and Mount Bental, a beautiful spot for panoramic views of the Upper Galilee, the Golan Heights, Mount Hermon and Syria. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – TIBERIAS (B,L,D)

Visit Cana, where Jesus performed his first public miracle, turning water into wine at a wedding (John 2:1–11). Continue to Nazareth Village for a first-hand experience of the way of life in Galilee during the days of Jesus, including a biblical-style lunch. While in Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23), we will also visit the Annunciation Church where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary (Luke 1:26-38). Then visit Mt. Precipice, where Christ was taken “...to throw him off the cliff” (Luke 4:28-30). Take in the view of the Jezreel Valley (Armageddon), Mt. Tabor (The Mt. of Transfiguration) and Mt. Gilboa (where Gideon chose his 300 brave men). Next, we head to Megiddo (I Kings 9:15) where archaeological digs have revealed 26 layers



ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE AT CAPERNAUM



CAESAREA MARITIMA

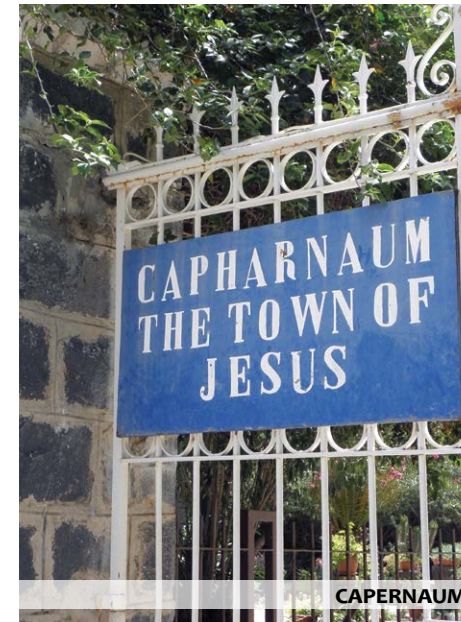


THE JORDAN RIVER

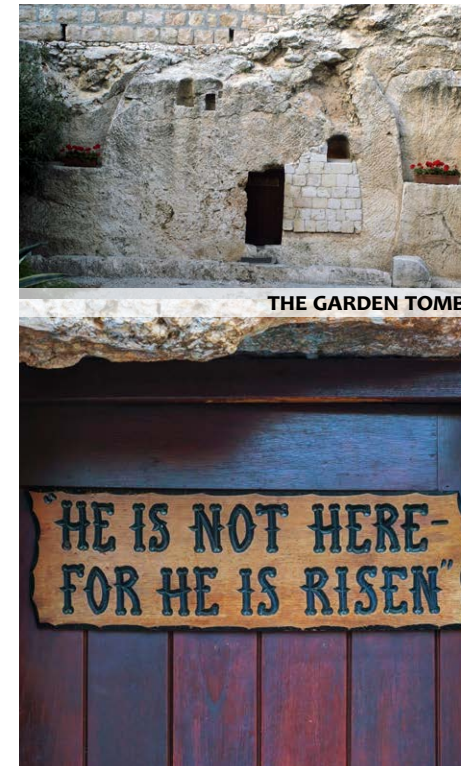
of civilization, including fortifications of King Solomon and a water tunnel of King Ahab. Megiddo provides a magnificent view of the fertile Jezreel Valley, the prophesied site of Armageddon, at the crossroads of the ancient Via Maris “freeway.” Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

Early this morning, we will drive south along the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean (I Samuel 31:10) to view the expansive excavations taking place at this ancient Roman Decapolis city. Continue north to Mt. Carmel to visit Muhraka, where Elijah the prophet “faced off” with the prophets of Ba’al (I Kings 18:18). Then we drive through the fast-growing towns and farms of the Plain of Sharon en route to Caesarea Maritima, a large port city built by Herod the Great to honor Roman Caesar



CAPERNAUM



THE GARDEN TOMB

Augustus. Herod built a port in the bay and erected the cultural institutions found in every great Greco-Roman city, including a theater, a hippodrome, and a luxurious bathhouse. In order to supply water to the city’s ever-growing population, he built an aqueduct system stretching from the springs of Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. Part of this system is still visible today. The Book of Acts refers repeatedly to Caesarea as the city Peter visited (Acts 10). Then climb the Judean hills to the most beautiful city in the world, JERUSALEM, for dinner and overnight. GRAND COURT JERUSALEM HOTEL is located near the historic Mandelbaum Gate and within easy walking distance of Jerusalem’s Old City. <https://www.grandhotels-israel.com/grand-court-hotel-jerusalem>

