



Wartburg Theological Seminary Study Tour
In Partnership with Luther College

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF EGERIA: A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE TO PLACES, PEOPLES AND PEACE

January 4-20, 2018 17 Days
with optional extension to Jordan
January 20-23



Led by Dr. Thomas Schattauer



Egeria was a pilgrim nun who journeyed to the Holy Land toward the end of the fourth century. She was irrepressibly curious, devoutly Christian, and a careful observer of places and peoples. We will travel in her footsteps—and those of many pilgrims before and since—as we visit the biblical sites, explore the story of Christian existence in this place, and encounter voices for peace among the peoples of Israel and Palestine today.

Thomas Schattauer is Professor of Liturgics and Dean of the Chapel at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. As a liturgical scholar, he is fascinated with how the places connected to Jesus' life became places of pilgrimage and prayer and influenced the shape of liturgy and piety for Christians throughout the world. He brings to this pilgrim's tour the experience of three



previous trips and an ongoing concern for the life of Christian communities in the Middle East. Thomas is married to Paula Carlson, the president of Luther College, and enjoys many opportunities to participate in the life of the college. Thomas is eager to welcome members of both the Wartburg Seminary and Luther College communities on this pilgrimage tour of the Holy Land.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

THU 04 JAN Depart U.S.

A meaningful journey of learning and discovery begins today. Depart Chicago and connect in Newark with the overnight flight to Tel Aviv via United Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

FRI 05 JAN Arrive Tel Aviv/Bethlehem

Upon mid-morning arrival, meet your guide and driver for the transfer to Bethlehem. Take a brief walking tour to get acquainted with your surroundings including a stop at the Visit Palestine Center where you can have a light lunch. After check-in and time to refresh, gather for a welcome dinner. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (Meals in-flight, D)

SAT 06 JAN Bethlehem

This morning attend the Epiphany Mass at St. Catherine's Church. We will also witness the entrance of the Greek Patriarch at the Church of the Nativity for the beginning of the Orthodox Christmas celebrations (January 7 is Christmas Day in the Orthodox calendar). Enjoy a walking tour of Bethlehem's Old City including Manger Square. After dinner, return to Manger Square for Christmas Eve celebrations. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

SUN 07 JAN Bethlehem

Worship and enjoy fellowship with members of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Beit Jala, where Wartburg graduate Saliba Rishmawi is pastor. Gather for a fellowship lunch (cost not included). Some may choose to remain in Bethlehem and attend worship there at Evangelical Christmas Lutheran Church, where Mitri Raheb is pastor. This afternoon visit the Mosque of Omar and meet for a discussion of Islam. There will also be some time on own for personal reflection and individual pursuits. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

MON 08 JAN Bethlehem

This morning visit Efrat for a tour of this Israeli settlement led by one of its residents. Drive to Hebron to visit the Tombs of the Patriarchs (traditional burial site of Abraham and Sarah) at the Ibrahimi Mosque. Tour this complex Palestinian city with Hebron Rehabilitation Committee (HRC). Visit the hilltop fortress of King Herod (Herodion) en route to Bethlehem. Continue for a visit at Shepherds Fields and a Bedouin tent dinner. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

TUE 09 JAN Bethlehem

Visit Aida Refugee Camp where Palestinians have lived since being forced from their homes in 1949. Also tour the Separation Wall to understand its impact on the Palestinian community. Have conversation over lunch with Zoughbi Zoughbi, Director of the Wi'am Center for Conflict Resolution. Also today, meet with the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb to hear about the role of Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, L, D)

WED 10 JAN Bethlehem

Visit Qasr al Yahud on the Jordan River, a baptismal site near Jericho. Then travel to Masada where, on this rocky plateau, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors. Continue on to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Later visit Qumran to see the actual caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. On the return to Bethlehem drive by Mar Saba Monastery. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

THU 11 JAN Bethlehem/Galilee

Depart for the Mediterranean coast and the site of Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor from where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Meet with former Archbishop Elias Chacour in Ibilin. Abuna Chacour was Archbishop of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in the Galilee, an ambassador for non-violence, and noted for promoting reconciliation between Arabs and Israelis. Continue to the Sea of Galilee to check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Pilger Haus (B, D)

FRI 12 JAN Galilee

This morning see the first century "Jesus Boat" at Nof Ginosar Kibbutz, followed by a boat ride on the peaceful waters of the Galilee. Visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum. Drive along the north shore to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Multiplication and the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter. Pilger Haus (B, D)

SAT 13 JAN Galilee

Begin the day at the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee region. Then visit the excavations at Chorazim before driving north, near the Lebanon border. Visit Tel Dan and Baniyas Springs (Caesarea Philippi), a source of the Jordan River. Pilger Haus (B, D)

SUN 14 JAN Galilee/Jerusalem

Drive to Nazareth. Celebrate this Sunday with a service of Holy Communion in the beautiful chapel at the International Mary of Nazareth Center overlooking the Basilica of the Annunciation. Visit the Basilica and excavations there, followed by a visit to the Church of St. Joseph. Continue to Jerusalem and check into your accommodations located in the Old City. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

MON 15 JAN Jerusalem

Stop at the top of the Mount of Olives for a glorious view of Jerusalem and walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. During lunch meet with Rev. Mark Brown, Middle East Director of Lutheran World Federation, located on the grounds of LWR-funded Augusta Victoria Hospital. Tour the only hospital that serves Palestinian refugees. This afternoon journey along the Stations of the Cross concluding with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on the sites commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Gloria Hotel (B, L, D)

