



Cruise through the Holy Lands

with **Thelma Wells**

11-Night Holy Lands Cruise *aboard the Vision of the Seas*

Visiting Turkey, Israel and Greece

October 17 – 28, 2011

Join Thelma Wells and friends on a fabulous cruise through the Holy Lands of the Bible onboard Royal Caribbean International's ***Vision of the Seas*** for 11-nights of fun, fellowship, exploration and relaxation!

Thousands of windows showcase the world's most memorable coastlines and ports. Whether you're cruising the Mediterranean or docked in a foreign port, you'll never lose sight of the reason you came aboard.



The 2,435-guest ***Vision of the Seas*** has beautiful onboard amenities too. There's the very soothing Day Spa, two pools, six whirlpools, and the Masquerade Theatre, which features nightly entertainment, like contemporary musical stage productions. As well as themed dining rooms and lounges, a casino, solarium and the Centrum shops, the Vision class of cruise ship has something for everyone. Ship's Registry: Bahamas.

A Message from Thelma Wells

Some people visit the Holy Land, usually meaning Israel. But very few journey to the Holy Lands. On this cruise, you'll have the opportunity to do just that, visit all three Biblical countries. Immerse yourself in the life and ministry of Jesus in Israel. And, follow the footsteps of Paul and the 1st century church in Turkey and Greece. It's the entire Bible in one amazing adventure! The best part is that we'll all be

together and you only have to unpack once. That's the beauty of cruising...the ship moves to different destinations while you relax and enjoy the onboard activities.

Love and hugs from Mama T

Map



Cruise Itinerary

Ship: Vision of the Seas				Departure: October 17, 2011	
#	Day	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
0	Monday	10/17/11	Istanbul, Turkey	Boarding	
1	Tuesday	10/18/11	Istanbul, Turkey	—	2:00P
2	Wednesday	10/19/11	Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey	10:00A	8:00P
3	Thursday	10/20/11	Athens (Piraeus), Greece	9:00A	6:00P
4	Friday	10/21/11	Rhodes, Greece	9:00A	7:00P
5	Saturday	10/22/11	Cruising	—	—
6	Sunday	10/23/11	Ashdod, Israel (Jerusalem)	10:00A	—
7	Monday	10/24/11	Ashdod, Israel (Jerusalem)	—	10:00P
8	Tuesday	10/25/11	Haifa, Israel	7:00A	10:00P
9	Wednesday	10/26/11	Cruising	—	—
10	Thursday	10/27/11	Cruising	—	—
11	Friday	10/28/11	Istanbul, Turkey	5:00A	—

Itinerary details are provided by Royal Caribbean International and are subject to change without notice.

Pricing

Stateroom Category	Cruise Fare <i>(per person)</i>	Port Charges & Taxes, Pre-Paid Gratuities	Total Cost <i>(per person)</i>
Category D2 — Balcony Stateroom	\$1,920.00	\$522.12	\$2,442.12
Category I — Ocean View Stateroom	\$1,020.00	\$522.12	\$1,542.12
Category N — Interior Stateroom	\$950.00	\$522.12	\$1,472.12
3rd & 4th Guest(s) in a cabin	<i>Call for cruise fare</i>	\$522.12	TBD

The rates listed above are contract rates and are per person based on double occupancy.

Cabin availability is limited and based on inventory at time of booking.

Rates for single occupancy in a cabin and additional categories are available upon request. Additional discounts may apply.

Prices are subject to be withdrawn by the cruise line at their discretion.

Royal Caribbean International reserves the right to impose a fuel supplement on all guests if the price of West Texas Intermediate fuel exceeds \$65.00 per barrel. The fuel supplement for 1st and 2nd guests would be no more than \$10 per guest per day, to a maximum of \$140 per cruise; and for additional guests would be no more than \$5 per person per day, to a maximum of \$70 per cruise.

Staterooms

Inside



Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), vanity area, and a private bathroom.
(135-144 sq. ft.)

