



The Hill Brothers
15-Day Greece and Israel Tour
January 14 -29, 2018
Hosted by
Hill Brothers (Jim, Drew & Pete)

Sunday, Jan 14

Departure USA to Thessaloniki, Greece

Board your overnight flight to Thessaloniki, Greece via Frankfurt & Athens

Meals and overnight on Board flight

Monday, Jan 15

Arrive ATH board Flight to Thessaloniki, Greece

Board your flight to Thessaloniki, Greece
Transfer to your hotel in Thessaloniki.

Dinner and Overnight at Hotel in Thessaloniki

Tuesday, Jan 16

THESSALONIKI – FULL DAY KAVALA/PHILIPPI TOUR – THESSALONIKI

In the morning, drive to the attractive seaside city of **Kavala**. It has been built on the ruins of ancient Neapolis which occupies the same site. The apostle Paul passed through the town which is the reason why it has also acquired the name of Christoupolis.



Afterwards, we drive to the ancient **Philippi** where among other remains to see, are two early Christian basilicas, traces of the Egnatian Way, the Roman Forum, the citadel, the ancient Greek theatre, etc... There is also the dungeon dating from the Roman times, believed to have been the place where Saint Paul was imprisoned. At the river-side nearby, Saint Paul converted Lydia to Christianity, thus making her the first Christian in Europe.

The tour of Thessaloniki includes the City Walls, Chain Tower and Citadel, the White Tower, Byzantine churches, the cave and well of the Apostle Paul, House of Jason, Monastery of Vlatadon, Aristotle's Square and statue of Alexander the Great.

After your tour return to your hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at hotel in Thessaloniki

Wednesday, Jan 17

THESSALONIKI – KALAMBAKA / METEORA Monasteries

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, depart Thessaloniki to Meteora, (Kalambaka) for visiting the famous monasteries.



Perched atop soaring cliffs, gigantic rocks have been etched by time into a variety of shapes rooted deeply in the ground yet completely isolated from the world around them.

The gigantic stalagmites towering toward the sky, provide the perfect setting from God, for those who chose monasticism solely for their worship and prayerful commitment.

The monasteries of the Meteora, adorn the summits of the formidable rock pinnacles, with the backdrop of the mountains and river. The woods and fruit trees below please the eye with its unusual setting. The Monasteries with their wooden galleries and corniced rooftops hang precariously over the breathtaking abysses, with the Pindus range at their back. Then, drive to Kalambaka.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kalambaka

Thursday, Jan 18

KALAMBAKA > DELPHI (visit) > ATHENS

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, depart Kalambaka on coach for a private guided tour to DELPHI.



Arrive at Delphi the ancient sanctuary of Apollo, the “naval” of the world.

We will visit the museum, where among other treasures one can see the unique bronze statue of the Charioteer. Proceed to visit the archaeological site, where the oracle was once being performed. See the Athenian treasury, the polygonal wall, the temple of Apollo. After the tour, drive to Athens. Upon arrival

at the hotel in Athens, check in and settle into the rooms.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Athens

Friday, Jan 19

ATHENS city tour , Acropolis/Parthenon , Acropolis Museum, Ancient Corinth

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, depart for a private panoramic city tour of Athens viewing the classical and modern spots of the city. Photo stop at the Panathenaic Stadium. Guided tour of the Acropolis site and Parthenon.



Guided tour of the Acropolis Museum.

See the Erechthion with Caryatids. Then depart Athens by coach to Corinth, with a short stop for photos at the Corinth Canal which separates the Peloponnese from the Greek mainland and connects the Ionian and Aegean seas.



Then on for a visit of **Ancient Corinth** which was home for St. Paul for eighteen months.

We will visit the Archaeological Museum, the Bema, the Market Place, and the Temples. From Bema at Corinth, Paul spoke to the Corinthians about our Lord and Saviour Christ.

In the evening, after fresh up and rest, we leave the hotel to discover why it is said that 'Athens is the city that never sleeps'. To a great extent that statement is true and you surely have the chance to find it out tonight. We will have dinner at a typical Greek Tavern/restaurant with live music and folklore and floorshow in Plaka area (Athens' old district). A night 'sta bouzoukia' (at the bouzoukia) is a night which one never forgets. You will listen to the authentic Greek music as well as sing and dance 'syrtaki' with the other patrons.



Return to the hotel around midnight.

Overnight in ATHENS.

Saturday, Jan 20

ATHENS – Day Cruise DEPARTURE – FLIGHT TO Tel Aviv

Breakfast at the hotel.

Island Day Cruise on the Aegean; disembark in the evening, transfer to the airport for your flight to TLV



Athens-Greece is bidding you Farewell and Wishes you many happy returns!

