

Dr. Mark Welshimer is the Senior Pastor of Polk Street UMC in Amarillo, TX. He has been a pastor for over 25 years and has served as a Youth Minister, Associate Pastor, Chaplain, and Senior Pastor. He has hosted and led many international mission and educational trips and has a passion for experiential learning that is practical and transformational. He also loves traveling with Hannaniah as they both love to learn and laugh a lot!



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Hannaniah (Oliver) Pinto has lived in Jerusalem, Israel from 1983-2004. He is an Israeli tour guide licensed in four languages. His teaching is focused on archaeology and the Jewish background of the Bible. He will help the group to understand the remains of biblical towns, connecting them to stories in the Bible in new and exciting ways. His recently published book: "Jesus' Last Night with His Disciples, a Study of the First Century Historical and Archaeological Setting of The Last Supper" will provide many insights into our journey to Israel. He is the co-founder of Biblical History Center, a museum featuring the daily life in biblical times, headquartered in LaGrange, GA. Our tours include Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain.

Included in Price

- Tour price includes accommodations for 14 nights in selected superior 4-star hotels with modern comforts, including private facilities, AC, TV, etc.
- Breakfast, dinners and fish lunch Jan 9
- Teacher/Guide: Hannaniah Pinto
- Tour bus for all transfers to/from airport with selected driver for all visits in the itinerary
- All entrance fees to sites on itinerary
- All tips to hotels, drivers, portage
- Flights from Amarillo, TX to Tel Aviv

Not Included in Price

- Any items of a personal nature, such as laundry, drinks or coffee with/after meals
- Lunches
- Travel insurance. (Recommended.)
- Single supplement Israel/Jordan: \$1200.00

Tour Conditions and Payment Schedule

- US \$500.00 per person due at registration.
- Full payment due 65 days before departure.
- Rates are based on a minimum of 20 participants. Prices quoted are in US Dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect as of Jan.2018. These rates are subject to change without notice, due to fuel surcharges and/or currency devaluation.
- We cannot use frequent flyer miles or upgrade with group rates. Program is reduced by \$950 per person if arranging your own flights, please RSVP

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

- All cancellations for any reason and at any time must be received in writing and will be subject to a \$100, per person, administration fee. Cancellation between 90-65 days of departure will be subject to additional loss of some non-recoverable sums from independent providers of land and air services.
- No refund is available 65 days or less prior to departure. (Full refund will be issued if BR withdraws the offer of the program). Air tickets once issued are non-refundable. However, it may be used within a year of its travel date according to airline policies.

Won't you join me on this pilgrimage?

**The Life of Jesus
 In Israel/Jordan
 With Dr. Mark Welshimer
 Polk Street UMC**



**Jan 4 - Jan 19, 2021
 Israel: \$5393 per person
 Round trip from Amarillo, TX**

Take that trip you have always wanted to take....

Hannaniah Pinto will weave together the context of Scripture through history, geography, archaeology and theology. Explore the settings of the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospels. Discover the time, places, customs and physical settings into which Jesus was born. Follow Jesus as his ministry unfolded in Galilee. Visit places important to his life and works. Step back in time and enter into the world of the Bible and follow Jesus in his ministry around the Sea of Galilee and as he turned his face toward Jerusalem.

Jan 4, Mon - Depart from Amarillo, TX to Tel Aviv.

Jan 5, Tues. - Arrive in Tel Aviv and greeted by your teacher/agent and transferred to the hotel. Dinner/Overnight at Metropolitan Hotel. **D**

Jan 6, Wed. - Matriarchs and Patriarchs

Drive to Negev Desert to visit Tel Beersheba, descend the water channel, visit Tel Arad, and continue to the hotel on the shore of the Dead Sea. Time to swim (float 33 percent salt) in the Dead Sea.

Dinner/Overnight at Leonardo Dead Sea. **B/D**

Jan 7, Thurs. - Romans, Tax Collectors, and Zealots

After breakfast we will take a cable car to the top of Masada (Jewish Stronghold against the Romans). Then take a walk at Ein Gedi waterfall. Visit the ruins at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Take a walk through the ruins at Beit Shean/Scythopolis a well-preserved Decapolis city.

Dinner/Overnight in Ein Gev Kibbutz. **B/D**

Jan 8 , Fri. - Jesus Early Ministry Nazareth/Sephoris and Jordan River

We will visit Nazareth and the Church of Annunciation, discuss the archaeological remains of the city and enjoy the religious art work from different countries displayed at the church. Next the city of Sephoris, view Tel Cana and discuss Jesus early ministry. Stop by the Yardenit, which is the Jordan River baptismal site, with the opportunity to renew your baptismal vows.

