

## 10 DAY HOLY LAND TOUR OF ISRAEL

APRIL 29 — MAY 8

### TRIP SIGNUP

Based on initial sign ups and deposits, the trip capacity has been reached, and a waitlist has been started. Please talk with Linda Sands to learn more.



If you would like to be placed on the waitlist, please fill out the online enrollment form with a \$500 trip deposit to Dehoney Travel. You can also call Dehoney at (812) 206-1080, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

When submitting your form, it is important to also include a photocopy of your passport photo/informational page.

### TRIP DEADLINES

Airline seats are currently on hold and will be booked in late December/early January. Your seat cannot be officially booked without a passport, so if applying for or renewing a passport, it must be provided to Dehoney Travel by mid-December.

Final payment of the trip fees are (tentatively) due the week of February 19.

### HOW TO OBTAIN OR RENEW A PASSPORT

If anyone needs to apply for a new or renewed passport, the US State Department is currently advising that people should allow up to 13 weeks to get their passport. That means that if someone applies for a new passport today, it could be December before their new passport arrives. With that in mind, we strongly recommend that anyone needing a new passport prior to the trip go ahead and apply for it *immediately*.

If you do not have a passport or if your passport was issued more than 15 years ago, you will need to apply in person at a passport acceptance facility. Both the Hewitt Post Office and the Main Post Office on Highway 6 have passport forms and will help you file your applications and renewals. You can find instructions at:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/apply-in-person.html>.

If you currently hold a passport, the expiration may not fall within six months of the trip return date. If it does expire during this window, you will need to renew your passport prior to the trip. You can learn more at:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/renew.html>.

# TRIP NOTES

## FLIGHTS + ACCOMMODATIONS

We will travel early in the morning on April 29, round-trip from DFW to Tel Aviv on Delta Airlines.

The group will stay three nights at the Magdala Hotel in Migdal (Tiberias area)  
[www.magdalahotel.com](http://www.magdalahotel.com)

Plus four nights in Jerusalem at the Dan Panorama Hotel  
[www.danhotels.com/JerusalemHotels/DanPanoramaJerusalemHotel](http://www.danhotels.com/JerusalemHotels/DanPanoramaJerusalemHotel)

## MEALS

Breakfast and dinner are provided each day; plus one lunch at St. Peter's Fish by the Sea of Galilee. Snacks and other lunches are on your own.

## WALKING

There is quite a bit of walking on the trip, and much of that is on uneven terrain - loose stones or gravel at archaeological sites - and then cobblestoned sidewalks & streets in modern parts of cities (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, etc). If anyone is a little unsteady on their feet, they might consider taking a collapsible cane or walking stick even if that's not something they normally use at home.

You will hit 10-15,000 steps per day. The walking will be spread out over the course of the day. You may spend a half-hour walking around at a site while the guide is explaining things to the group, then get back on the bus and ride 20 minutes to the next site, where you'll walk around for a while again, etc. With a manageable pace and a number of "sit-down" breaks during the day, most able-bodied people find that they can handle the amount of walking.

If someone is too tired to participate at a site, they are welcome to stay on the bus and wait for the group to return; many sites also have a coffee shop or restaurant where someone can sit and wait if they want to get off their feet for a while. If someone wants to skip an entire day and just stay at the hotel, that is certainly fine - as long as it's not May 3, the day you transition for the Galilee to Jerusalem and will be moving to a different hotel.

## MORE INFO

More details regarding packing, what to wear, ground transportation, etc. will be provided in January to those signed up for the trip.