**Not Your Grandmother’s Holy Land Tour**

F.A.Q.s

1. **Why do you call it “Not Your Grandmother’s Holy Land Tour”?**

Well it’s a catchy title for one thing! The tour is different than other trips to Israel. The group is led by a Palestinian and a Jew – that’s different! We also limit the size of the group, making it a much more personal and flexible trip. We also “go off the beaten path” to view the Holy Land through the lens of Jesus and how various ethnic groups relate to him and to each other. This means that we interact with Israelis, Palestinians, Jews and Christians and Muslims, and others along the way.

1. **Who leads the tour?**

The tour is led by Brian Newman and Elias Nawawieh. Brian comes from a Jewish background and is from near New York City and Elias comes from a Palestinian background and grew up in Bethlehem (Yes, THE Bethlehem!). More important, both Brian and Elias are followers of Christ.

1. **How much does it cost and what does that include?**

The cost is $3,475 which includes:

* Airfare to and from Tel Aviv from Washington Dulles airport
* 8 nights in hotel (double occupancy). The hotels are 3-star;
* All meals for the entire trip
* Entrance to sites
* Transportation by coach bus as well as transport to and from Tel-Aviv airport (transportation to the airport in the United States is not included)
* All tips except for the tour guide and bus driver (the tour guide is not Brian or Elias)

1. **How many people are in the group?**

We limit the group to 25 to 30 people plus Brian and Elias. This is one of the ways this tour is different than many others. We rent a 55-seat bus for a maximum of 30 people!

1. **Will we see all the sites?**

We will see many sites, but the trip is limited in time and scope so we do not see everything. In fact, no tour sees “everything.” We do our best to go to the most relevant biblical sites though.

1. **Is it safe in the locations we will visit?**

We double and triple-check security at every location we plan to go to. We do this several days in advance, the day before, and even hours before we are to arrive. Our tour guide and bus driver communicate continually with other guides and drivers. Your safety is our number 1 priority every step of the way.

1. **How rigorous is the walking and hiking?**

Israel and the West Bank is anything but smooth and easy walking! We are usually walking on uneven paths and slightly uphill or downhill. If you have significant mobility issues this is probably not the trip for you.

1. **Do I have to believe a certain way to go on this trip?**

You do not have to believe. However, we are clear that we follow Jesus and we lead the trip through this lens of the Good News of Jesus and His Kingdom.

1. **Do you have another question?**

Great, we would love to speak with you. Please contact Elias Nawawieh at [elias.nawawieh@gmail.com](mailto:elias.nawawieh@gmail.com) or by phone at +1 406-261-7791.