

#### TOUR INCLUDES:

- 10-Day 1st Class Holy Land Tour;

a Tourist at

River Jordan!"

- Spiritual Pilgrimage To Israel;
- Round Trip From Houston, Texas
- And From \*Lagos, Nigeria;
- Lodging In First Class Hotels; With Breakfast & Dinner Daily;
- Visit To All Major Tour Sites In Fully Air-conditioned Tour Buses:
- Water Baptism In River Jordan;
- Escorted By English Speaking Professional Tour Guide / Director;
- Complimentary Autographed Copies Of Dr. Vincent's popular Inspirational Books/ DVDs;
- All Taxes, Fees, Tips & Air-fares Included In The Tour Package!

For More Info & To Register Online & Book your Space & Receive our Brochure; Visit:

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# PERSISTENCE WORKS HOLY LAND TOUR

# HOLY LAND TOURS/ PILGRIMAGE

# BROUCHURE

# A 10-DAY TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND



PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

**VPT: "PROMO TING EVANGELISM THROUGH TOURISM** 

# GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO:



DEAR FRIEND,

Thank You for your Interest in *Persistence Works Holy Land Tours hosted by Vincent Paul Tours, Inc.* I Trust that this Brochure will Provide the vital Information that You'll Need to make Your Decision about Joining us for a Holy Land Tours/Pilgrimage in Israel.

We Promise, that this will be a Life Time experience for you as you JOIN us for this interesting & exciting event. It is going to be both a spiritual, historic & fun-filled event that will take you through the Lands where Our Lord & Savior walked, lived & ministered in, over 2,000 years ago. You'll never want to miss this!

We would be honored to have YOU as our Honored Guest. Please Use this Booklet to make Your Plans. All the Information you'll need is here. And feel free to contact us should you have any question. Hope to see you soon in Jerusalem, Israel! - **Dr. Paul & Edith Vincent (Hosts)** 

#### **VISION:**

The Dream being fulfilled by Persistence Works Holy Land Tours hosted by Vincent Paul Tours, Inc. started in 1987. When an Ad in a Christian Newspaper for a Holy Land Tour, inspired Dr. Vincent (who was 15 years at the time) to someday attend & then later to organize & lead people to attend Holy Land Tours! Thus, the dream for Vincent Paul Tours – The Tourism Subsidiary of Vincent Paul Group, Inc. – was born! Specializing in organizing Holy Land Tours/ Spiritual Pilgrimages that will amount to a life time event for every participant; while rendering a quality & an all-round First-Class service to every participant during the course of the Pilgrimage.

The Tour is also organized in such a way that will enable participation from people of All Faith & from all interested participants (either Self, Church, Community or Government sponsored) & from all parts of the Country & the world. **VPT Holy Land Tours are conducted Twice a Year – Every April & October!** 

As part of the dynamic ministry of Dr. Vincent, every participant would be privileged to benefit from other facets of Dr. Vincent's ministry – especially, his Publications.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

The Registration to Participate in the Holy Land Tours organized by Vincent Paul Tours is in 4 Steps:

- \* **STEP 1**: Go Online to Complete our Registration Form. You can also Download our Registration Form/ Brochure from our website FREE! Go to: **www.vincentpaultours.com**
- \* STEP 2: Study the Brochure, Fill Out & Return (Email, Fax or Mail) the Form; Together with the Required Payments to Reserve your place for the Tour. The Part Payment is 50% of the entire cost of the package/ fees. You'll Receive a Copy of Dr. Vincent's Book/ DVD & Confirmation of Reservation.
- \* STEP 3: Take care of your Passport (Your Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the intended Tour date)/ Visa Requirements. No shot are required for American citizens & a Tourist Visa, valid for a 3-month stay, will be issued upon entry to Israel. If you are Not an American citizen, you may be Required to obtain a valid visa & should contact the Israel Embassy nearest to you to inquire about obtaining an Entry Visa to Israel. For more info about locating an Israeli's Embassy nearest to you & to find out if you'll need a Visa & the Requirements to obtain a Tourist www.mfa.gov.il/mfa. /Visitor's Visa: Visit: For **Participants** in U.S.: Visit: www.israelfm.org/consular. For Participants in Nigeria; Visit: http://abuja.mfa.gov.il/mfm.

**Note**: Obtaining a Passport & or Visa, is the Sole Responsibility of the Participant. However, **Vincent Paul Tours, Inc. can help facilitate a Letter of Invitation** (if requested for) & any assistance towards helping to secure a Visa for your Holy Land Tour in Israel.