Oceanview



Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), sitting area with sofa, vanity area and a private bathroom.
(154 sq. ft.)

Balcony



Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), private balcony, sitting area with sofa bed, and a private bathroom.
(195 sq. ft., balcony 41 sq. ft.)

Single/Triple/Quad Occupancy – Rates Available Upon Request

- * Government Taxes, Fees and Prepaid Gratuities are Additional at \$522.12 Per Person
- * These rates are based on a minimum of 22 passengers traveling together
- * Airfare to and from Istanbul is additional

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Fares do not include air transportation to Istanbul. Port Tax, Government Fees and Prepaid Gratuities are an additional \$522.12 per person. Minimum age for passengers unaccompanied by an adult: 21 years.

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Deposit & Payment Information

- ✦ A deposit of \$450 per person is due at the time of booking. Cabin fares are subject to change and availability.
- ✦ **FULL PAYMENT OF YOUR CRUISE IS DUE ON AUGUST 1, 2011.** New reservations may still be made, if there are cabins available for our group.

Cancellation Policy:

From Registration – August 2, 2011	\$50 administrative fee per person, plus any non-refundable travel purchases or trip insurance would be subject to penalty
August 3 – September 12, 2011	\$500 fee per person, plus any non-refundable travel purchases or trip insurance would be subject to penalty
August 13 – September 27, 2011	50% of cruise cost, plus any non-refundable travel purchases or trip insurance would be subject to penalty
September 28, 2011 - Departure	100% of cruise cost, plus any non-refundable travel purchases or trip insurance would be subject to penalty

Passports are required for this cruise

Included Features:

11 Nights' Double Occupancy Accommodation on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines' Vision of the Seas Ports of Call

- ✦ Devotions, worship, prayer and teaching led by THELMA WELLS
 - ✦ Ephesus (Kusadasi), TURKEY
 - ✦ Athens (Piraeus), GREECE
 - ✦ Jerusalem (Ashdod), ISRAEL
 - ✦ Galilee (Haifa), ISRAEL
 - ✦ Istanbul, TURKEY
 - ✦ Dining Onboard
 - ✦ Most Onboard Activities
 - ✦ Nightly Entertainment
- ✦ Embarkation & Disembarkation in Istanbul, Turkey

Ports of Call

Istanbul, Turkey

Istanbul is not only where Europe meets Asia; it's where history, built upon empire after empire, meets modern-day commercialism. Explore Old Istanbul's mosques, hippodromes and opulent palaces. Discover remnants of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires. Test your bargaining savvy with the merchants at the Grand Bazaar and visit the awe-inspiring Ayasofya (Church of Holy Wisdom). Istanbul is the perfect place to step far back in time and admire incredible cultural accomplishments. Don't forget your camera!



Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey

Kusadasi is your gateway to Ephesus, a city created by the Ionians in the 11th century B.C. and later expanded by the Romans. Now considered one of the grandest reconstructed sites in the ancient world, the region also hosted the likes of Cleopatra, Mark Antony, the Virgin Mary and John the Apostle.



Athens (Piraeus), Greece

Piraeus is the main port of Athens, the biggest in Greece, and one of the most important in the Mediterranean Sea. Piraeus is walking distance from Kastella, a hill strewn with beautiful houses that offers a majestic view of the Saronic Gulf. Other points of interest include an archaeological museum, Mikrolimano, where you can enjoy an ouzo accompanied by seafood mezedes.



Rhodes, Greece

Rhodes, the largest of the Dodecanese Islands, is truly a vacation destination with something for everyone: sunshine, spectacular beaches on the Aegean Sea, a medieval walled city, an ancient acropolis, and much more. In ancient times, the people of Rhodes chose Helios, the Sun, as their divine patron. With an average of three hundred plus days of sunshine a year, it's safe to say that Helios continues to smile upon Rhodes today.

