

**14-Day Biblical Pilgrimage Adventure to Israel**  
**Jerusalem Seminary in Conjunction with Redstone Presbytery and Friends**  
**October 15 to 28, 2022**

- Pilgrimage** While standard tours spend most of their time around Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee, we go to the best places of regular tours plus the mud-brick gate that Abraham entered, the David and Goliath battle spot, & 2 days deep in the southern desert with surprising canyons.
- Pilgrimage Hikes for Sabbath** We build in time for group or personal reflection hikes/walks (time and weather permitting).  
- Mt. of Beatitudes - Herod's man-made mountain  
- Old Jericho Road (Jesus in temptation) - Ein Gedi Trail to David's Waterfall  
- Masada - Headwaters of the Jordan
- Small Group** We take 20-some, not 40+ passengers. **Weather** 70 degrees and less chance of rain
- Christian Interaction** Contact with Christian Palestinians in Bethlehem and Christians in Jerusalem. We look forward to having a discussion with a fascinating Jewish rabbi. We seek balanced viewpoints.
- Leaders include** The **Rev. Norma Murphy** some years ago took the most popular 10-day Biblelands tour. She took a 4-day Preaching Tour of the Galilee. She and Jim Farrer co-led 12 and 13-day pilgrimages in 1998, 2015, and 2017. 412 427-7456 (cell)
- The **Rev. Jim Farrer** took an 18-day pilgrimage out of the Tantur Institute in Bethlehem which featured Jewish, Muslim and Christian professors. He has co-led the Redstone tours mentioned on this page. 814 629-5211 (home)
- The **Rev. Mark Unrue** helped lead an 18-day tour to Israel and Jordan in 2009 taking along a 98-year-old church member and also co-led the 13-day pilgrimages in 2015 and 2017.  
[revun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revun@sbcglobal.net)
- Bible Passages** will come alive at the sites. We will share worship, the Lord's Supper and renewal of baptism at appropriate places. Background materials, preparation gatherings, and possible Zoom classes.
- Provider/Guide** Jerusalem Seminary, the only Protestant seminary in Israel, and the Jerusalem Biblical Studies Society/jbss.org. Itinerary and course led by their president-elect Brian Kvasnica, an Israel Certified Guide. BA Houghton, NY/MA and PhD candidate Hebrew U. Jerusalem. Author (SBL and Brill) and organizer of 4 seasons of excavations at Kursi. Since 1998, he has lived in Jerusalem and has led dozens of tours. He has taught Bible translators from 2 dozen countries. Brian will oversee our trip and give several lectures. Our day-to-day guide has a doctorate. **Some seminary students may join us since our tour is part of an optional seminary course.**
- Safety** We stay away from the political hot spots. Most tourists feel very safe when they walk with their group. Tour companies claim you'll be safer in Jerusalem than in New York City or DC. They are not aware of a single Christian pilgrim being killed in Israel during the last 40 years when staying with their group. See [inspirationcruises.com/resources/israel/safety](http://inspirationcruises.com/resources/israel/safety)
- Hotels** We plan to stay in a desert hotel, at a kibbutz under palm trees along the Sea of Galilee and hotels in Jericho, and near the Old City in Jerusalem.
- Costs** \$5385 for 14 days plus lunches, love gifts, and travel insurance. (Compare tours of Max Lucado for 11 days \$5198 and David Jeremiah \$5378 for 11 days with 14 to 23 bus loads!) And for the time actually touring the land, Educational Opportunities (largest tour company to Israel from the US) costs \$565/day compared to our \$435/day. **Please join this once-in-a-lifetime trip!**