Saturday, January 20

Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Upon our arrival into Ben Gurion International we will be met and transferred to our hotel in Netanya



Overnight, Netanya

Sunday, Jan 21

Coastal Route

After enjoying a delicious Israeli breakfast, we'll drive along the Mediterranean Coast to the 5000 year old port city of **Jaffa**. Here Jonah sought to escape God's call and Peter had his rooftop vision before his call to



Caesarea. We'll drive northwards up the Mediterranean coast. First we'll visit ancient **Caesarea**, site of Paul and Peter's experiences on the Mediterranean Coast. From there we'll visit **Mount Carmel** and **Muhraka** to witness the location of Elijah's contest with Jezebel's false prophets of **Ba'al**. Here we'll be able to view the **Jezreel Valley**. We'll then travel to **Meggido**, the site of 21 battles from the Old Testament and where it says in the Book of Revelation the final battle between good and evil will take place. Here we'll also get to explore Canaanite ruins and the "Chariot Cities" of Kings Solomon and Ahab. Next we'll visit **Nazareth**, Jesus' childhood home, and **Cana** where Jesus turned the water into wine. We'll then descend to the Sea of Galilee to our hotel.

Overnight, Tiberias

Monday, Jan 22

Sea of Galilee/Jesus Ministry day



After breakfast we'll depart for Tiberias where we'll take a morning **Boat Tour** of the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. We'll visit **Migdal**, the home of Mary Magdalene and see the "**Jesus Boat**" at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. We'll then drive the plain of Ginosar to **Tabgha** where Jesus "multiplied the loaves and fish." Next on our stop is the **Mount of Beatitudes**, then we'll visit **Capernaum**, home of the synagogue of Jesus' ministry and miracles. See **Kursi** where Jesus cast the demons out of the man into a heard of swine. After touring return to you hotel in Tiberias

Overnight, Tiberias

Tuesday, Jan 23

Hula Basin/Upper Galilee/Golan



This morning we'll pass ancient **Hazor** through the **Hula Basin**, known in the Old Testament as the **Waters of Merom**. We'll hike in the **Dan Nature Preserve** and view the rushing **Headwaters of the Jordan River**. We'll then visit the Dan of the Old Testament, known as the "Hill of the Judge" to explore the incredible excavations and altar where the golden calf was worshipped by Israel under King Jereboam. From there we'll take a bus to **Caesarea Philippi** where Peter said to Jesus "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Next we'll drive to the **Golan Heights** where we'll overlook the Jordan Valley. See **Mt. Hermon**, drive along the ancient **Damascus Road**.

Next we'll ascend the **Golan** and then descend via the winding road of the **Yarmuk River** to the shores of the Sea of Galilee to our hotel

Overnight, Tiberias

Wednesday, Jan 24

Jordan Valley/Dead Sea

After breakfast we'll drive down the Jordan Valley to **Beit Shean**, an amazing New Testament Roman city with temples, baths, and a black basalt theater. Drive along the Jordan Valley, with Jordan on our east and the Mountains of Samaria on our west, past the oasis of Old Testament **Jericho** where Joshua led Israel in the siege of the city, and down to the **Dead Sea**. This is the lowest place on Earth and the site where John was baptized in Jordan at the mouth of the Sea. We will view and discuss the location of ancient **Gilgal**, Israel's largest all Jewish city in history; on our right will be the awesome **Wilderness of Judea**. We will then visit **Qumran** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a Bedouin boy. Our guide will share discoveries relating to Essene Qumran. We'll overlook the ancient oasis of **Ein Gedi** (*the Goat's Rocks*), where David hid from King Saul in the caves. Drive south along the Dead Sea to our resort hotel.

Overnight, Dead Sea.

Thursday, Jan 25

Wilderness of Judea/Massada



This morning we drive to **Masada**; the most important mountain in Israel's history. Learn the incredible story of the Jewish Freedom Fighters who held out against the Romans in 73A.D. The story of the struggle, the excavations, and the view from the top is one unforgettable highlight of our tour. Drive to **Bethlehem and Shepherds Fields**.

After your tour drive to Jerusalem.

Overnight, Jerusalem.

Friday, Jan 26

Jerusalem old city

First we'll explore **Rabbinical Tunnels** behind the Western Wall.



We'll then see the **Temple Mount**.

Visit the **Lions' Gate** and the **Pools of Bethesda**. We'll then visit the **Tower of Antonia**, the **Praetorium**, and **Pilate's Judgement Hall**. Here our Lord was tried by Pilate, beaten by the Roman Cohort, and took up His Cross for Calvary. The **Ecce Homo** begins the traditional **Via Dolorosa** leading to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Visit the Jewish Quarter including the **Cardo**, the **Herodian Quarter**, and **Nehemiah's Wall**. Afterwards we'll explore the **Southern Wall Excavations** and depart the old city by the **Dung Gate**.