\* **STEP 4**: Your Full Payment is to be made, to cover all your Traveling/ Tour Costs. After your Registration is completed, you'll receive the Full Confirmation for your Reservation.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

The following are the Requirements for the Registration, which should be submitted by Every Participant on returning the Registration Form:

- Completed Registration Form Online
- One Passport Photo (Upload or Email)
- Photocopy of Your Int'l. Passport (Scan & Email)
- Part Payment (50%) of the Entire Holy Land Tour Cost to Reserve Your Place;

#### **NOTES:**

- \* All Round Trip Air Booking shall be made by Vincent Paul Tours, Inc. & her Partners.
- \* All U.S. Participants shall take off from Houston, Texas;
- \* All Nigeria Participants shall take off from MMA Lagos, Nigeria;
- \* All U.K./ Europe Participants may also take off from London to join us in Israel.
- \* Participants from Nigeria, Please contact Vincent Paul Tours Office if you need assistance with applying for & securing an Israeli Visa to be able to travel & Participate in the Tour.

# PARTICIPATION COST/PAYMENTS:

The Total Cost for the VPT Holy Land Tours Package - Per Participant - is as follows:

- U.S. Participants: \*USD \$3,720. (50% \$1,860.- 1<sup>st</sup> Installment)
- Nigeria Participants: \*USD \$3,900. (50% \$1,950. 1st Installment)

Rates Includes All Packages – Registration/ Reservation; Admission to All Events/ Tour Site; Hotels; Feeding; Transport; Return Tickets (Except for "Land Only Package"); Taxes of Sites; Etc. It however excludes Single Occupancy Hotel Choice – Single Supplement will cost \$630.

Payments for the above can be made to the Vincent Paul Tours in a variety of ways:

- **Online Payment** (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express & PayPal All Accepted) Can be made at our website: <a href="https://www.vincentpaultours.com">www.vincentpaultours.com</a>
- Cashier's Checks Made Payable To: Vincent Paul Group, Inc.
- -\*Bank Draft Made Payable To: Vincent Paul Group, Inc.

Mail to: Vincent Paul Group, Inc. P.O. Box 961868, El Paso Texas 79996 USA

\* All Rates are based on Tariffs in effect at the time the Tour was planned and are **Subject to Change** in the event of Adjustments therein.

#### **CANCELLATION:**

Cancellation 60-45 days prior to departure will incur a Penalty of 50%; 45-0 days prior to departure – 100% Penalty. Individual cancellations received 15 days to 7 days prior to departure will result in a per person charge of \$250.00 plus, as applicable, air penalty and supplemental charges as imposed by suppliers. All Cancellations must be received in Writing made to Vincent Paul Tours.

## PREPARATIONS TIME TABLE (FOR OCTOBER & APRIL EDITIONS):

- Deadline for Submitting the Completed (Online) Registration Form & Other Items/ Part Payment; [Registration Step 2] = 25<sup>th</sup> July & 25<sup>th</sup> January, Respectively;
- Deadline for Making Full Payments By All Participants [Registration Step 4] = 10<sup>th</sup> August & 10<sup>th</sup> February, Respectively;
- Deadline for All Participants to Receive Information about their Travel Arrangements/ Documents & Reservations from VPT's Office= 5<sup>th</sup> September & 5<sup>th</sup> March, Respectively;
- Deadline for the Arrival of All the Participants at the Cities of Departure (Houston/ Lagos) & Collection of any Remaining Documents & or Materials = 9<sup>th</sup> October & 9th April, Respectively;
- Deadline for the Departure from Houston (& Lagos) to Tel Aviv, Israel =  $10^{th}$  October &  $10^{th}$  April, Respectively.

#### IMMIGRATION:

All intending Participants (including those from developing nations) attending the Holy Land Tour organized by Vincent Paul Tours, Inc., are Tourists and thus, of Non-Immigrant Status. As such are NOT Emigrants or Migrating to Israel or any of the Countries the VPT may Tour. They are to Visit, Tour, Perform their Holy Land Pilgrimage & Return to their home Country at the expiration of the duration of their Pilgrimages/ Visa. Anyone or Person(s) who acts in defiance of this, does so at his or her own risk and shall be Responsible for such actions. The VPT & our Partners/ Host shall NOT bear any responsibility whatever for such fellows.

#### **IDENTIFICATION:**

All Participant shall have an Identification Batch provided by the Vincent Paul Tours. This will be used by All Participants at All times during the course of the Holy Land Tours – for Identification purposes.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

In the following hotels, based on double occupancy, with private facilities including service charge and/or taxes. Hotels are subject to availability and confirmation. Please note that up to 10% of the rooms allocated for the group may be used as singles:

<u>DATES</u>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>HOTEL</b>	# NIGHTS
Oct. 11-12 / April 11-12	Tel Aviv	The Leonardo City Tower	1
Oct. 12-14 / April 12-14	Galilee	The Leonardo Club	2
Oct. 14-18 / April 14-18	Jerusalem	The Leonardo	4



#### SECURITY:

All Participants should be Security conscious at all times and will have to ensure the safe keeping and security of All items and properties on them or at their disposal. The VPT & our Partners/ Host will do all it can to ensure the security of all Participants and their properties. However, the Responsibility to ensure the safe keeping of All Goods; Passport; Cash; Documents, Etc still lies on the Participants. The VPT would not be Responsible or take Responsibility for the Loss of Any Participant's Property or Item.

#### **INSURANCE:**

Baggage/ Trip Cancellation/ Trip Delay/ Medical Insurance is **Highly Recommended**. Our Partner's **PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM**, is only \$210.00 per person, and covers these benefits and more.

# GROUP DISCOUNT AVAILABLE:

Groups sponsored by Churches, Communities or State Governments or other Bodies can enjoy the Group Discounts being offered by the VPT. A Group of about 20 persons shall receive a Free Participation for One Person. That means, You bring 20 Persons, and you come for FREE! It's that Simple! For Every 20 Persons you bring, you get a Free Participation!

# **COMPLIMENTARY COPIES OF BOOKS:**

All Participants shall Receive among other things, a Gift/ Complimentary Copies of Dr. Vincent's Books in the: "PERSISTENCE WORKS BOOK SERIES!" & any other Title by Dr. Paul Vincent, as they may become available at the time of the Tour.

#### **VINCENT PAUL TOURS VESTS:**

All Participants shall be presented with a Vest by VPT, which they'll wear as often as they want to during & after the Tours, with the following printed on it: "Persistence Works Holy Land Tours Participant; Organized By: Vincent Paul Tours, Inc. & Isram World!

#### **DEPARTURE:**

All Registered Participant for the VPT Holy Land Tours, shall Arrive the City of Departure (Houston or Lagos respectively) well in Advance – a Day Prior to the Day scheduled for Departure (Oct 9, or April 9, respectively). On the Departure Date (Oct. 10 or April 10) - Arrival at Houston Intercontinental Airport; / MMA, Lagos should be at least 6 Hours ahead of the scheduled Departure Time to enable All Members of the Group to meet briefly before departure. **Note**: The VPT shall communicate regularly with All Participants in the weeks & days leading to their Departure regarding any Info vital to their Trip.



## ITINERARY:

#### 1ST DAY - U.S.A./TEL AVIV

#### OCTOBER 10 / APRIL 10:

Tour members are welcomed today for their flight(s) to Tel Aviv. You will arrive in Tel Aviv the following day. Meals and beverages will be served on board.

#### 2ND DAY - TEL AVIV

#### OCTOBER 11 / APRIL 11:

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we will be met, assisted and transferred to our hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight at the Hotel. (D)

#### 3RD DAY - TEL AVIV/ GALILEE

#### OCTOBER 12 / APRIL 12;

Morning drive to the ancient port of **JOPPA** (**JAFFA**) where Peter raised Tabitha from the dead. Walk along the charming cobblestone streets, now filled with boutiques and galleries. Proceed to **CAESAREA**, capital of the Roman procurators of Judea, to visit the remains of the ancient aqueduct, amphitheater, Crusaders' Moat and Byzantine churches. We then continue north via the coastal highway to the beautiful city of **HAIFA**. From the top of **MOUNT CARMEL** view the beautiful Haifa Bay, The **BAHAI TEMPLE** and its lovely Persian Gardens. Proceed to **MEGIDDO**, site of the excavations which unearthed 20 layers of civilization and focal point of the book of revelation. Passing through the Plain of Jezreel, we stop in **NAZARETH**, boyhood home of Jesus. Reach the **SEA OF GALILEE** for dinner and overnight at the Hotel. (B.D)

#### 4TH DAY - TIBERIAS

#### OCTOBER 13 / APRIL 13;

Morning BOAT RIDE across the Sea of Galilee, on to CAPERNAUM, home to Peter and center of Jesus' preaching. Continue to TABGHA, site of the miracle of the multiplication of the fish and loaves. Ascend to the MOUNT OF THE BEATITUDES and enjoy the beautiful view of the Sea and entire Galilee. It was here that the twelve Apostles were chosen. Our drive takes us past MAGDALA, home of Mary Magdalene, enroute to KIBBUTZ NOF GINNOSAR where we will see the remains of a fishing boat dating from the 1st century. Continue through the Hula Valley and past HAZOR, a Canaanite city rebuilt by King Solomon to command the Golan Heights. Cross the Hatzbani River to DAN and BANIAS (ancient Caesarea Philippi) at the foot of Mount Hermon - the northernmost limits of Jesus' travels. Continue through the GOLAN HEIGHTS to the JORDAN RIVER and its specially built Baptismal site-YARDENIT. Dinner and overnight. (B.D)

#### **5TH DAY – GALILEE/ JERUSALEM**

#### OCTOBER 14 / APRIL 14;

Today, journey up to the "Golden City" of Jerusalem. Drive via the JORDAN VALLEY to BET SHEAN, where we'll explore the extraordinary excavations of an ancient Roman city. Drive the winding mountain roads and ascend to the holy city - JERUSALEM. Enjoy the spectacular view from the top of the MOUNT OF OLIVES. Visit the CHURCH OF PATER NOSTER, the CHAPEL OF THE ASCENSION and then proceed to the GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. View olive trees scientifically dated to the time of Jesus. Dinner and overnight. (B.D)

#### **6TH DAY - JERUSALEM**

#### OCTOBER 15 / APRIL 15;

Enter the OLD CITY from the ZION GATE. See the ARMENIAN QUARTER of the walled city, before entering the restored JEWISH QUARTER. Walk along the excavated CARDO, the main street of ancient Jerusalem. Descend to reach the WESTERN WALL of the Temple Mount. Walk through ST. STEPHEN'S GATE, stop at the POOL OF BETHESDA and on to the lovely CRUSADER CHURCH OF ST. ANNE. See PILATE'S JUDGMENT HALL, THE CHAPEL OF FLAGELLATION, the ARCH OF ECCE HOMO. Then, follow the VIA DOLOROSA through narrow alleys and souks to the CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE. End our tour at the GARDEN TOMB. Dinner and overnight. (B.D)

#### 7TH DAY - JERUSALEM

#### OCTOBER 16 / APRIL 16;

Drive to MOUNT ZION to visit the ROOM OF THE LAST SUPPER and the traditional TOMB OF KING DAVID. Proceed to the SHRINE OF THE BOOK, located at the ISRAEL MUSEUM, where the DEAD SEA SCROLLS are housed. Drive via the KNESSET, home to Israel's Parliament, continuing to YAD VASHEM, Memorial to the Holocaust. SITUATION PERMITTING-Afternoon visit to BETHLEHEM, birthplace of King David and Jesus. Tour the CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, THE MANGER, THE CRUSADERS' CLOISTER AND THE GROTTO OF ST. JEROME. Back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at the Hotel. (B.D)

#### 8TH DAY - JERUSALEM

#### OCTOBER 17 / APRIL 17:

Drive through the **JUDEAN DESERT**, to the **DEAD SEA**, the lowest spot on earth. Arrive at **MASADA** and ascend by cable car to this palace/fortress constructed during the reign of Herod the Great. Stop at **EIN GEDI**; try the buoyant, therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea! Drive via **QUMRAN**, the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Back to Jerusalem for dinner followed by a late night transfer to the Ben Gurion Interrnational Airport. (B.D)

#### 9TH DAY – EN ROUTE

#### OCTOBER 18 / APRIL 18;

Checkout is 12pm. Transfer to the Ben Gurion International Airport for your day flight home. (B)

#### 10TH DAY - EN ROUTE/ ARRIVAL

#### OCTOBER 19 / APRIL 19;

Arrival back at destination – Houston, Texas USA Or Lagos, Nigeria.



#### PASSPORT:

Tourists are required to hold passports valid for 6 months from date of entry. Visitors are allowed to stay in the country for three months from date of arrival.

If You are a U.S. & Canadian Citizen; You <u>Do Not</u> Need A Visa to visit Israel – just a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months). Visitors from most European countries, Mexico, Latin America, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and many others countries also do not need visas. To check the requirements for other nationalities contact the Israeli Consulate.

You Don't Need Vaccinations - No vaccinations or shots are required for U.S. or Canadian visitors to Israel. (If you've visited a country prior to coming to Israel where cholera, typhoid or yellow fever is endemic, you will need a vaccination certificate.)

#### BAGGAGE:

Each economy class passenger will be allowed to check in two pieces of luggage at the maximum weight of 50 pounds (23 Kg.) each. Every piece of luggage that exceeds 50 pounds (23 Kg.) up to 70.5 pounds (32 Kg.) will be charged a flat amount of \$25 each way. Luggage that exceeds 70.5 pounds (32 Kg.) will be charged according to the regular overweight as follows in addition to the flat amount of \$25 each way:

**First class** passengers are allowed **four** pieces of luggage at the maximum weight of 70.5 pounds (32 Kg.) and **Platinum class** passengers are allowed **three** pieces of luggage at the maximum weight of 70.5 pounds (32 Kg.).