Jerusalem (Ashdod), Israel

Ashdod, located in the South District of Israel on the Mediterranean Sea coast, is Israel's largest port. Ashdod was first settled during the Canaanite era in the 17th century BC, making the city one of the most ancient in the world – Ashdod is mentioned thirteen times in the Bible. Now a well-planned modern city, Ashdod is a welcoming combination of ancient history and cosmopolitan port life.



Galilee (Haifa), Israel

Located on the historic slopes of Mount Carmel, overlooking the beautiful Mediterranean, Haifa's terraced landscape features panoramic views of the sparkling bay and medieval fortress city of Acre. To the east lies the snow-capped peak of Mount Hermon. An important industrial port, Haifa is Israel's northern capital and third largest city. Visitors will find a unique blend of traditional and contemporary culture. It is home to ancient temples, churches and mosques, as well as elegant hotels, shopping malls, cinemas and white-sand beaches.

Shore Excursions

We have created our own custom shore excursions in all ports of call specifically geared to the faith based traveler. You will not want to miss these amazing opportunities to explore the biblical sites in Turkey, Israel and Greece!

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line also has a list of available shore excursions.

More details soon! Tour schedule is listed below.

Pre-cruise hotel nights: (Istanbul, Turkey)

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Located at the heart of the historical old city, Hotellino is only a short walking distance away from the main historical beauties - Haghia Sophia, The Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Basilica Cistern, The Grand Bazaar and The Spice Bazaar. Presenting services on a personal level, we aim to make our guests feel at home, at the same time wanting our guests to make the most of the city's magical vibe.

Waking up in Hotellino's cozy rooms, equipped with advanced technological facilities, our guests can start their day peacefully with an authentic Turkish breakfast. We offer 23 comfortable, air conditioned rooms in a 5 story building. Visit <http://www.hotellinoistanbul.com> for details.

\$155 per room per night including tax & breakfast single or double occupancy

17-Oct — Transfer airport to ship: Meet and transfer from the Istanbul Airport to the port and your ship accompanied by our local, English speaking guide and, Bev Henry, Travel with Spirit staff.

18-Oct (Istanbul, Turkey) — Half Day Istanbul Tour

First day of touring: Leave the port, travel over the Golden Horn to the ancient side of Istanbul through the crowded business section reaching the ancient Hippodrome, which was for 1,000 years, the center of Byzantium's life and afterwards for another 400 years Ottoman life. The Hippodrome was the scene of countless political and military dramas, including rival chariot races. The main monument left today is the impressive granite obelisk, carved in Egypt around 1,500 BC and brought to Constantinople in 390 AD.

Duration: Approx. 5 Hours

19-Oct (Ephesus, Turkey) — Virgin Mary's House, Ephesus, the Selcuk Museum, St John's Basilica and Lunch

Driving from the pier through the Turkish countryside along a hilly drive, you arrive at the House of Virgin Mary where the Blessed Virgin is reputed to have spent the last years of her life. The site was made famous by the travels of Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II. In November of 2006, Pope Benedictus the 16th paid an official visit to the House of the Virgin Mary. Outside is the Fountain of Our Lady, providing the faithful water from the holy foundation.

Duration: Approx. 7 Hours

20-Oct (Athens, Greece) — Full Day Ancient Corinth and Athens including lunch

Departing from Piraeus you will proceed to the once rich and powerful city of Ancient Corinth. A city blessed with a superb location, fertile plains and virtually impregnable refuge. Excavations reveal that the ancient city was huge and wealthy; a survivor of the numerous invasions but devastated by earthquakes. St. Paul lived and worked in Corinth for 18 months, making converts where he could. The Bema (platform) where the Roman governor tried him is still visible. See one of Corinth's most striking ancient buildings – the Temple of Apollo, seven of whose original columns still stand. Walk through the remains of the Market Place, a colonnaded square once surrounded by many small shops. See the celebrated Fountain of Priene, which has produced water from earliest times, and the Lechaion Road, formerly the main thoroughfare to the port of Lechaion. You will then visit the incredible Corinth Canal. Short stop for photos.