Overnight, Jerusalem

Saturday, Jan 27

The Holy City of Jerusalem

From the **Mount of Olives** our guide will share the geography and history of Jerusalem. This vivid lecture overlooks where it happened, the **Kidron Valley**, the **Temple Area**, and **The Holy City**. Descending the Mount of Olives by the path of Jesus' Triumphant Entry into the Kidron Valley, visit **Garden of Gethsemane** discussing Jesus' suffering and his "Passion Week." Before us is the **Golden Gate** of the Temple Area, as when Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24. We'll then visit the **House of Caiphas**, the place of Jesus' early trials when Peter denied Him. View the **Valley of the Cheesemaker**, the **Valley of Hinnon**, the **Field of Blood**, where Judas took his life, **Gehennah**, and the **Ophel**, King David's capital city. We'll then visit Mount Zion.

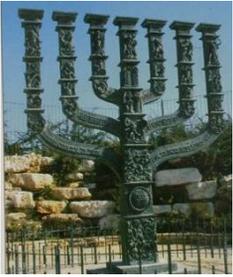


Return to your Jerusalem Hotel
Overnight Jerusalem

Sunday, Jan 28

Jerusalem-New City-departure

This morning we'll be exploring the New City of Jerusalem. First we'll see the **Knesset**, Israel's Parliament, and the **Bronze Menorah** in front of the building. We'll also see the **Model of First Century Jerusalem** from the Holy Land Hotel. We'll also explore the exhibits at the **Israel Museum** all the way to the **Shrine of the Book**; home to the Dead Sea Scrolls We'll finish our day with a visit to **Yad Vashem** Holocaust memorial and museum. We will conclude the day with a Special Service at the **Garden Tomb**. After the service there will be some free time for dinner and at then drive to the airport to check in for your flight home.



Overnight aboard plane

Monday, Jan 29

Am arrival USA board your domestic flight home

*****Itinerary and guide are subject to change due to timing and unforeseen circumstances. *****

HILL BROTHERS TOURS

Hill Brothers Tours is a collaboration effort of three brothers who have a combined total of 130 years in ministry and have collectively hosted many tours groups on spiritual pilgrimages over more than twenty years. We invite you to join us for a life-changing trip to the Holy Land.

Jim Hill recently retired as Executive Director of Churchnet (a ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Missouri). He also serves as Church Administrator at First Baptist Church in Jefferson City. He has served as a pastor, church planter, missionary, and denominational executive during more than 45 years of ministry. He is married with three sons and four grandchildren.

Drew Hill is Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia. Drew has also served Missouri churches in Sedalia, Lamar, Independence, and Lincoln, during more than 35 years of ministry. He is married and has two sons and a daughter. Drew studied Old Testament Archeology at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Melvin "Pete" Hill, Jr. has more than 52 years of ministry experience including eight pastorates in Missouri and Florida in addition to his student ministry positions. He is married and has twin daughters, a son and four grandchildren. He has hosted ten tour groups over a period of 30 years. He is presently serving as pastor of the United Methodist Church, Windsor, Missouri.

15-day Greece & Israel Tour (January 14 – 29, 2018)

Cost: \$4,752.00 per person plus the airline fuel surcharge (estimated surcharge is \$673.00)

Additional Charge for a Single Room (Greece & Israel): \$893.00

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND SERVICES:

Airline/Trip Deposit of \$500.00 per person due August 14, 2017

(space is limited, reservations based upon deposits received)

Balance due by November 1, 2017

This package is comprehensive and includes:

- 1. Transportation:** Round-trip airline tickets from St. Louis, Kansas City or Washington, D. C. and airline tickets from Athens to Thessaloniki and Athens to Tel Aviv.
- 2. Accommodations:** Double occupancy accommodations in deluxe hotels in Greece and Israel
- 3. Meals:** buffet breakfast daily & dinner except on January 20 and January 28 (departure days).
- 4. Sightseeing:** Includes entrance fees to all sights, via a deluxe air conditioned motor coach and English speaking tour escort including a boat ride/cable car/tunnel and Davidson Centre
- 5. Luggage Handling:** 1 piece of luggage per person at each hotel and airport (where available)
- 6. Gratuities:** Tips to drivers, guides, tour escorts, chamber maids, porters, restaurant staff, and other servers

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- 1. Travel Insurance:** May be purchased from Gil Travel web site www.giltravel.com
- 2. Meals:** A light lunch or snacks purchased each day while touring & dinner on January 20 and 28.
- 3. Personal Expenses:** All those expenses individual to each passenger including souvenirs, laundry services, valet service, phone calls.

CANCELLATION POLICY: The following fees apply to cancellations.

110-91 days prior departure \$75.00

90-61 days before departure: \$400.00 per person and airline deposit of \$325.00

60-46 days before departure: 75% land cost and 100% air cost

45-1 days before departure: no refund

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Send your deposit (check for \$500.00 per person made payable to Gil Travel) to the address below. Please include your full name (per your passport), your date of birth, your passport number, the date your passport was issued, and your passport expiration date. Please include your email address. We will confirm receipt of your deposit by email.

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