Note: Due to space limitations in the motorcoach, cars and minibuses kindly limit your luggage to 1 piece per person plus a carry-on.

## **ARRIVAL TRANSFERS:**

For passengers who are entitled to an arrival transfer at Ben Gurion Airport, our transfer host will greet you once you have cleared passport control. Should you have any difficulties locating him/her, please proceed to the information counter and they will gladly page Our Israel Tour Partners/ Host - ISRAM/SMILE for you.

#### **CUSTOMS:**

You may bring in almost anything you'll need for personal use and your convenience. Limited items per adult are: .44 pints cologne or perfume; 1 liter wine; gifts up to \$200.00 in value.

Upon return to the U.S., you may bring in up to \$400.00 worth of items duty free. Please Note: Many Israeli-made items are not counted as part of your duty-free allowance as they are exempt from U.S. duty.

#### **CURRENCY:**

The Israeli Shekel (NIS) is the country's legal tender. The Shekel is divided into 100 agorot. The bills are in denominations of 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 shekels. There are coins of 1,5, and 10 shekels and 5,10, and 50 agorot. You may bring an unlimited amount of foreign currency into Israel – cash, traveler's checks, letters of credit or State of Israel bonds. Upon departure you may take out up to NIS 1,000.

You may wish to change some currency at the banks so that you may pay for incidental items such as buses, taxis, fast foods, newspaper, soft drinks etc. However, please only change a limited amount at a time, as it will cost you a fee when you change back to USD. Most places accept traveler's checks in addition to major credit cards. There are also some ATM machines, which dispense dollars.

#### PERSONAL TRAVELING ALLOWANCE:

All Participants should ensure that they travel with a Personal/ Basic Traveling Allowance of a minimum of about \$500. or thereabout. This maybe needed to buy things or for other contingencies while in the Holy Land.

#### **FORIEGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE:**

Tourists who have changed foreign currency (U.S. dollars) into Israeli currency (NIS), may reexchange their money into dollars by presenting the receipt of the transaction up to a maximum of \$500. This may be done at any bank in Israel or at Ben Gurion Airport upon departure.

#### **BANKING HOURS:**

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Monday & Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and eve of holidays from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Branches in leading hotels usually offer additional hours.

#### TIME:

Israeli Standard Time is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, 1 hour ahead of mid-European Time; and 7 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time, U.S.A.

## **WEATHER:**

The weather in Israel is often compared to the temperate climate in Florida, and southern California. There are sun-drenched summers and mild, balmy winters. However, as in most countries there can be sharp contrasts dependent upon the season. Year-round swimming is possible from April to October along the Mediterranean coast and the Sea of Galilee and throughout the year at the Dead Sea and the Red Sea.

The summer season (April to October) has fairly constant temperatures and is unspoiled by sudden showers. The winter season (November to March) is mild but quite cold in hilly areas (Jerusalem). Spells of rain are interspersed with brilliant sunshine.

#### **MEAN TEMPERATURE:**

#### **SPRING:**

(late Mar/Apr/May): most of the country will have very pleasant daytime temperatures of 60-70°F (15-25°C). Jerusalem will be cooler in the evening.

#### **SUMMER:**

(Jun/Jul/Aug/early Sep): Tel Aviv and Tiberias will be hot and humid with temperatures in the high 80's (30°C) and 90's (35°C). Jerusalem is dryer and cooler, particularly at night. Masada and Eilat are extremely hot - 110°F (45°C) but dry.

#### **AUTUMN:**

(late Sep/Oct/Nov): most of the country will have very pleasant daytime temperatures of 60-70°F (15-25°C). Jerusalem will be cooler in the evening.

#### WINTER:

(Dec/Jan/Feb/early Mar): Winter weather can fluctuate between mild and sunny, or severe and overcast. Expect northern temperatures of up to 60°F (15°C) and 40°F (10°C) in Jerusalem and the Galilee hills, becoming very cold at night. Eilat and the Dead Sea remain warmer throughout.

#### **WHAT TO PACK:**

**Summer Season:** Very light and comfortable clothing, preferably drip-dry for daywear. In the mountains (Jerusalem, Safed and Upper Galilee) a sweater is quite useful in the evening even in the middle of summer. This holds true also for the desert.

**In-Between Seasons:** Light coats, sweaters, suits and light shirts. The secret of dressing for this time of year is to "layer and peel" as the weather changes.

**Winter Season:** Warm coat, raincoat, hat, sweaters, woolen shoes and boots. Lighter clothing and a swimsuit are suitable if you are traveling to Eilat on the Red Sea or to the Dead Sea area. **Please note:** Proper attire is suggested for visits to Holy Sites (no shorts for women).



#### **DON'T FORGET TO PACK:**

- A scarf (for head and/or shoulders)
- Very comfortable shoes; \* Medical and eyeglass prescriptions.
- First-aid kit. \* Bible \* Soft, foldable slippers for the plane.
- Sewing kit. \* Calculator \* Packets of tissues and towelettes.
- Bathing suit. \* Camera \* Crease-free and casual clothing.
- Tote-bag for day trips.
   \* Decaffeinated coffee/tea packets.
- Rubber shoes for the Dead Sea. \* Sunglasses, sunhat and sunscreen.
  - \* Travel alarm.

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

#### **BUSES, TRIANS & "SHEIRUTS":**

You will need Israeli currency, but not exact change. The public transportation (buses and trains) does not run on Saturdays and Jewish Holidays (in the Jewish calendar the day start and ends with sunset). On these days, and other days as well, you can use either the "Sheirut" or a taxi. A "Sheirut" is a service that uses 7-seater mini-buses and operates on the exact route of public bus lines. You can get on and off the "Sheirut" anywhere along the line (not only at the bus stops).

#### TAXIS:

When using taxis, insist that the driver use the meter. Remember that the amount shown on the meter is in Israeli currency and prices do change according to time or day. Evening rates are higher. If you have not pre-arranged a transfer to your hotel, please be aware that there is an Airport Bus Service at Ben Gurion Airport, which operates hourly to all of the major hotels in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The Information Desk will give you complete details as to the cost of the service. The buses also operate in reverse, picking up passengers at the hotels for return to Ben Gurion Airport. All hotels have a complete time schedule.

#### **DRIVING YOURSELF:**

All international car rental companies are represented in Israel, and there are a variety of Israeli companies, too. A passport, major credit card and U.S. or Canadian driver's license is needed to rent a car in Israel. The highway system is advanced and up to U.S./European standards. Most signs are in English in addition to Hebrew. In Israel, we drive on the right, just like in the U.S.A.

#### **PUBLIC TELEPHONE:**

Since there is a service charge on international calls from hotels, even with Calling Cards, we suggest that whenever possible you use public pay phones. You may buy phone cards at the front desk or newsstand at your hotel. Instructions on how to use the pay phone is clearly illustrated and explained in English on the telephone. The most economical alternative for USA calls is to use AT&T USA Direct® Service.

#### **KEEPING IN TOUCH:**

#### TELEPHONE: CALLING HOME FROM ISRAEL:

It's easy: AT&T, MCI and Sprint all have toll-free access numbers in Israel. Ask the hotel operator how to dial directly from your room. From a public phone check the instruction card (which will tell you to dial 012, 013 or 014 for overseas) then continue with 1 for the United States, the area code and phone number.

#### **CALLING CARDS**

Public phones in Israel operate with calling cards purchased from your hotel, post office, kiosks and newsstands throughout the country.

#### **CELL PHONES:**

It's easy to rent a cell-phone anywhere in Israel. Most convenient is to rent a phone when you arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport and return it upon departure (advance reservations aren't necessary). If your U.S. cell-phone is a Tri-Band model, it will work in Israel.

#### **INTERNET:**

Travelers can get on the internet in their hotel's Business Center, or, with your own laptop, from the comfort of your hotel room (there is a normally a charge for internet access). And you'll find Internet Cafes and public Internet outlets all over Israel.

#### **POSTAL SERICE:**

You can buy stamps at your hotel, at kiosks and at post offices. The Post Office also sells calling cards and will help you with money transfers.

## **VIDEO EQUIPMENT:**

Visitors wishing to bring video equipment into Israel for their personal use may be required to leave a deposit in traveler's checks or charge the amount to a credit card, refundable upon departure from Israel with the video equipment.

#### **VALUABLES:**

We recommend that you use safe in your hotel room (or in the hotel) for your valuables and passports, etc. It is advisable to make a copy of your passport and carry it with you.

#### **TOUR GUIDES:**

The Israeli Tour Guides are world-famous. They are well trained, extraordinarily knowledgeable and ready at all times to aid you with your special requests and arrangements. Your guide will be happy to make suggestions for evenings or free days and provide lists of available optional tours.

