**Israel Pilgrimage Recommendations with the Slamps**



**1.**Our trip with the Slamps to Israel & Greece was Oct. 2021.  There can't possibly be better people to go with.  David and Kathy know the Holy Land like their own back yard. Their people connections throughout Israel are endless. This precious place knows no end. To be in the place where our Savior lived and died us powerful stuff. We encourage you to "go." **Carolyn & Spencer, Vancouver, WA**

**2.** Marsha and I went with the Slamps in 2016 to Israel and then to Greece for the optional cruise.  We both enjoyed the trip very much and visited many of the familiar places mentioned in the bible (Jerusalem, Masada, Capernaum, Megiddo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho) and many others.  The journey has stayed with us for the past 6 years and when reading scripture, it's more real than before.  Thanks for taking us. **Roy & Marsha Lewis from Vancouver, WA**

**3.** Israel had been on my bucket list.  Finally, for my 40th birthday I talked my husband into going.  It was so amazing and exceeded my expectations.  It made the Bible come to life.  I wanted to take my children who were in high school at the time.  I wanted them to be able to put the Bible stories into context and understand what they were reading. The Slamps have a heart for this!  The next trip the kids, then 16 went and did this very trip - getting to go thru Israel and then to Greece and the Steps of Paul.  The hotels were great, the people in the groups were also great.  I have gone 3 times to Israel with the Slamp so far, 2001, 2005, and 2011.  It is always great. **Kim from Wichita, Kansas**

**4.** My husband & I joined Kathy & David Slamp for our first international trip to Israel in 2021. Due to the Covid pandemic we had numerous requirements to meet.  The Slamps were with us thru the entire process, accessible by phone & email anytime. Any questions we had they found the answer the answer.  It was most reassuring with us new international travelers.   Once on the trip, they again, were right there for us, great attention to detail, immediate notification of any changes in schedule, checking on us, etc.  It was indeed a Trip of a Lifetime.  **Nanci & Jerry Mattio, San Diego, CA**

**5.** I would like to take a moment for any of you who are considering going to Israel with Dave and Kathy as your tour guides. My experience when traveling with them is excellent. They have years of experience leading tours. They are attentive to each of those traveling with them and make the Bible come alive at the various sites that are visited.  They have excellent relations with the local Israeli guide who enjoys working with them again and again. It will be a trip enjoyed and long remembered after you return. I highly recommend them to everyone who talks to me about my experience when traveling to Israel. **Marilyn Faber, Upland, CA, 2013**

**6.**My husband and I live in the Tampa area.  We traveled to Israel and Greece with Dave and Kathy in 2016. They are so knowledgeable and so much experience touring the Holy Land.  Their passion for making the Bible come alive is evident every step along the way.  I cannot recommend going on of these tours enough! **Becky and Ryan from Tampa, FL and we traveled in 2016.**

**7.** It was a special blessing to take the Israel trip with David & Kathy Slamp. They are very professional, organized, caring, thoughtful-always putting people first. I loved seeing sites that other groups do not see!! I’ve known the Slamps for 50 years, and they are a special couple with much knowledge and serve with great integrity! My trip was to Israel, Jordan, AND Greece in 2011. **Joanne Wallace-Lovelace, Toledo, WA**

**8. W**e highly recommend the Slamps! Our trip was well organized, comfortable, educational, uplifting. sometimes thrilling. & fun! We were on the Israel, Jordan, and Greece trip in 2011.**Lynn & John, Vallejo, CA**

**9.** After suffering months of angst we would not be permitted to travel to Israel because of the pandemic, we were delighted to finally be in the air enroute!  It really is impossible to develop, in just a short testimony, an account of the amazing experience it was to be on this pilgrimage with David and Kathy Slamp! From sailing on a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee to sitting on the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount, to walking the ancient streets of Bet Shean mentioned in I Samuel 31, this trip is life changing!