Dinner/Overnight in Ein Gev Kibbutz. **B/D**

Jan 9, Sat. - (Our Side) Jesus Ministry Around the Sea of Galilee

We will start our day in Capernaum (Synagogue, and the Octagonal Church), In Tabgha we will visit the Church of the Multiplication, (Loaves and Fishes) the traditional location for the feeding of the 5000. Visit the ruins of Chorazin. You will stand on the Mt. of Beatitudes Church, where Jesus gave his sermon. We will provide a St. Peters Fish lunch and finish with a relaxing boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

Dinner/Overnight in Ein Gev Kibbutz. **B/L/D**

Jan 10, Sun.- Jesus' withdrawal from Sea of Galilee

Drive to the Golan Heights to view Gamla, a Zealot stronghold and Quneitra, the border between Israel and Syria to talk about the road to Damascus and St. Paul. Visit Caesarea Philippi/Banias. Then enjoy a walk at Tel Dan along one of the sources of the Jordan River. View the borders with Lebanon and Israel.

Dinner/Overnight in Ein Gev Kibbutz. **B/D**

Jan 11, Mon. - Megiddo, Mt. Carmel and Caesarea Maritima

On our morning drive to visit the two major Old Testament cities, we will view Mount Tabor, Hill of Moreh, and Nain. First, we will explore excavations in the Valley of Armageddon, Megiddo. Then Mt. Carmel to visit the Carmelite Monastery (Elijah and Baal's prophet). We will also visit a New Testament city, Caesarea Maritima, built by King Herod the Great to be his Capital Port from where St. Paul departed on his missionary journeys, and Centurion Cornelius' meeting place with St. Peter in Acts 10. We will visit the theater, stadium, Byzantine Bath Compound, Cardo road, harbor and the Crusader Castle.

Dinner/Overnight Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem. **B/D**

Jan 12, Tues. - Jesus' Birth Place and Nativity stories

Tour Bethlehem Basilica of the Nativity. Enjoy time shopping for olive wood carvings and other "treasures" from local Christian artisans. On our way back to Jerusalem we will stop at the Herodian, the palace built by King Herod the Great for his burial place.

Dinner/Overnight Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem. **B/D**

Jan 13, Wed. - Jesus' Teaching in Jerusalem/Jewish Inquiries/City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel

View the mosques: Al Aksa and the Dome of the Rock. Go to the Western Wall (Kotel), for prayer [bring your written prayers to insert in wall], and the southern wall excavations. Visit the city of David, Areal "G" with optional walk through Hezekiah's tunnel (bring water shoes and flashlight).

Dinner/Overnight Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem. **B/D**

Jan 14, Thurs.— Triumphal Entry in Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, Via Dolorosa and The Last Supper

Start your morning on top of Mt. of Olives to view the old city. Walk the Palm Sunday route, visiting the Church of Dominus Fleitz (our Lord Wept). Visit the Garden of Gethsemane's "Church of All Nations", remembering Jesus praying in the garden. Enter the old city through St. Stephen's Gate to the Bethesda Pools, and sing at St. Anne's Crusader Church. You'll walk along the Via Dolorosa, visiting Antonia Fortress, Stations of the Cross and spending time interpreting the chapels in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We will walk through Zion Gate to the Church of the Dormition (the Virgin Mary) and the Upper Room (Last Supper). Visit St. Peter in Gallicantu Church (traditional house of Caiaphas) End our day with communion at the Garden Tomb.

Dinner/Overnight Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem. **B/D**

Jan 15, Fri. - Museums in Jerusalem

Visit the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book (home of the Dead Sea Scrolls), the Holy Land Model of Jerusalem and the Holocaust Museum and the Menorah at the Kneset building. Free afternoon.

Dinner/Overnight Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem. **B/D**

Jan. 16, Sat. Visit Mt. Nebo, Madaba

After breakfast you will depart Jerusalem early to cross the border via the Allenby Bridge. After border procedures our Jordanian guide will welcome us into Jordan. Drive to Madaba to see the earliest mosaic floor map (5th Century AD) of the Holy land. Visit Mt. Nebo from where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land that he would never enter. The view from the summit provides a panorama of the Holy Land and, to the north, the valley of the River Jordan.

Dinner/Overnight Petra Guest House. **B/D**

Jan 17, Sun. - Sik, Treasure, Triclinium tables, Roman Theater and Road, and the Byzantine Churches.

After breakfast we will spend the day exploring the Nabatean ruins of Petra, where you can choose to ride a horse or take the walk in the Sik through the amazing, beautiful, red rock-cut architectures to the Treasurer, tricliniums, and the Roman Theater. Optional hike. Those that choose not to hike, there are shops at the entrance where you can enjoy some shopping while you wait for the hikers. Petra for lunch.

Dinner/Overnight Petra Guest House. **B/D**

Jan. 18 Mon. - Drive to Amman for city tour and lunch then visit the Archaeological Museum in Amman. Overnight/Dinner Grand Palace Hotel in Amman. **B/D**

Jan 19 Tues.

Early flight home.

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