A Special Small Group Tour for the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Study Program

ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS
March 30-April 10, 2019

12 days from $6,484 total price from Boston, New York
($5,695 air & land inclusive plus $789 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree of Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Fellow Columbian,

Discover the timeless land of Israel with the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) from March 30-April 10, 2019, on this 12-day small group journey. As you travel from the coastal plain to the Jordan Rift Valley, experience places of beauty and belief, steeped in history. Highlights include Tel Aviv, Galilee, Jerusalem, Masada, and the Dead Sea.

The CAA is a global network connecting Columbians of all Schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links 350,000 alumni through more than 100 Regional Clubs and Shared Interest Groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one's Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

Space is limited to 24 guests and will be shared with participants from a cosponsoring alumni association. Please contact the Alumni Travel Study Program at travelstudy@columbia.edu or 866-325-8664 for more details and to reserve your place on this fascinating tour of Israel!

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ‘89CC, P: ‘17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM – ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Israel: Timeless Wonders, departing March 30, 2019. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program, P.O. Box 930, Riverside, CT 06878. Phone: 866-325-8664; fax: 203-724-0844; e-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu; website: http://alumni.columbia.edu/travel.

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Please book my/our air from _______________________ I/We request an air upgrade to _____________________
I will share a room with _____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability)  
Post-Tour “Jordan: Petra & Amman” Extension: Please sign me/us up  
Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Israel: Timeless Wonders, March 30-April 10, 2019, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.
Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________ Date _________________

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
Israel: Timeless Wonders

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Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of spirit and story, history and hospitality. From modern Tel Aviv to scenic Upper Galilee, ancient Tiberias and storied Nazareth to Jerusalem, “City of Gold,” we engage all our senses in a small group encounter with this extraordinary and holy land, with a five-night stay in Jerusalem at the legendary King David hotel.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv, Israel

Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv

We arrive today and transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned and are at leisure to explore or relax as we wish.

Day 3: Tel Aviv

Today we encounter the modern city of Tel Aviv, Israel’s arts and culture capital. Our tour features Independence Hall, where the state of Israel was declared in 1948; the “White City” district of distinctive Bauhaus architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and the recently renovated neighborhood of Neve Tzedek. We end the day visiting the nearby ancient port of Jaffa. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel.

Day 4: Tel Aviv/Upper Galilee

Traveling north along the coast today to Caesarea, we see the ruins of an ancient Roman amphitheater and harbor. We continue on to the artists’ village of Ein Hod, set amidst olive groves at the foot of Mt. Carmel overlooking the sea. Here we have the opportunity to visit the homes of some local artists and tour their workshops. Then we travel through the hills of Galilee to our hotel on the grounds of a kibbutz founded in 1916. Later we visit a working farm.

Day 5: Mount Bental/Tiberias

Today begins with a special tour of the kibbutz, followed by a visit to a local winery. We continue on to Mount Bental in the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. Next: the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath; Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and Kibbutz Ginosar, where we see the “Jesus Boat” carbon dated to 100 BCE. We travel on to Tiberias and our historic hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Important in both Judaism and Christianity, this ancient city has attracted visitors, settlers, and invaders for more than two millennia.

Day 6: Tiberias/Nazareth

This morning we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Then the New Testament comes to life as we travel to Jesus’ boyhood home of Nazareth, now a center of Christian pilgrimage.

Small Group Tour Highlights

Tel Aviv touring, including “White City” of Bauhaus architecture • Jaffa’s ancient port • Artists’ village of Ein Hod • Overnight stay on a working kibbutz • Biblical sights of Tiberias, Nazareth, Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee • Winery visit and cooking class • Five-night Jerusalem stay at legendary King David hotel • Jerusalem touring, including Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, Old City, Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Israel Museum, Ein Karem • Dead Sea Qumran Caves • Fortress ruins of Masada

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv
2-3 Tel Aviv Hotel Dan Deluxe
4 Upper Galilee Kfar Giladi Kibbutz Hotel Not rated
5-6 Tiberias The Scots Hotel Sup. First Class
7-11 Jerusalem King David Deluxe
12 Depart Tel Aviv for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover Photo: During our stay in Jerusalem, we visit the Western Wall on Day 10.
Day 7: Tiberias/Jerusalem  On our way to Jerusalem today we stop at the archaeological site of Beit Shean, where ongoing excavations have revealed the ruins of numerous cities. We travel on to Jerusalem, the 3,000-year-old “City of Gold,” sacred to the world’s three major monotheist religions. We get our first look from a panoramic lookout on Mt. Scopus. After lunch at a local restaurant, we get acquainted with the New City, Jerusalem’s downtown area. Then we spend the afternoon at the Israel Museum, whose treasures include the Dead Sea Scrolls, Shrine of the Book, a unique sculpture garden, and a scale model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple era.  B,L

Day 8: Jerusalem  Our day begins with a tour of Yad Vashem, Israel’s living memorial to the Holocaust on the Mount of Remembrance. Then we travel to the Judean Hills to the picturesque village of Ein Karem, where we enjoy an ethnic cooking class followed by lunch served with local Israeli wines. We return to Jerusalem’s New City and the bustling outdoor market of Machane Yehuda (“Shuk”). After a visit to the Haas Promenade for panoramic city views, the remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. Dinner tonight is on our own.  B,L

Day 9: Jerusalem  This morning we visit Jerusalem’s Old City for a tour of the excavated tunnels beneath the Western Wall. Then we visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, traditional site of Golgotha where Jesus is believed to have been crucified and buried. The remainder of the day is then free to explore Jerusalem independently or return to the hotel.  B

Day 10: Jerusalem/Old City  We return to the Old City today, starting at the original settlement of the City of David, dating to at least 1800 to 1550 BCE. An archaeologist gives us an in-depth account of Jerusalem’s history before we embark on a walking tour
through the Old City: the Jewish Quarter; the ancient Cardo marketplace; and the Western Wall, sacred to Jews as the last remaining trace of the wall that enclosed and supported the Second Temple on the Temple Mount. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant. B,L,D

Day 11: Jerusalem/Masada/Dead Sea Today we travel to the Dead Sea to explore the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We continue on to the ruins at Masada, the mountain stronghold (and UNESCO site) where Jews held out against a three-year Roman siege, and ascend by cable car to tour the ruins, overlooking the Dead Sea. Then we have the opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea before lunch together. We celebrate our Israel adventure tonight over a farewell dinner at our hotel. B,L,D

Day 12: Depart Tel Aviv for U.S. Very early this morning we transfer by motorcoach to Tel Aviv for our connecting flights to the United States. B

Devout Jews pray at Jerusalem’s Western Wall.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: March 30, 2019

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Land Only (transfers not included) $5,295

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $789, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
- Business Class – $3,995 per person
- Premium Economy – $995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please contact the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Program at 866-325-8664, or fax 203-724-0844, or e-mail travelstudy@columbia.edu

“Traveling is one expression of the desire to cross boundaries.”
– A.B. Yehoshua

Sophisticated seaside Tel Aviv
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $300 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price:
- Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.
- Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:
  - If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
    - cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. If your reservation change, double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.
- Insurance:
  - We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.
- Responsibility:
  - The Columbia Alumni Association, its agent, TSS, LLC (collectively known as TSS), and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel, and other tour arrangements; and neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motorcoach, carriage, or other conveyance; or for the actions of any third-party involved in carrying the passenger or otherwise affecting these tours.
  - TSS and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay, or other changes in air or other services; sickness, weather strikes; war; civil disturbances; acts or threats of terrorism; travel warnings or bans; termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance; quarantine; acts of God; or other causes beyond our control. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent sponsors. All airfares must be borne by the passenger, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay, or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting, in lieu of the original tour, such rescheduled tour(s) or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us; or, else, of receiving a refund of as much as such advance tour expenses as we are able to recover on the passenger’s behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc.; but we shall not have any obligation to the passenger nor bear any liability beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour itinerary and to substitute hotels, vessels, or study leaders. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if they so desire. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of the tour. By forwarding payment(s), the passenger certifies that they and/or their dependents, minors, and others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical, or other condition of disability that could create a risk entirely, and we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. We reserve the right to cancel or substitute faculty. We cannot guarantee the size of the Columbia group. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests