

Tour Price Includes many Extra Features:

- Accommodations for 10 nights in selected superior 4 star hotels with modern comforts, such as: Mini bar, private bath, AC, TV, hair dryer etc.
- Breakfast and dinners at all hotels (unless specified in program), and farewell dinner.
- English-speaking guides.
- All lectures with Archaeologist, Dr. Jim Fleming and Hannaniah Pinto.
- All transfers to/from airport with group, and daily excursions on a comfortable AC bus, with a professional driver.
- All entrance fees to sites on itinerary.
- All tips for the trip are included.
- Round trip from Houston to Rome, Milan/Houston
- All the items mentioned in the itinerary.

Not Included in Price

- Any item(s) of a personal nature, such as laundry, drinks or coffee with/after meals or snacks.
- Lunches (unless specified in program)
- 3 dinners
- Travel insurance. (Recommended)
- Single supplement: US\$ 750.00

Tour Conditions and Payment Schedule

- Deposit of US \$500.00 per person due with registration form completed and mailed to our office.
- 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 January 2011.
- These rates are subject to change until tickets are issued. (without notice)

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Dr. James Fleming, lecturer on this trip, is the director of Biblical Resources, LLC and the CEO of The Explorations in Antiquity Center, a museum of daily life in biblical times, located in La-Grange, GA. He has lived and worked as an archaeologist and educator in Israel since 1974 and has taught classes in the School for Overseas Students at Hebrew University and the Ecumenical

Institute in Jerusalem. He has developed courses in historical geography and biblical history, uniquely tying the studies with the biblical text, with an emphasis on the theological implications. He is the author of several dozen notebooks and teaching materials that are an excellent help to pastors and leaders. He obtained his Ed.D. degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary, in Ft. Worth, TX.

Our Mission at the Explorations In Antiquity Center is to help people experience the ancient biblical world, its history and culture.



Hannaniah (Oliver) Pinto has lived in Jerusalem Israel since 1983. 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. He has recently published a book: "Jesus' Last Night with His

Disciples: A study of the First Century Historical and Archaeological Setting of the Last Supper." He currently directs the study programs for Biblical Resources and co-leads trips to Israel, Jordan, Turkey, Greece and Italy. He is program director at Explorations in Antiquity Center in LaGrange, Georgia.

Early Christian Archaeology, Architecture and Art in Rome And Northern Italy

Teacher: Dr. James Fleming



Oct. 22 –Nov. 2, 2012

\$4,950 Per Person

Round trip airfare from Houston
Double Occupancy

The unique features of this are:

1. Better understand how the depictions of biblical scenes changed from the Byzantine to Renaissance art.
2. Appreciate the architectural marvels of the Roman, Medieval and Renaissance periods.
3. Practical lectures revealing how early followers of Jesus understood the trials and crucifixions.

Rome and Northern Italy

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Oct. 22, Mon. - Depart from Houston to Rome.

Oct. 23, Tues. – Arrive in **Rome**. Drive to **Pompeii**. This excavation will help us to properly understand the archaeological insights into New Testament stories. The fateful eruption of **Mt Vesuvius** on August 24, of 79 CE destroyed and preserved the First Century Roman city of Pompeii. We will visit the kitchens, living rooms, heated baths, u-shaped triclinium dining areas and gardens of some of the villas. We continue on to **Sorrento**. There will be an optional lecture on the insights into the interpretation of texts in the Gospels, Acts, and letters of Paul in the light of the excavations. Our hotel these two nights will be in downtown Sorrento along a walking street on a beautiful cliff above the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento. **B/D**

Oct. 24, Wed. - We will meet your leader and drive through the **Campania Countryside** to the **Naples** area. We then will take a ferry to the island of **Capri**. The island was home for Tiberius Caesar (14-37 AD) during his final years. We will visit **Ana Capri** and **Mt. Solaro**. There will be an optional, steep walk to Villa Jovi (his Palace) or Blue Grotto. Then relax at a local cafe, or go shopping. Return to **Sorrento** by ferry. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento. **B/D**

Oct. 25, Thurs. - Rome. Today we will drive back to Rome where we will visit the main monuments in the city from the First Century CE. Roman occupation and cultural influence over biblical lands began in 63 BCE. Many decisions in the **Roman Forum** had worldwide implications. The ruling Imperial palaces were on the **Capitoline Hill**. Money and riches from Titus' destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE funded the construction of the **Coliseum**. On our walk to the **Pantheon** temple we will see the **Piazza Navonna** and other famous fountains and monuments. Dinner on your own tonight, we will offer some great suggestions. Overnight in Rome. **B/D**