#### **SIGHTSEEING:**

There is so much to see in Israel and we want to show you the maximum during the short time you will be here. Therefore, we ask that you follow the guide's instructions and be punctual at all times...this makes our Tour Partner's job easier and your trip even better.

#### **ENGLISH NEWSPAPER & BROADCAST:**

The Jerusalem Post is published daily and on weekends and is the major English newspaper in Israel. News broadcasts in English on the radio are aired in the evening. Most of the major hotels feature CNN and BBC on a daily basis along with other cable news channels.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Israel's stunning landscapes and picturesque inhabitants make it truly a "photographer's paradise." Please be aware, however, that there are certain religious communities whose members resent having their picture taken. These include certain Orthodox Jewish sects and observant Moslems. Your discretion will save embarrassment.

Be sure to protect your camera against the sun and heat. Don't take pictures between 12 noon and 3:30 p.m. when the light is too harsh, particularly in the summertime. In the Negev, don't take color shots early in the morning or late in the afternoon as the result will be a reddish overtone.



#### **FOOD AND WINE:**

Israeli food takes the best of Oriental and Western cuisine and adds its own flavor. Hungarian goulash, Russian borscht, Viennese schnitzel, American hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza are to be found side by side with Oriental falafel, humus, tahini, shishlik, kebab and Turkish coffee, as well as traditional Jewish dishes such as gefilte fish, chopped liver and chicken soup (like Mama makes)!

The wines of Israel compare well with those of Europe and range from light white to dry red to sweet rosé. There is also a good choice of local brandies and liqueurs. If you're used to your "name brand" liquor, we suggest you bring it from the Duty Free Shop before you arrive in Israel – imported liquor is very expensive in Israel.

You will thoroughly enjoy the fruits and vegetables in Israel, as they are extraordinarily tasty, fresh and delicious.

Most Israelis eat a large breakfast, a main "meat" meal at midday and a light "dairy" meal in the evening. The wide varieties of restaurants throughout the country cater to this preference, but they are also prepared to suit individual tastes.

**You Don't Need To Worry About Water and Fresh Produce:** The water is safe to drink throughout Israel, and Israel's fresh fruits and vegetables are world-class. Bottled water is available everywhere too.

**Kosher Food:** The Hebrew word "kosher" means food conforming to Jewish dietary laws. Certain animals and fish are prohibited and milk, cream or cheese may not be served together with meat. Most hotels have kosher food and many restaurants conform to the dietary laws. However, it is quite easy to find non-Kosher restaurants all over Israel.

**Water:** Tap water is officially drinkable throughout Israel, but bottled mineral water is widely available for those who prefer to be cautious. In hot weather remember to drink much more liquid than usual to combat the effects of dehydration.

**Israeli Breakfast:** The famous Israeli Buffet Breakfast is included at your hotel unless otherwise specified. You have free choice at the buffet and may eat as much as you want, but there may be

a charge for some special items ordered from the waiter. Breakfast at some hotels may be ordered to your room, but please note that there is a small charge for room service. Please check with your hotel for clarification.

**Lunches:** When touring, stops are usually made at self-service restaurants for lunch, where you may choose from a large selection of dishes. We attempt to stop at clean places where you will be able to get fast service and have proper washroom facilities. Please bear in mind, however, that in some areas of the country these places are limited and not always up to standard. Restaurants do not permit the eating of food brought in from outside.

**Dinners:** Our guides will recommend different restaurants in each city (for those days that dinner may not be included in your program.) There is a wide variation of restaurants specializing in international cuisine in Israel. You may, of course, always choose to eat at your own hotel.

**Half-Board** (**Passengers with Meal Plans**): No credit is given for meals that are missed, nor can they be eaten on another day and transferred. If arrangements are made in advance with the reception desk at the hotel, lunch may be substituted for dinner the same day.

At some hotels, "Half-Board" dinners are limited to certain dining rooms and there may be a supplement for meals eaten in the Grill Rooms. Please check with the reception desk at the hotel to be sure that you are eating in the proper dining room. If you do decide to eat in the Grill Groom at the hotel, we recommend making reservations in advance.

#### **MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

While touring, please remember not to pack your medication in your luggage, since your luggage is not readily available during the day. We recommend that you keep your medication and valuables in your carry-on piece. Please be aware that every hotel does have a House Doctor on call, if necessary.

#### **SHOPPING:**

Several hundred shops are approved for tourists by the Israel Tourism Administration. These shops display a sign stating "Listed by the Ministry" and the Ministry's emblem (two scouts carrying a bunch of grapes on a pole between them). This is the symbol of quality merchandise and courteous service. Among the best buys in Israel are carpets, ceramics, copperware, religious articles, jewelry, silverware, diamonds, paintings, and sculptures.

