

PRESENTS

ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS

with Dr. Peter Schertz, VMFA Curator of Ancient Art

April 28-May 9, 2015

12 days from \$6,634 total price from Washington, D.C.
(\$5,845 air & land inclusive plus \$789 airline taxes and departure fees)



Traveling with you will be **Dr. Peter Justin Moon Schertz**, curator of Ancient Art since October 2006 and the Jack and Mary Ann Frable Curator of Ancient Art since 2007. He received a Certificate of Museum Studies in 1997 and a PhD in classical art and archaeology in 2004 from the University of Southern California, where he wrote the dissertation *Seer or Victim? The Figure of Marsyas in Roman Art, Religion, and Politics* under the supervision of John Pollini. His current projects include a study of the original polychromy of the Arch of Titus and an examination of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in its Roman context. He looks forward to joining you on the exciting tour!

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Days 1-4: April 28-May 1, 2015

Depart U.S./Tel Aviv/Upper Galilee

- Encounter the vibrant modern city of Tel Aviv, Israel's arts and culture capital. Visit the "White City" district of distinctive Bauhaus architecture and the ancient port of nearby Jaffa. Continue to the artists' village of Ein Hod to visit the Janco-Dada art museum. Spend one night on the grounds of a *kibbutz* nestled in the hills of Galilee.

Days 5-6: May 2-3, 2015

Mount Bental/Tiberias/Nazareth

- Visit Mount Bental in the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. Continue to Tiberias and our historic hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Mount of Beatitudes and Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth. Enjoy lunch at a family-run dairy fun and visit local galleries in Safed.

Days 7-8: May 4-5, 2015

Tiberias/Jerusalem

- Stop at the archaeological site of Beit Shean en route to Jerusalem. Spend an afternoon at the Israel Museum, whose treasures include the Dead Sea Scrolls, Shrine of the Book and a unique sculpture garden. Tour Yad Vashem, Israel's living memorial to the Holocaust. Enjoy an ethnic cooking class in Ein Karem.

Days 9-11: May 6-8, 2015

Jerusalem/Old City/Masada/Dead Sea

- Tour the excavated tunnels beneath the Western Wall. Explore the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Embark on a walking tour through the Old City including the Jewish Quarter and the Western Wall. Travel to the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Continue on to the ruins at Masada and ascend the mountain fortress by cable car to tour the ruins.

Day 12: May 9, 2015

Depart Tel Aviv/ U.S.

- Depart very early this morning for the Tel Aviv airport where we connect with our return flight to the U.S.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Israel: Timeless Wonders, *Continued*:

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, elements of the tour are still being finalized. Your deposit will be fully refundable until all details, including pricing, are complete. Our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, will be in touch with you in September, 2014 when the final tour details and tour brochure is available. At that time, you will have 2 weeks to decide whether you would like to convert your preliminary registration to a confirmed booking or to cancel and receive a full refund. Once confirmed, the cancellation penalties as outlined in the brochure will apply. You will then receive a confirmation packet plus information regarding the purchase of optional trip insurance and travel protection.

Tour Prices

\$6,634 air & land inclusive from Washington, D.C. Please call for prices from other cities. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of \$789, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Land only price is \$4,945; arrival and departure transfers not included. Single travelers please add \$1,795. A 5-day/4-night post-tour extension to Jordan: Petra & Amman is available for \$1,395 total price (single supplement is \$495). Business Class upgrade on the round-trip international flight is available on a request basis – please call for details.

**Please Note: Pricing on this tour is subject to change. Finalized pricing for this tour will be made available approximately eight months prior to departure.*

Your Tour Price Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from the U.S.
- 10 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing and entrance fees for all included features
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout the trip
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- Luggage handling for one bag per person

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Please FAX or email your pre-registration form and deposit information to our Tour Operator, **Odysseys Unlimited:**
Secure FAX: 617-454-9199 E-mail to Sandra Low: slow@odysseys-unlimited.com

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people. This secures our space on the following tour:
Israel: Timeless Wonders, April 28-May 9, 2015. Please charge my deposit to:

AMEX VISA MasterCard Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security code _____

Signature _____

I understand that I will be contacted in September, 2014, once the final brochure for the tour is available, and will be given the opportunity to cancel at that time, without penalty. I also understand that billing and a complete confirmation packet, including information about optional trip insurance and travel protection, will follow once I convert this preliminary registration into a confirmed booking.

Passport Name _____ Date of birth _____ Gender _____

Passport Name _____ Date of birth _____ Gender _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home () _____ Cell () _____ E-mail _____

Sponsored by the VMFA Foundation and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts