

# Young Life Expeditions

## Alumni & Friends Encounters - The Holy Land



October 24-October 31 2015

Go, See and Engage in the land Jesus walked & where Young Life leaders are reaching a world of kids!

Young Life is offering a once in a lifetime opportunity to anyone with a love of Young Life and a desire to see the incredible Holy Land of Israel and Palestine.

Young Life Expeditions is putting together a small group of thirty people to tour the Holy Land under the great leadership of Mike and Shari Gaffney of Young Life College, Hunter and Lauri Lambeth, Young Life Middle East Directors, and Jonathan Schultz Director of Young Life Alumni and Friends. Our tour will be led by a seasoned local Israeli tour guide. Scripture will come alive as you visit many of the Bible's most significant historical sites. You'll

have the wonderful opportunity to engage with Young Life staff and leaders in Israel and Palestine who are following the rich tradition of caring for teenagers in their neighborhoods.

Young Life has had a presence in Nazareth, Bethlehem and in Zababdeh for almost five years now, and will be starting up in new locations in 2015. In this time the Young Life ministry has grown by leaps and bounds! Kids and families are being deeply impacted by Young Life all around the Holy Land.



Expeditions will be coordinating the pre-trip logistics. The Gaffneys and Lambeths will be the on the ground hosts; they have hosted many groups and have a passion sharing their love of the land. The local Israeli tour company has Young Life roots and will provide experienced and knowledgeable guides.

See the itinerary below for full details. The group will have lots of time touring and seeing the historical and cultural sights as well as connecting with Young Life kids who will share about their own experiences and culture. It will be an incredible, uniquely Young Life, tour experience!

Cost = \$2495 includes In country lodging (double occupancy), air-conditioned transportation, 2 meals a day, cultural activities, Local English speaking licensed tour guide, tips. The cost does not include airfare, lunches, personal items or travel cancellation insurance.\*

## **Itinerary** (subject to change)

### **Day 1 - Saturday October 24 - Arrive Tel Aviv**

- You'll be greeted in Tel Aviv by your hosts, Mike & Shari Gaffney, Hunter & Lauri Lambeth as well as your tour guides.
  - Please Note: Young Life Expeditions' preferred Travel Agency, Mission Travel will be available to assist you in your travel or you can make your own arrangements. We request that your flight arrive in Tel Aviv between 1 and 4pm on October 24th and depart late in the evening on October 31st or just after midnight. Delta, United, US Air's daily flights follow this schedule.
- Everyone will embark on the very comfortable air-conditioned, wi-fi connected Coach and drive to Tiberius. You'll immediately begin to hear and learn about the land and culture and it's incredible history. We'll have a delicious welcome dinner at The Scotts Hotel.
- Accommodations: The Scotts Hotel in Tiberius - 3 nights

### **Day 2 - Sunday October 25**

- We begin our sightseeing after a wonderful breakfast. We first make our way to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7) and visit the Peter Primacy church where Jesus restored Peter (John 21). We then make our way to Capernaum (Jesus' base for His early ministry), and then break for a traditional local lunch. Thereafter, we board a wooden boat replica for a boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee and proceed to the Ancient Boat Museum and end the day with baptisms at Yardenit known as the Jordan River.
- Accommodations: The Scotts Hotel / Dinner. When time allows, we'll have group debriefing sessions in the evenings.

### **Day 3 - Monday October 26**

- Drive to Caesarea where Peter proclaimed the Good News to the Roman Centurion (Acts 9 & 25), proceed to Nazareth and take a short tour of the Nazareth Baptist School (YL Nazareth high school ministry) and followed by a visit to Mary's Well. We'll tour and visit of the Nazareth Village with traditional lunch -12:30 and stop at the top of Mount Precipice and teaching. We'll then spend time visiting our Israel Country Directors Hunter and Lauri Lambeth home in Schneller for later afternoon Young Life club.
- Accommodations: The Scotts Hotel / Dinner

### **Day 4 - Tuesday October 27**

- We'll start the day with our final amazing breakfast at the Scots with some worship and devotion time and begin our journey southward with a visit to Bet Shean. We'll travel to Zababdeh village in the West Bank and meet with our local Young Life staff and volunteer leaders, attend a Young Life club and tour the village with lunch. We'll continue our travels toward the Dead Sea with a stop at Nablus/Shechem and the Well of Samaritan Woman. We'll end our day with dinner in our new accommodations in the southern portion of the Dead Sea and dinner
- Accommodations: Hotel in Ein Bokek, Dead Sea - 2 nights

### **Day 5 - Wednesday October 28**

- We'll start our day with a visit to Masada, ascending the desert mountains by way of cable car to the fortress built by King Herod. Here we survey the ruins of fortifications, a synagogue, temples and palaces. Next we explore the oasis of En Gedi and hike to the waterfall. From here, we make our way to Qumran and the settlement of the first century sect known as the Essenes, authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls. If people are interested in applying the Dead Sea Mud, we will make a special stop at Kalya Beach at the north shore of the Dead Sea. Accommodations: Hotel in Ein Bokek, Dead Sea

### **Day 6 - Thursday October 29**

- We'll have a morning check-out of the Ein Bokek hotel, Drive north along the Dead Sea, and near Jericho junction turn east to ascend up to Jerusalem. We will get off the bus on the beautiful Mount of Olives to behold the breathtaking panorama of the Holy City. Our pilgrimage will proceed down the Old Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove, and the Church of Agony, where tradition holds that Jesus prayed. We will walk to the holiest site in the whole Jewish world, the Western Wall of Herod's temple. Beyond the wall lies the 35-acre temple area purchased by King David (2 Samuel. 24:18-25). Afternoon is open to explore the Old City of Jerusalem according to the group's interests.
- Check into the Mount Zion Hotel in Jerusalem hotel for 2 nights..

### **Day 7 - Friday October 30**

- We'll visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum and then travel to Bethlehem to experience the Shepherd's Field, Church of the Nativity, and the Bethlehem Bible College and have the wonderful experience of visiting Young Life Capernaum's House of Hope and your hearts will never be the same! We'll Stop by the Separation Wall for short word and prayer. We'll also go to the Murad resort in Bet Sahur, where Young Life hosts their camps.
- Accommodations and dinner: Mount Zion Hotel

### **•Final Day - Saturday October 31.**

- We'll check out of our hotel on this morning after breakfast and tour the Israel Museum, Southern Steps. We'll have a lunch and then drive to the Garden Tomb and with a communion service; we'll conclude with a Farewell Dinner inside the Old City Walls (Jaffa Gate).
- Depart for Tel Aviv airport for flights.

We'd love to have you be part of this Young Life Alumni Expeditions to the Holy Land. If interested, please register directly at [this link](#). Deposits of \$500 per person are due at the time of registration by sending a check payable to Young Life (XIL06-Holy Land Expedition) PO Box 1293 Danville, CA 94526 or paying online at this [payment link](#) or after submitting the online registration form. Since space is limited, the \$500 is non refundable after March 1, 2015.

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\*Trip Cancellation insurance is highly recommended. We can provide recommended travel insurance companies.