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

Drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives (Acts 1:8) for a magnificent view of the Old City. Take the “Palm Sunday Walk” to the Dominus Flevit Church (“the Lord weeps,” Luke 19:41-44). During construction in 1955, archaeologists uncovered artefacts dating back to the Canaanite period as well as tombs from both the Second Temple and Byzantine eras. Also unearthed were the remains of a lovely Byzantine shrine with an elaborate mosaic floor that was incorporated into the church. Continue walking down to the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36). Some of the oldest olive trees in the world are here. We will visit the Church of All Nations which contains the stone where Jesus prayed on the night of his betrayal, according to tradition. We will have time for singing, reflection, and prayer in a quiet area of the Garden of Gethsemane. Next we’ll have some time for browsing and shopping. Then enter the Old City through St. Stephen’s Gate (Lions’ Gate) and the Christian Quarter. Here is the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1), where Jesus healed the lame man, and St. Anne’s Church, an outstanding example of crusader architecture, with amazing acoustics. Walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) past the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In 325, Constantine’s mother Helen first requisitioned the area for a church. The 4th-century church was largely destroyed by the Turks in 1009 and partially restored in 1048. The impressive stone decorations adorning the facade date from crusader times. In its current form, the church preserves the crusader structure and is shared by two major Christian denominations, the Greek Orthodox and the Roman Catholic. A tomb inside the church is held by some traditions to be the place of Jesus’ burial and resurrection. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – JERUSALEM (B,L,D)

Visit the Israel Museum to see an exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book and a scale model of Jerusalem as it was in Jesus’ time. Continue to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. “As the Jewish people’s living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations. For over half a century, Yad Vashem has been committed to four pillars of remembrance: Commemoration, Documentation, Research, and Education.” Meet a local cantor for a service in memory of the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis. Then we drive 6 miles south of Jerusalem to Bethlehem (Micah 5:2 and Luke 2:1). Enjoy a typical Arabic lunch in Bethlehem. Then visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use. The church was built in the early 4th century over the traditional birthplace of Jesus. Then we continue through the Field of Boaz to the Shepherds’ Field (Luke 2) where we will revisit the Christmas story with the angels and shepherds of Bethlehem. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

Start the morning with a visit to Caiaphas Palace (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, John 18:12) and see the cistern where Jesus was held before he was taken to Pilate and the Roman Period steps he walked from the Kidron Valley. Continue to Mt. Zion to visit King David’s Tomb and the Last Supper Room (Luke 22:7-28). Next, we will visit the City of David and see excavations which reveal the time period of King David. If weather permits, we will walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel and visit the Pool of Siloam where Jesus sent the blind man to be healed. Walk the Pilgrims Road direct to the Old City. See the ancient Southern Steps and the Hulda Gates (II Kings 22:14) which originally led up to



JERUSALEM OLD CITY FROM MT. OF OLIVES

the Temple entrance where Jesus is known to have taught and fought with the money changers. Walk to the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism and the only visible remains of Herod's splendid Second Temple, where Jesus walked and taught. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, huge arched spaces just north of the Western Wall which link to a Hasmonean period water tunnel. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

Drive east from Jerusalem to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. See Jericho from a short distance, and Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Continue to Masada, a natural fortress with majestic ruins overlooking the Dead Sea. Take a cable car to the top of the rock for a tour. Jewish zealots held out here for several months in 73AD under siege by the 10th Roman legion. The Romans finally took the fortress by way of a massive attack ramp. Then drive to the Dead Sea for a float in the soothing, therapeutic water. Stop at the Good Samaritan Inn to revisit the famous parable in Luke 10 and view some ancient mosaics. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – JERUSALEM (B,D)

We begin our last day in Jerusalem with a visit to the Garden Tomb, held by many Protestants to be the location of the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (John 19:38 & Luke 23). We will have some time for prayer and meditation and Holy Communion.