Stores are generally open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays (including Sunday) and are *closed on Saturday*. On Friday and eve of holidays, stores close at Noon. Department stores and malls are open all day and some evenings. If you like to bargain, comb the colorful local markets and bazaars (Jerusalem, Acre, Jaffa) for handmade arts and crafts. Remember to ask for the "V.A.T. Refund Form".

#### TIPPING:

Tipping in Israel is very similar to tipping in the U.S. Use your own judgment, based on your personal satisfaction with the services as to how much to tip.

#### **DEPARTURE TRANSFER:**

For passengers who are entitled to a departure transfers, our partner's office in Israel will advise you as to the time of your pick up for departure to the airport. Please settle your hotel bill and be ready at the reception desk at the time indicated.

## **AIRLINES/ ADVANCE CHECK-IN:**

The **U.S. Participants** will be **flying from Houston Intercontinental to Tel Aviv, Israel**. For passengers' convenience, our partner **Airline** operates an Early Check-in Service in Tel Aviv at the Arlozorov Street Train Station. This service enables passengers to check in their luggage a day before their flight, choose their seats and obtain their boarding cards.

Passengers with Non-Israeli Passports must check in, in person - with all passengers, including children and babies. Passengers should bring their passports and flight tickets. A security check is done "on the spot" allowing you to arrive at Ben Gurion Airport 1 1/2 hours prior to departure time. At that time you proceed immediately to Passport Control and to the departure area, avoiding all check-in lines.



\* NOTE; Nigerian Participants will be flying from MMA Lagos – Tel Aviv, Israel with our Partner Airline.

#### **ARRIVAL:**

After the Holy Land Tours/ Pilgrimage, Participants will Return to their various Destinations through their various Airlines with which they have Reservations.

#### **HEBREW EXPRESSIONS:**

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Boker Tov good morning	* Sh'mimy name is
Erev Tov good evening	* Hanutstore; shop
Lyla tov good night	* Kesefmoney
Shalomhello, goodbye; peace	* Bankbank
Toda Raba thank you	* Ma Zeh?what is it?
B'va-ka-sha please, you're welcome	* Mi Zeh?who is it?
Kenyes	* Ma Shlomcha? (masc.)how are you?
Lono	* Ma Shlomech? (fem.)how are you?
Ha-yom Today	* Ehfoh uchal liknot?where can I buy?
Ma-char tomorrow	* Ma ha mechir?what is the price?
Et-mohlyesterday	* Yo-tair' me-die! too much
La-ma?why?	* Ma-tai? when?
Ka'mah?how much? how many?	*Ehfoh ha telefon? where is the telephone?

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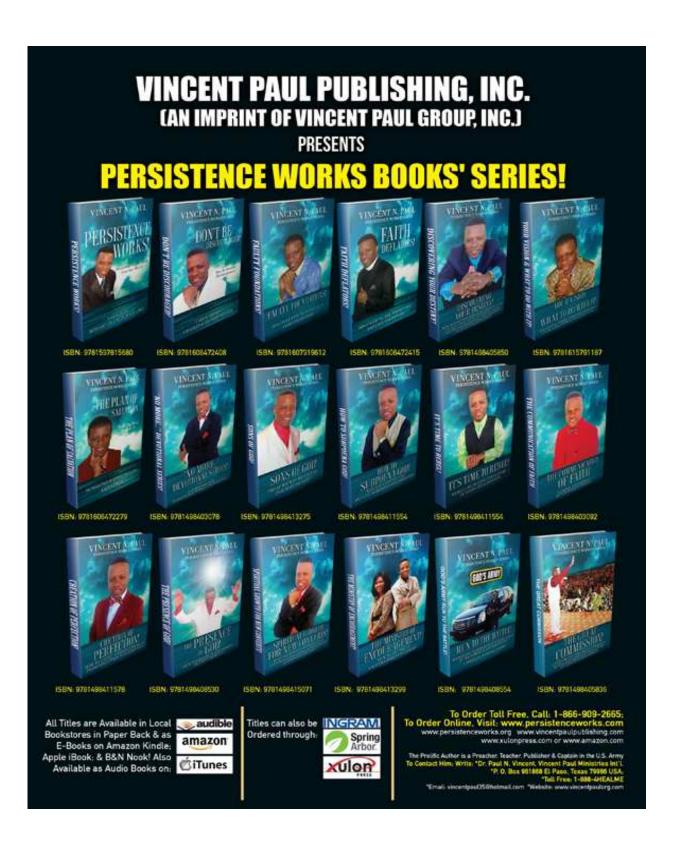
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