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MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

'Two States, One Hope' rally in Tel Aviv draws thousands.' Some 15,000 people attend rally organized by left-wing groups. Opposition Leader Herzog urges change in government, says "today's leadership is driven by fear".

Norway's foreign minister on Friday condemned the Palestinian Authority for naming a women's center in the West Bank, funded in part by the Scandinavian country, after a female terrorist. Norway has demanded their money to be returned.

'Trump rebuked Abbas over Palestinian incitement' New details emerge from meeting between U.S. president and Palestinian leader in Bethlehem. Trump reportedly angrily accuses Abbas of lying "about commitment to peace" and says Israel showed him proof Abbas is "personally responsible for incitement."

Lapid: Entire Israeli security establishment is worried by Trump's Saudi arms deal



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PLO Director of the Commission of Prisoners' Affairs Issa Karake called on Palestinians to prepare themselves for armed conflict against Israel, encouraging them three times in one article: "Look for a gun and bullets."

Lebanon bans new 'Wonder Woman' movie over Israeli star. Hours before the superhero movie starring Gal Gadot is due to premiere in Beirut, Lebanese authorities ban it, citing law boycotting Israeli products and contacts with Israelis • Lebanese newspaper: "The Israeli soldier. She has no place in Lebanon."

Over 1,000 Jews Ascend Temple Mount on Jerusalem's Jubilee. Breaking all previous records in modern times, more than one thousand Jews ascended the Temple Mount on Jerusalem Day to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of liberation of Jerusalem during the 1967 Six Day War.

Iran has agreed in principle to renew its funding for the Hamas terror group, according to a report published in a London-based Arabic daily Tuesday.

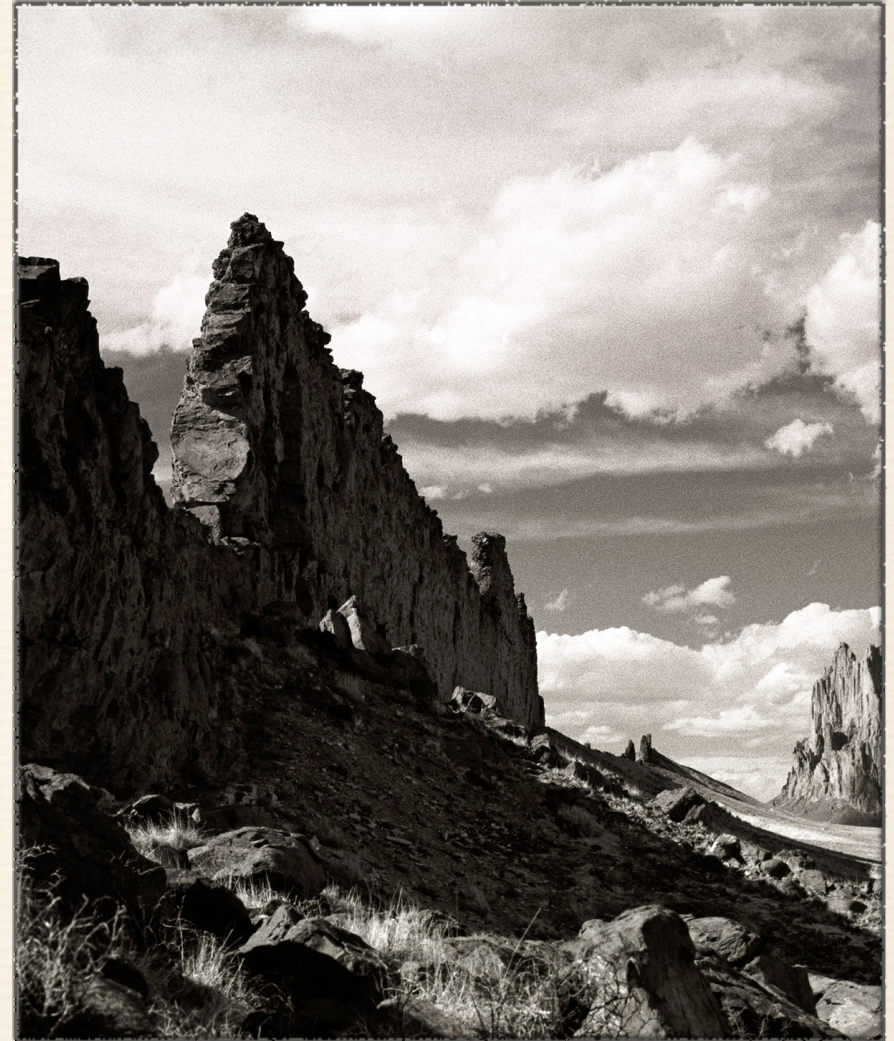


TRUMP: EMBASSY MOVE - NOT NOW

Trump signs waiver to keep US embassy in Tel Aviv

US president holds off on election promise; document delays any plan to move the mission to Jerusalem for a further 6 months at least

"It's a question of when, not if," an official said, adding that Trump "doesn't think the timing is right, right now." The official added: "In timing such a move, he will seek to maximize the chances of successfully negotiating a deal between Israel and the Palestinians."



EGYPTIAN CHRISTIANS KILLED



Masked terrorists riding in three SUVs opened fire Friday on a bus packed with Coptic Christians, including children, south of the Egyptian capital, killing at least 28 people and wounding 22, the Interior Ministry said. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, the fourth to target Christians since December, but it bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State (ISIS) group. The attack came on the eve of the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Israel strongly condemned the attack and sent condolences to President el-Sisi and the Egyptian people.



PA TERRORIST STIPEND

The mother of American yeshiva student Ezra Schwartz, who was shot to death by a Palestinian terrorist in the West Bank, told a United Nations forum that his murderer should not be rewarded.

Ruth Schwartz said "My son is the victim of the worst crime," Schwartz said. "He was brutally taken from his family and friends forever. He will never be able to have fun or make someone smile, go to college, get married, have children or do anything in this world again. I will never again get to hug him or tell him that I love him. Instead, I get to visit him at the cemetery."

She said the payments, which add up to thousands of dollars a month, have to stop.

"My son's killer and his family should not be compensated for murdering innocent people. It is just another way to glorify and encourage terrorism. It's offensive and wrong," she said.

Israel's UN envoy, Danny Danon, presented data on the PA's payments to terrorists at the UN Security Council two weeks ago.

Danon said that the Palestinian Authority paid out nearly \$130 million to terrorists in prisons in Israel and another \$175 million to the families of terrorists killed during their attacks, who are recognized as martyrs.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Celebrating the Giving of
God's Torah & His Spirit!

SHAVUOT 5776

This week we celebrated Shavuot. The Jewish Feast that reminds us of the birth of both Israel as well as the Church.

Interesting the book of Ruth is read collectively in synagogues throughout the world on this day!

(RUTH - The Gentile Bride that is grafted in ... hmmm)



HGE - UPCOMING FALL TOURS

Israel - Off The Beaten Path
with Petra Extension (optional)



Israel - NOV 12-20 / Petra - Nov 20-24, 2017



Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good and walk in it, and find rest for your souls..." Jer. 6:16

There are many paths in Israel. OFF THE BEATEN PATH will take in paths not found on "traditc tours - yet they are important paths, ones that should be seen to take in the full breadth of Israe Dan & Sharon Stolebarger and guide, Jane Ben-Ari as we give you a totally different type of expe Included will be a geo-political Jeep Tour on the Golan Heights - see for yourselves what is truly happening along this strategic border of Israel.



**HOLY
GROUND
TOURS**

OFF THE BEATEN PATH ITINERARY

DAY 1: Overnight in Tel Aviv right on the Mediterranean Sea.

DAY 2 - 4: Travel to Jerusalem where we will be staying inside the walls of the Old City for three nights. While in Jerusalem, visit **OLD SYNAGOGUE TOUR, RABBINICAL TUNNELS, TEMPLE INSTITUTE, BURNT HOUSE, JERICO** with **ST. GEORGE'S MONASTERY** and **FRIENDS OF ZION MUSEUM**. Also planned is an incredible landscape of the Judean desert on a fully guided **JEEP TOUR**.

DAY 5 - 7: Travel to the Galilee where we will stay for three nights at a kibbutz hotel right on the shores of the Sea, away from the hustle and bustle of Tiberias. Our time in the north includes: **TSIPORI, NAZARETH VILLAGE, CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, MT. ARBEL** (with an option to hike up), **MAGDALA, GAMLA** (with hike to the synagogue) and **MT. BENTAL**. On Shabbat, we will have a Shabbat Service at our hotel. In addition, while in the Golan Heights, we will take a geo-political **JEEP TOUR** to hear and see for ourselves exactly what is happening on this strategic border.

DAY 8: We travel to **JAFFA** for one night. En route, visit the grottoes at **ROSH HANIKRA** and the **VALLEY OF ELAH**.

DAY 9: Before bidding farewell to Israel, we will enjoy a leisurely morning, a tour of **JAFFA**, as well as a **FAREWELL DINNER**. Those departing will be taken to the airport.