Then we drive south through Tzora and Eshta'ol, the region where Samson battled the Philistines. Stop at Tel Azekah, an Israelite military outpost, from which we'll view the Sorek Valley and the Elah Valley, where David slew the giant Goliath with only faith and a slingshot. Continue to the Lachish area on the southern coast of Israel, where we will participate in an archaeological dig in Tel Maresha (Joshua 15:20, 44 and 2 Chronicles 11: 5-8). Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – (B)

Transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport for your departure with Turkish Airlines nonstop flight #793 to Istanbul, leaving at 7:20am and arriving at 10:45am. Connect to Turkish Airlines flight #9 nonstop to Los Angeles, leaving at 1:15pm and arriving at 4:45pm.



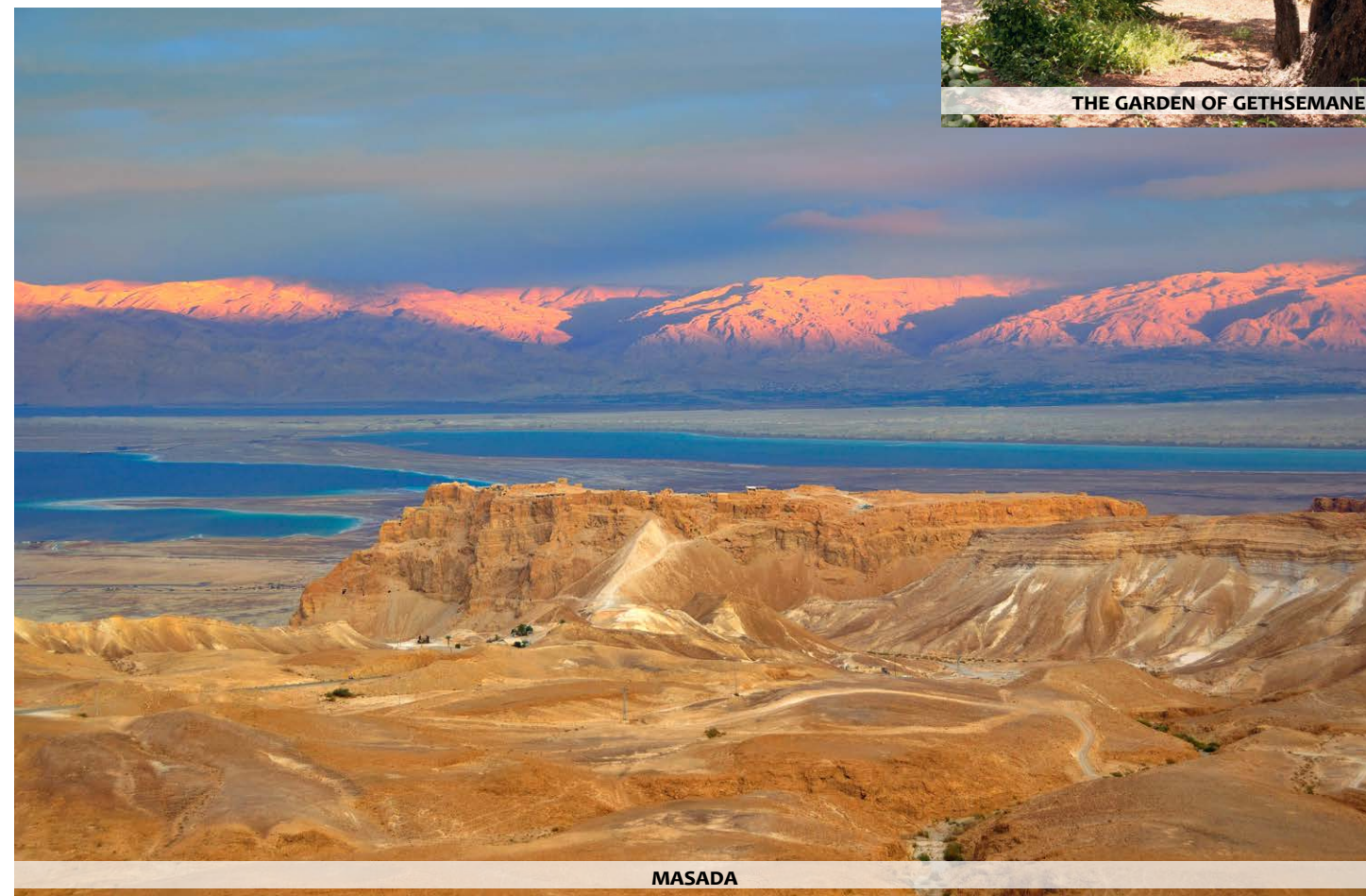
THE DEAD SEA



THE WESTERN WALL



THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE



MASADA

Price per person in a double room: \$4,895

Price per person in a single room: \$5,990

TOUR INCLUDES: roundtrip, economy airfare between Los Angeles and Tel Aviv with Turkish Airlines / airline departure taxes, subject to change / private airport transfers in Israel / 10 nights of hotel accommodations with daily buffet breakfast and dinner / 3 lunches per the itinerary / 9 days of touring in a private, luxurious, air-conditioned bus with a licensed, English-speaking guide / site entrance fees per the itinerary / private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee / participation in an archaeological dig / baggage handling at airports and hotels in Israel / local taxes and service fees / tips to guides, drivers, restaurants and hotels

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE: meals and drinks other than specified / personal expenses / travel insurance (\$420.97 per person in a double room and \$515.14 in a single room, currently required to enter Israel.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Air schedules are subject to change. / Passports must be valid for at least 6 months past your return date. / An \$800 per person deposit is due with registration, refundable up to 90 days before departure. / Final payment is due November 13, 2023.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRICE:

- The price of the tour is based on a minimum group size of 40 passengers. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.'s control, our suppliers increase the price, Ya'lla USA Inc. will adjust the price accordingly.
- Should the number of participants, 90 days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly or the tour will be cancelled.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

- A deposit of \$800 per person is required upon registration. The deposit is refundable up to November 13, 2023.
- Final payment is due November 13, 2023, 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- For cancellation 89-45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.
- For cancellation 44-30 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.
- For cancellation 29 or fewer days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.
- No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, accommodations, entrance fees, and others listed in the program.
