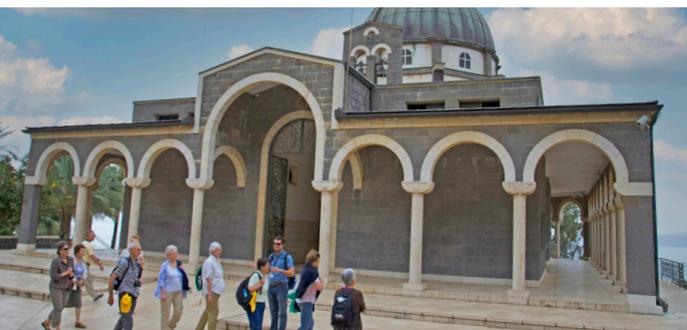




# JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

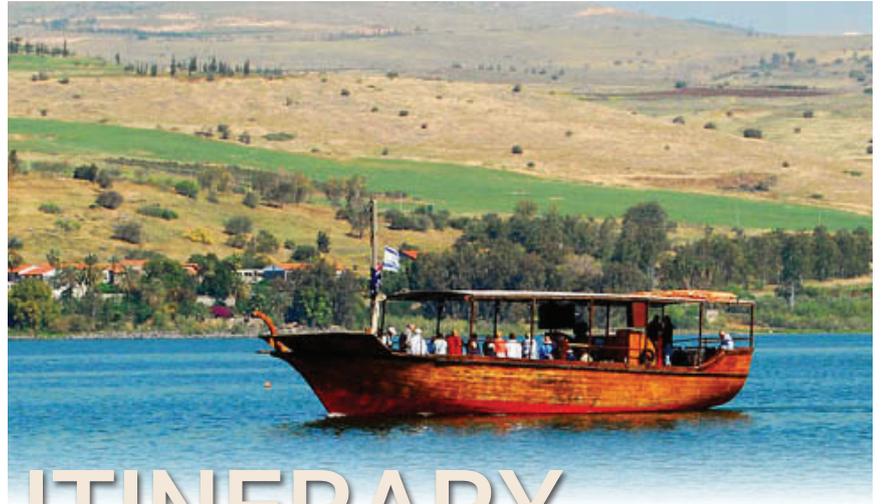
April 9 - 19, 2024

with Pastor Jeff Gross



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# ITINERARY

## April 9 & 10 - USA to the Holy Land

Your journey begins in the comfort of a bus that brings you from New Life Lutheran Church to the Miami airport, where you depart the USA. Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

## April 11 - Jericho and Qumran

Visit the baptismal site of **Qasr el Yahud**, where tradition says Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Travel to **Jericho** (the oldest city in the world) and visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6:1, 2 & 20). In the distance, you can see the traditional site of the **Temptation of Jesus** (Matthew 4:1-11). Continue to **Qumran**, the site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery. End your day with the opportunity to take a dip in the mineral-laden waters of the **Dead Sea**.

## April 12 - Herodion and Bethlehem

Explore one of the most exciting archaeological digs in Israel, the **Herodion**, the palace-fortress and final resting place of Herod the Great. In **Bethlehem**, visit the cave where Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-7) and the **Church of the Nativity**. Gaze out over **Shepherds' Field**, where angels first proclaimed the Good News.

## April 13 - Caesarea, Mount Carmel and Tel Megiddo

Visit the **Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea**, a center of early Christianity and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 10). View **Mount Carmel**, the site of Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). Travel the ancient caravan route through the Jezreel Valley to **Tel Megiddo**, an exciting archaeological dig with its layers of twenty different cities built on top of each other.

## April 14 - The Galilee

Enjoy a scenic drive to **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the **Mount of Beatitudes**, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 5-7). Experience a special onboard worship service as you sail across the **Sea of Galilee**. Visit the **Church of the Loaves and Fish** in **Tabgha**, the traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). As you pray in the **Chapel of the Primacy**, remember how Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ three times (John 21). In **Magdala**, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue.

## April 15 - Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi and Golan Heights

At the ruins of **Tel Dan**, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the "House of David" fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Continue on to **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter told the Lord, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" (Matt. 16:16). A scenic drive along the **Golan Heights** will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan as well as Israel.



### April 16 - Cana, Nazareth, Samaria and Jacob's Well

Begin your day with a visit to **Cana**, the site of Christ's first miracle (John 2), before stopping in **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Continue past **Tel Dothan**, thought to be the place where Joseph found his brothers with their flocks (Genesis 37). Visit **Samaria**, the capital of the Northern Kingdom and home to Ahab and Jezebel. See **Mount Ebal** and **Mount Gerizim**, where the Israelites recited the blessings and curses of the Law. In modern day **Nablus** (ancient Shechem), see where the Samaritan woman encountered Christ (John 4) at **Jacob's Well**.