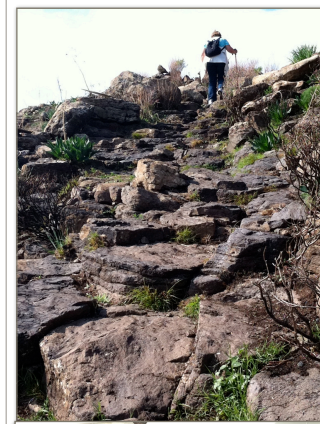
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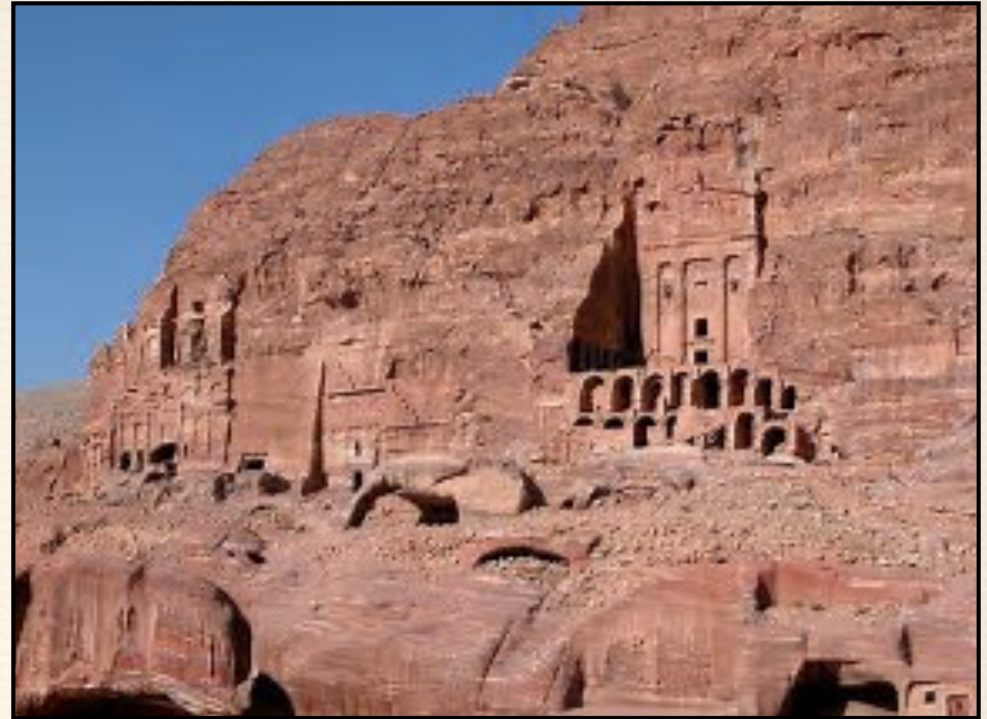
Pricing: \$2995 LAND ONLY per person double occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- ⊗ Hotels: 1 night Tel Aviv, 3 nights Jerusalem, 3 nights Tiberias, 1 night Jaffa
- ⊗ Meals: Breakfast daily, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- ⊗ All Sightseeing and Entrance Fees including two JEEP TOURS
- ⊗ Gratuities for Guide and Driver
- ⊗ Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage per person
- ⊗ All ground transportation

See Registration Form for complete pricing and the Terms & Conditions for the "fine print."





PETRA EXTENSION (optional): Nov. 21-24, 2017 (1 night Jaffa; 2 nights Eilat, 1 night Petra)*

Israel is the land where it all began and **PETRA** just may be the land where the "end" may be centered. It's one thing to see all the sites where prophecy has taken place and has been fulfilled, but then there are the places where the fulfillment is yet to come. During the Tribulation period, God will provide a refuge for His people...many believe that Petra is that place.

Also included is a visit to the replica **TABERNACLE at TIMNA** where you will learn more in 30 minutes about the Tabernacle than you probably have learned in a decade. All this plus the resort city at the southernmost tip of Israel, **EILAT**, where at night you can see the lights of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt, all at the same time. Add to this an overnight in Petra where our hotel is located right across the street from the entrance. This extension is not often offered so take advantage of this departure date.

*NOTE: Those staying on for Petra will spend Nov. 20th in Jaffa before beginning the Petra extension on Nov. 21st.

For complete brochure information:

<http://holygroundexplorations.com/israel-tours/israel-off-the-beaten-path-tour-petra-extension/>





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