TUE 16 JAN Jerusalem

Visit the Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarchate and the church there. Meet with a representative of B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. Proceed to Mt. Sion to visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the church that commemorates Peter's betrayal of Christ, and its model of Byzantine Jerusalem. Continue to the Coenaculum, also called the Upper Room (Mk 14/Lk 22), the traditional site of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

WED 17 JAN Jerusalem

Today visit Yad Vashem, the moving memorial to the Holocaust. At the Israel Museum study the model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple period and see the original Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book. Meet with Ophir Yarden to learn about the Jewish people in the land of Israel and his perspective on what will make for a resolution of conflict. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

THU 18 JAN Jerusalem

Begin the day at the Western Wall and the Temple Mount. The Western Wall is the holiest site in Jerusalem for Jews, and the Temple Mount, or Haram al Sharif, with the Al Aqsa Mosque, is equally sacred for Muslims, second only to Mecca (no inside visits to the mosques available). See the Church of St. Anne, a 12th-century Crusader church, and the Pool of Bethesda. Meet with the English-language pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Gather for a farewell dinner at the Philadelphia Restaurant this evening. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

FRI 19 JAN Jerusalem/Departure

This day is entirely free for individual pursuits - dinner is on your own, too. Hotel rooms will be available until evening departure for the airport. You may wish to walk the ramparts, climb the tower of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, explore the Citadel Museum, attend vespers at the Armenian Cathedral of St. James, join the daily 4pm procession at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, or spend some time in the Old City shops. You may wish to welcome Shabbat at the Western Wall. Transfer this evening for flight check-in and departure at 11:10P. Those travelers going to Jordan will remain overnight at the hotel. Gloria Hotel (B)

SAT 20 JAN Return to U.S.

Connect in Newark this morning with the continuing flight to Chicago. Arrive home enriched with a new understanding of the ancient world, the land of the Bible, and the peoples of Israel and Palestine. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.
Speakers subject to availability

OPTIONAL JORDAN EXTENSION

SAT 20 JAN Jerusalem/Petra

This morning transfer to the Allenby Crossing to Jordan and meet your Jordanian guide, driver

and coach. Visit Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan, which has received recognition as the likely site where John baptized Jesus. Nearby visit the new Lutheran chapel. Continue through the vast desert to the village of Wadi Musa, which embraces the entrance to Petra – one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World. Petra Guesthouse (B,D)

SUN 21 JAN Petra

Two thousand years ago the Nabateans carved a city out of rose red rock and it was rediscovered in 1812. Today you will discover the formerly lost city of Petra during a half-day guided tour. Begin by walking through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon that opens upon the Treasury, El Khazneh, one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures. Enjoy a full day of touring this amazing, once-hidden world. Petra Guesthouse (B,D)

MON 22 JAN Petra/Tel Aviv/Departure

Depart on the northbound journey to the village of Madeba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land. Drive to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land and enjoy the dramatic view of the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond. Cross the Allenby Bridge to meet your guide and driver for the transfer to Ben Gurion Airport – stop en route for dinner. Arrive at the airport this evening for flight check-in and departure before midnight. (B, D, Meals in-flight)

TUE 23 JAN Arrive U.S.

Connect in Newark with the return flight to Chicago. (Meals in-flight)

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

In an email to tschattauer@wartburgseminary.edu, please describe your interest in this study tour and your connection to Wartburg Seminary or Luther College.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via United Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Fifteen nights accommodation in Christian guesthouses and superior tourist class hotel, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, two lunches and fourteen dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person with the exception of St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse in Jerusalem.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$180 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$530 per person).
- WARTBURG SEMINARY TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel medical and limited trip cancellation insurance provided by Wartburg Seminary is included in the tour price; see travel insurance section.
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

COST SUMMARY

\$4755

Group Flights From Chicago
 Tour Gratuities (\$180).....Included
 Airport/Departure Taxes (\$530).....Included
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplements

Single Room.....\$799

Optional Extension to Jordan.....\$899

Includes: Two nights accommodation in superior tourist class hotel; breakfast and dinner daily; transportation by mini-coach; sightseeing fees; luggage handling; fully guided in Jordan; Jordan Entry Visa; border taxes; gratuities. Single Room Supplement=\$119.

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of January 2017, a minimum of 20 travelers (10 on the optional extension), and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens visiting Israel/Palestine; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

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(Name as it appears on passport)

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room. Yes. Sign me up for the Jordan extension tour.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land- only rates.

DEPOSIT

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us:

\$ _____ **\$400** per person without GTD travel protection. I/we understand that GTD travel protection can be purchased per the Travel Protection section of the brochure.

Form of Payment

Check
 Charge my deposit(s) to
 Credit Card # _____
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Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#180105.

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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This strenuous, fast-paced tour requires considerable walking; please check with your tour leader if you have questions.



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Wartburg Seminary has included travel medical and limited trip cancellation insurance in your tour price. More information can be found via these links:

- http://eiia.org/assets/documents/International_Travel_Abroad_Summary.pdf
- http://eiia.org/assets/documents/International_Program_FAQs_6.20.16.pdf

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Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
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* a maximum of 5000 per person
** a maximum of \$7500 per person

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TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due September 1, 2017. Final payment is due October 31, 2017. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to August 30, 2017- \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; September 1 – December 20, 2017 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; December 21, 2017 or after – No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than September 1, 2017. A minimum fee of \$175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