### April 17 - Jerusalem

Stand on the **Mount of Olives** and enjoy a remarkable view of the Golden City of Jerusalem. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven from this place (Acts 1:9-12). Walk to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and pray beneath the ancient olive trees (Matthew 26:36-44). On **Mount Zion**, visit the **Upper Room**, revered as the site of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26) and **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, the home of the **High Priest Caiaphas**, where Jesus was held after His arrest (Matthew 26:57).

### April 18 - Jerusalem

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the **Old City** of Jerusalem along the **Cardo**, once the main street of the city. Explore the **Davidson Center** and the **Southern Wall Excavations**, including the **Teaching Steps** and the **Western Wall**. Remember how Jesus healed on the Sabbath when you visit the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5: 1-18). At **Herod's Antonia Fortress** (Luke 23:1), see where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. Walk the **Via Dolorosa** ("the Way of the Cross") and remember the Lord's sacrificial love at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Share communion together at the **Garden Tomb** in celebration of His Resurrection.

### April 19 - Return to the USA or Enjoy the Cairo Extension

Starting at

**\$4,498\* FROM MIAMI, FL**

#### YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

**Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare**

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

**Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes**

Subject to change

**Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees**

**Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches**

**First-Class Hotels & much more!**

**Bus transport from the church to Miami Airport is included.**

**Guests can park for free at the church.**



## OPTIONAL EXTENSION



### WONDERS OF PETRA & THE DEAD SEA

APRIL 19 - 23, 2024 | \$1,298

#### April 19 - Jerash

This morning, you will journey across the Allenby Bridge on your way to Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the world. Stroll through the oval piazza and wander along colonnaded streets etched by the wheels of ancient chariots. Stand in the grand theatre where an onstage whisper can be heard in the top row. Continue to Amman to check in for dinner and overnight.

#### April 20 - Madaba & Mount Nebo

Begin your journey south towards Petra today. Stop in Madaba, the City of Mosaics, to visit the Church of Saint George with its sixth-century, Byzantine, mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. Continue to Mount Nebo, where Moses caught a glimpse of the Promised Land (Deut. 34). On a clear day, you can see all the way across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the rooftops of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. End your day at the shore of the Dead Sea and check into your hotel.

#### April 21 - Petra

Explore the city of Petra. Its entrance passes through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq and can only be accessed by carriage, horseback, or on foot. Once inside the city, marvel at the intricate detail of a city that was cut into the cliff sides of rose-colored rock. Return to your hotel at the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.

#### April 22 - Free Morning at the Dead Sea

Enjoy a free morning at your hotel. Cross the border back into Israel and enjoy dinner in Jerusalem. Afterward, you will travel to the airport in Tel Aviv to begin your journey home.

#### April 23 - Return to the USA

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

Taxes, tips & fees for extensions are charged separately.

**TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM**

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

**Brian Schmidt | Cruise Planners**  
 15409 21st Ave E- Bradenton FL 34212  
 info@SimplyJoyfulVacations.com | 941-242-1030

Departure City: MIAMI, FL Departure Date: 04/09/24 (S)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dietary Requirement: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tour Selection:  Basic Program Only  Add Petra Extension

Guest 2: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tour Selection:  Basic Program Only  Add Petra Extension

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If No Roommate:  Try to Match Me  Single Room (availability limited - \$898)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:	Guest 1:
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.	<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.	
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).	Guest 2:
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 12/26/23.	<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline

**\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION**  
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE 12/26/23**

via check # \_\_\_\_\_  via credit card (circle): **VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX**

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ CVN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER AGREEMENT**

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: TH24 Date: 040924 Code: S ID: 34961 Proof 003 11/28/22

**Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates**

For a full description of the plan, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpF427X](http://www.tripmate.com/wpF427X)

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit
Part A - Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Part B - Trip Interruption	Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days up to \$200 Per Day)	\$2,000
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	\$25,000
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200

THIS IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ASK FOR THE TRAVEL PROTECTION CERTIFICATE WHICH FULLY DETAILS THE COVERAGES, PROVISIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS OF THE PLAN OFFERED AND IS AVAILABLE TO YOU, UPON REQUEST, AT ANY TIME.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. \*For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

**Conditions and Limitations**

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Easton, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee
- Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • Tips for the Guide and Driver

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$898 during the basic tour; \$350 for Petra. Contact your travel advisor for more information.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	12/26/23   If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 12/26/23 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after December 26, 2023:**

We welcome registrations after 12/26/23. Registrations received between 12/27/23-01/10/23 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 01/11/23-01/25/23 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 01/26/23 days prior or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

**CANCELLATION FEES:**

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is covered. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

**FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:**

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION:**

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 12/26/23. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

**PRICE INCREASES:**

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

**AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:**

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

**FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:**

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:**

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

**DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:**

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with any deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night, single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

**VALIDITY DATE:**

This brochure is valid until 05/28/23. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

**RELEASE INFORMATION:**

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure. Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.