I never again will read about Jericho, read the words found in the Dead Sea Scrolls, hear the strains of " Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" or the Gaither song, "Because He lives." that I won't recall walking the cobbled streets of Old Jerusalem, or singing," low in the grave He lay" that I don't picture looking inside the garden tomb. While walking in the Lord's steps was SO faith affirming, I cannot finish this account without mentioning the amazing days we spent experiencing Athens! I absolutely recommend this great trip with the phenomenal host and hostess, David & Kathy Slamp! **Betty DeBoef, Oskaloosa, Iowa. This was the 2021 pilgrimage.**

**10.** Going with the Slamps to Israel was a wonderful experience. This was my 4th trip to Israel and Pastor Dave and Kathy made it special in following the footsteps of Jesus. Pastor Dave and Kathy had us singing hymns and choruses on our bus with devotions each day--so wonderful. None of my other tours did this. When we went to Shepherds Chapel, Kathy led our group in singing Joy to the World, so moving. Everywhere we went in Israel made the Bible come alive; Jesus' footprints are all over Israel‼️

**Kathy Gibson, Vancouver, WA, 2021 Pilgrimage**

**11.** Our pastor recommended David and Kathy to us as Israel pilgrimage leaders.  We connected with them in Tel Aviv and made the trip to Israel in March 2011. That was our first personal connection, but we became friends immediately. David and Kathy arranged for excellent guides who knew Biblical history well, and their knowledge of Israeli tourism helped us not to stand in long lines.

What a thrill to see ancient Caesarea and to feel the wind and sand blowing off the Mediterranean, to ascend Mt Carmel, to see Megiddo and its hidden well, to cross the great plain of Esdraelon and ascend to Nazareth among blossoming almond trees.  How can we explain the trip around the Sea of Galilee, eating tilapia, and our baptisms at the Jordan River. We stood atop Masada where every Israeli soldier takes the vow, "NEVER AGAIN?"  We overlooked the Dead Sea, and drove north to Qumran, the site of the Dead Sea Scrolls.  One of our greatest joys was on the bus ascending from Jericho to Jerusalem when the Slamps played a beautiful rendition of “The Holy City! “ For us, it was very meaningful to visit the Garden Tomb and to stoop down and enter the empty tomb.

We thank David and Kathy for these special experiences and their experience of leading many teams to the land of God's great revelation contained in the Bible.

**Mabel & Bruce Callendar, Illinois, 2011 Pilgrimage**

**12.** My wife and I traveled with the Slamps five years ago, and enjoyed it so much I joined them again last October.  David Slamp is a retired pastor; he and his wife, Kathy, have led this tour at least fifteen times and know the best places to stay, eat and what to see, as well as the best guides of each area.  If you go for the full trip, you will fly to Athens Greece to see the sites there, but also cruise the Med.   **Truly a trip of your lifetime**!

You will have a communion service in the Garden of Gethsemane, spend a prayerful moment in the empty tomb, walk the remains of Jericho, ride a boat on the Sea of Galilee, eat fish from the Galilee, float in the Dead Sea, have a chance to be baptized in the Jordan River, walk the streets where Jesus walked in Old Jerusalem, pray at the wailing wall, visit Bethlehem, take a cable car to the top of Masada, and then cruise the Mediterranean and visit Ephesus and a few of the other beautiful Greek islands tour the many places of the journeys of St. Paul.  **I love the way Dr. Slamp takes out his Bible and reads to us at each place visited.**

If you have never been to Israel or on a Mediterranean cruise, this is definitely the trip for you. **If you don't go with the Slamps, when will you go?**  Will you be younger next year?  Will it be less expensive in the future?  I’ve visited Israel five times, and each time I have seen new sites and gained a deeper knowledge of the country and the life and love of Jesus.  Their tours always fill up.  Please don't procrastinate!

**John Winquist, Portland, OR; 2020 and 2018**

**13.** Our trip to the Holy Land & Greece with David and Kathy Slamp was in 2021. It was truly a miracle trip. Not only did the Bible come to life for us in a marvelous way, but we were also able to engage in the many different cultures of these countries. This will always be the trip we rate at the top of all our other trips. And, that is due to David and Kathy as they led us through the Holy Land and the Steps of Paul The Bible has become so much more relevant and real as we read it now.

**Ralph and Cathy, Independence, KS, 2021**

**14.** You and Kathy Slamp were wonderful hosts. Such a memorable trip that has impacted my life in so many ways. Reading God’s Word now is like reading in technicolor! I went with the Slamps in 2016. **Betty Watson, Indiana , 2016**