Oct. 26, Fri. - Rome. This morning we visit some of the main **Christian sites in Rome**. We will visit the **Vatican** and its extensive **museums**. We will each have headsets to be better hear the words of your guide. Walking through the Galleries of the Candelabra, we will see rooms with maps and tapestries as we reach the **Vatican Palaces**. We will focus on the works of Michelangelo and Raphael and will see the apartments of Julius II, splendidly decorated by Raphael, the **Sistine Chapel** and end up in the **Basilica of St. Peter**. In the afternoon we will visit the church of **Saint Paul Outside the Walls**, the famous ancient road called the **Via Apia**. Concluding this day at the underground **Catacombs** of Saint Sebastian's traditional burial location of both Paul and Peter. Dinner and overnight in Rome. **B**

Oct. 27, Sat. – Rome/Florence. After breakfast drive north through the beautiful Tuscan countryside to visit **Florence**. We will start our walking tour at the town center with a visit to the **Piazza Del Duomo**. We will spend enough time there to appreciate the art and architecture of the **Cathedral**, construction began in 1296 till 1436. Visit the 8th Century **Baptistry of San Giovanni** with its pre-renaissance mosaics and gilded bronze doors and the **Campanella of Giotto**, which in many ways was the setting of the beginnings of Renaissance art. Enjoy the remainder of the day visiting popular tourist areas of the city. Dinner and overnight in Florence. **B/D**

Oct. 28, Sun. - Florence. Walk through the Medieval part of the city. Visit the **Galleria of the Accademia** to enjoy Michelangelo's **David** statue, carved in 1504. Also view Michelangelo's famous *Nonfiniti*, the four prisoners or slaves seen still emerging from the rock. The museum also houses an excellent collection of old musical instruments. Shop on the famous **Golden Bridge** over the Arno River. Butchers initially occupied the shops; the present tenants are jewelers, art dealers and souvenir sellers. Take the afternoon for further exploring. Dinner on your own with many choices of Tuscan specialties. Overnight in Florence. **B**

Oct. 29, Mon. - Florence/Ravenna/ Venice. After breakfast we will travel through the beautiful central mountain range to the **Adriatic Coast** of Italy. We will enjoy a wonderful stop in **Ravenna**, this was the administrative center in Italy for Constantinople in the Byzantine Period.

The city is famous for its early Christian mosaics which adorns its churches and monuments with Byzantine style art. Visit the **Basilica of Saint Apollinare in Classe** with its beautiful pastoral motif of Christ the Good Shepherd. We then continue driving up the coastal plain to **Venice** Dinner and overnight. **B/D**

Oct. 30, Tues. - Venice. We have two days to enjoy a city of canals, cathedrals and the works of old masters. We will sail down the Grand Canal on one of Venice's famous vaporettos. Our attempt to begin to fathom its riches will start at its heart, the **Piazza San Marco**. At the **Basilica of St. Mark** we will see the golden altarpiece inlaid with precious stones looted from the eastern Byzantine Empire. We will tour the **Doges Palace**, former political seat of the "Serene Republic." There will be free time for shopping and sight seeing on your own. Dinner and overnight in Venice. **B/D**

Oct. 31, Wed. - Venice. We will visit several churches where we can see collections of Venetian, Byzantine, Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo paintings. To see Venice is also to appreciate the works of Titian and the theologically refreshing works of Tintoretto from the 16th century at **Scuola of San Rocco** and an adjacent gothic **Church of St. Maria Gloriosa Dei Frari**. Enjoy an Italian dinner on your own. Overnight in Venice. **B**

Nov. 01, Thurs. - Milan. After breakfast travel up the **Po River** valley through the industrial areas of northern Italy. Arrive In **Milan** and enjoy a panoramic tour of this city including the glass-covered downtown shopping streets. Of particular interest will be the fairyland many-spired **Gothic Cathedral**. Visit the Dominican **Convent of St. Maria Della Grazie** and view perhaps the most famous painting in the world, **Leonardo D' Vinci's Last Supper**. We then head into the Italian Alps for a special farewell dinner and overnight on **Lake Maggiore**. **B/D**

Nov. 02, Fri. - Depart Milan- After breakfast we will transfer to airport for our flight home.

Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner = B, L, D
(As provided in your package)

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