

## **Kentucky Youth Ministries" Student Holy Land Experience Trip Information FAQ**

### **What are the trip dates:**

The (very) tentative dates are Friday April 13-Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2012.

### **Why these particular dates?**

Because this is a student trip, we try as much as possible to go on Spring break. Of course spring break is different in each school system. So we would leave on a Friday and come back 10 days later. We also wanted to avoid being gone on Easter Sunday, which is on April 8.

### **Most AIM trips are only a week long. Why is this trip longer?**

It takes two full days to travel to the Holy Land and one full day on the return. So the additional time on the trip is due to the length of travel.

### **What if my school's spring break is not on the dates we travel?**

Most schools will give an excused absence for this type of trip. Your homework will have to be made up (sorry) but most schools/principals will accommodate you. You would need to ask well in advance of the trip.

### **What is the cost?**

The estimated cost of the trip will be \$2,900-\$3300. This cost includes international roundtrip airfare from Louisville to Tel Aviv. 8 nights hotel, chartered bus transportation with Israeli guide, all entrance fees, most meals, luggage, backpack, water bottle, trip medical insurance, T-shirts. (Please know this is an price estimate. The final airfare cost will not be known until 10 months before the trip.)

### **What is the purpose of the trip.**

The purpose of this trip is to give people the chance to have a personal spiritual awakening by visiting the land of the Bible. Nothing will bring the Bible more alive than to visit the places mentioned in its pages. We want to walk where Jesus walked, and in doing so, rediscover the truths of his teachings. As a group of Christ followers we will journey not only physically but spiritually together. We will worship, pray and have devotions at each site to truly capture the spirit and heart of this amazing land.

### **Who is the trip sponsor?**

This trip will be sponsored by Kentucky Youth Ministries, and the Assemblies of God, Holy Land Studies Office.

### **What places would we visit?**

The itinerary is very tentative is still being developed. Changes could occur.

Nazareth, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Capernaum, boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Mt. of the Beatitudes, Bethlehem, Masada, Dead Sea, En Gedi, the city of Jerusalem-The Temple Mount, Wailing Wall, Southern Wall Excavations, Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Resurrection. We will also visit with some of our missionaries and churches in the area.

**What about lodging?**

Because this is a "Student Holy Land Experience" we tried to keep the cost as affordable as possible. The lodging will be safe, clean, and affordable. We will be staying in 2 star types of accommodations or youth hostels.

**What about safety and security concerns?**

The safety and security of our group will be of the highest importance. Even though there is violence associated with Israel and its neighbors, traveling to and through Israel is very safe. Thousands of tourists enter and leave Israel every week.

**In case of security issue in Israel what about trip refunds?**

If the trip is officially cancelled due to security issues in Israel, there would be a full refund of all money.

**If for some reason I decided not to go at the last moment, would my money be refunded?**

If you backed out of the trip then you would lose most of the money sent in. Example: If your airline ticket had been purchased, we could not refund cash to you. You would have a ticket with that airline that could probably be used as a credit at a later date. There is a possibility that some of the land portion could be refunded but that will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

**What about any ministry opportunities for evangelism?**

Unfortunately evangelism is illegal in Israel. This trip would be for purposes of personal discipleship and spiritual growth.

**What about parents and other adult leaders:** Parents and adult leaders are not only welcomed but encouraged to travel with us.

**Yes I think I am interested, what is the next step?**

The next step would be to get an application, and send it in with a \$300 deposit. The deposit must be paid by March 15, 2011.

**FYI: There must be at least 25 people before the trip is officially scheduled. If there are not enough people, then the trip will be cancelled and all money will be refunded.**

**What if I have more questions?**

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