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.

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**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)

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**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)

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**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)

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**SUN 07 JAN**  Bethlehem

Worship and enjoy fellowship with members of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Beit Jala, where Warburg graduate Saliba Rishmawi is pastor. Gather for a fellowship lunch (cost 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 our own for personal reflection and individual pursuits. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

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**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 Ibrahimic Mosque. Tour the holy city with Hebron Rehobon Committee (HRC). Visit the hilltop fortress of King Herod (Herodion) on 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)

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**TUE 09 JAN**  Bethlehem

Visit Aida Refugee Camp where Palestinians have lived since being forced from their homes in 1949. 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)

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**WED 10 JAN**  Bethlehem

**THU 11 JAN**  Bethlehem/Galilee

**FRI 12 JAN**  Galilee

**SAT 13 JAN**  Galilee

**SUN 14 JAN**  Galilee/Jerusalem

**MON 15 JAN**  Jerusalem

**TUE 16 JAN**  Jerusalem

**THU 18 JAN**  Jerusalem

**FRI 19 JAN**  Jerusalem/Departure

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**SAT 20 JAN**  Return to U.S.

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**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**

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**

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)

**WHAT’S INCLUDED?**

- **AIRFARE**: Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via United Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved schedule 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.
- **GUESTHOUSE**: 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).
  - Airport/Departure Taxes ($530).
  - *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

**Optional Individual Supplements**

- **Single Room**

**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.

**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.

**RESERVATION APPLICATION**

- [Apply Online](www.gtd.org/#180105)
- OR Clip and Mail

- **Wartburg/Luther: Holy Land • January 4-20, 2018 • (G#180105) • Group Travel Directors • 2000 W 98th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55431**

(Name as it appears on passport)

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**Roommate**

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

**FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

- [ ] I/we will take the group flights from Chicago.
- [ ] I/we will need assistance with flight arrangements from______________to__________________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.
- $_______ 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 #__________
- [ ] Exp ____________
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**Iowa Seller of Travel #1075**

- Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#180105.
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- Please contact GTD for land-only rates.
- Please make reservations before December 15, 2017.

- Signature ____________________________ Date ____________
- Signature ____________________________ Date ____________
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.

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:

Group Travel Directors (GTD) offers more comprehensive travel protection that may be better suited to your needs. Please contact GTD for more information.

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* a maximum of $5000 per person
** a maximum of $7500 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is $273 per person ($297 with the optional extension). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. In order to cover pre-existing conditions, this travel protection must be purchased within 14 days of registering for the tour.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

Group Travel Directors (GTD) provides customized travel planning throughout the world for group travelers who have a variety of reasons and goals for travel. The goals and/or opinions of these groups do not reflect or imply the position of GTD in any matter. Brochure contents may not be duplicated without permission from GTD. In offering these travel arrangements, Group Travel Directors, Inc. (GTD) acts solely as an agent for the sale of air transportation and other travel related services. GTD maintains no control over the personnel, equipment or operations of any entity furnishing services, products or accommodations. GTD assumes no responsibility or liability for, and shall not be expected, asked or required to pay for any injury, damage, expense, personal injury, property damage, inconvenience or any other loss experienced by reason of: (1) any intentional, wrongful, negligent or unauthorized act or omission on the part of any supplier, its agents or employees; (2) any defect, breakdown or other failure of any vehicle, equipment, service, product or other instrumentality which is owned, operated or otherwise used by a supplier; (3) any intentional, wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized act or omission on the part of any other party not under the direct control of GTD; (4) financial problems causing nonperformance by any supplier; or (5) any other cause, condition or event whatsoever beyond the direct control of GTD. GTD cannot guarantee any rates, bookings or reservations of any supplier. Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the foregoing provisions. All prices quoted are subject to change if airlines or ground operators increase their prices, the U.S. dollar is devalued significantly against foreign currencies, the group falls below minimum numbers, or a fuel surcharge, government tax or user’s fee is imposed. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. GTD reserves the right to withdraw from any tour any tour member whose conduct is incompatible with the interests of the group as a whole. The above Conditions and Responsibility also covers the group leader(s) and their respective organizations.

NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html

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