- If Ya'lla Tours USA cancels the trip/tour for reasons beyond its control, a credit voucher will be offered for the land services good for use up to 18 months from the original travel date to any Ya'lla Tours USA destination. Any refund or credit of airfare included by Ya'lla Tours USA in the trip/tour will be determined by the policy of each individual airline.
- Travel insurance is **NONREFUNDABLE**.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Ya'lla Tours will do its best to maintain the content of the tour. The Tour operator reserves the right to change the listed hotels to others of similar quality.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas Ya'lla Tours USA and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage, nonperformance, general risks of travel, government regulations or acts of god occurring in connection with suppliers of these tours. The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven. Venue for any dispute is Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:

Passports must be valid for at least six months following your return date from your travel destination. For more specific visa requirement, please contact the relevant consulate for current information.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is not included in your tour price but is highly recommended.

Solana Beach & La Jolla Presbyterian Churches - Israel Pilgrimage # 18780
February 11 - 22, 2024

Last name _____ First name _____ Nickname _____

Last name _____ First name _____ Nickname _____

(Please provide a copy of your passport prior to final payment.)

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Tel _____ email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Tel _____

Type of room? DOUBLE ___ SINGLE ___ Sharing with _____

Do you wish to purchase travel insurance? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please add the applicable amount to your deposit: \$420.97/person in a double room or \$515.14 in a single room.

If no, "I understand that I will be fully responsible for any fees or costs associated with the tour due to cancellation/medical necessities/lost baggage/delayed flights, etc."

Signature X _____ Date: _____

I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:

Signature X _____ Date: _____

Please sign this form and return it with a check or credit card deposit of \$800 per person. Make checks payable to: **Ya'lla Tours USA** and send to:

Ya'lla Tours USA – Attention Tracy Singer
15532 SW Pacific Hwy C1B #127, Tigard, OR 97224
Phone: (800) 644-1595 ext. 106 / Email: tracy@vallatours.com

For credit card charge (VI, MC, DS, AMEX):

Credit card type _____ Name on the card _____

Card number _____ Exp _____ Security code _____

Billing address if different from above _____

I hereby authorize **Ya'lla Tours USA** to charge my credit card \$ _____ as a deposit for the **Solana Beach & La Jolla Presbyterian Israel Pilgrimage**. By signing this form, I further state that I have personally read the attached terms and conditions and agree to each of them. Specifically, I understand that should I cancel my trip for any reason, I will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the "Cancellations & Refunds" section.

Signature for the credit card X _____ Date: _____

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