Duration: Approx. 10 hours

21-Oct (Rhodes, Greece) — Half Day Island of Rhodes Tour

Drive along the picturesque south-eastern coastline, dotted with white-washed villages, vineyards and olive groves, to Lindos, one of the most important of the three great cities of ancient times. See how this entire city is guarded by medieval walls which were constructed by the knights of St. John in the 13th century. Within them stands the ancient Acropolis of Lindos, on the brink of a precipice 400 feet above the sea.

To reach the Acropolis you will take a 20 minute climb through the narrow streets of the town and up 250 steps. Should you wish to make your way up by mule, a fee must be paid to the local muleteer. Proceed on foot uphill, to the great leading from the Hellenistic Portico to the Acropolis and Temple of Athena. From the Acropolis, marvel at the breathtaking views covering the great expanse of the Aegean Sea and St. Paul's bay, where the apostle cast anchor during his historic voyage to Ephesus (Acts 21:1). After the guided tour of the Acropolis return to Rhodes.

Enjoy a panoramic drive through the new part of the city before continuing to Mount Smith to see the ruins of ancient Rhodes, the Temple of Apollo and Diagoras Stadium. Afterwards your motor coach will drop you off at Gate d' Amboise, the starting point of the walking tour through the medieval city of Rhodes. Follow your guide through the northern part where once the knights and their attendants lived. View the Palace of the Knights and continue walking down the Streets of the Knights to meet up with your motor coach and return back to the ship.

(NO ENTRANCE TO THE PALACE)

Duration : Approx. 5 hours

23-Oct (Ashdod, Israel) — Full Day Highlights of the Holy City Jerusalem including Lunch

Start this excursion with a drive to the panoramic overview from the **Mount of Olives**, overlooking **Jerusalem**-new city and the **Temple Mount Esplanade** of old city. Travel along the **Kidron Valley** to view the **Garden of Gethsemane**.

Enter the **Old City** via the Lion's Gate and walk to the **Christian Quarter**, where you'll walk along the **Via Dolorosa** (the Stations of the Cross) to see the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** – the site of the crucifixion. Stroll on to the **Western (Wailing) Wall**. Walk through the **Armenian Quarter** and along the 1700 year old Byzantine main street, the **Cardo**, and the renovated **Jewish Quarter** before ascending **Mt. Zion – Room of Last Supper** and **David's Tomb**.

A local lunch will be provided. **Continue to Bethlehem** and enter via **Manger Square**, where the **Church of the Nativity** is located. Overlook the shepherd fields and then return to Ashdod and your cruise ship.

Duration: Approx. 8 hours

NOTES:

1. Modest dress is required to visit Holy Sites (no short sleeves and head covering is required)

24-Oct (Ashdod, Israel) Full Day Bethlehem, Masada, and the Dead Sea including Lunch

Begin our journey with a drive to **Bethlehem** and an overview of Shepherd's field. Drive through Rachel's tomb to visit the **Church of Nativity** and **Manger Square**.

Your tour will then continue to **Mount Masada**, where you will ascend the mountain via cable car and learn the story of the Roman Siege and the legendary group of Jews who would rather die than become slaves to the Romans. You will also see the ruins of their ancient community including Herod's Palace, pools, thermal baths, public living spaces and water cisterns.

You will continue to **Qumran** to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. These scrolls are a collection on over 900 documents including bits of texts from all of the Old Testament books (except Esther) as well as other writings both religious and non religious. The discovery of these texts in 11 caves near Qumran is possible the most important manuscript find of modern times.

You will continue to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth, where lunch is provided. You can float in the mineral-rich water at 400m (1312ft) below sea level. You will have time to indulge in a therapeutic ritual, take a mud bath, float in the sea and hear about the many health benefits of the Dead sea before returning to Haifa to board your ship. Be sure to bring your swimsuit, sandals, towel and sunscreen.

Duration : Approx. 10 Hours

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25-Oct (Haifa, Israel) — Full Day Highlights of the Galilee including Lunch

Depart Haifa and take Cross-Country Highway #6 in the Lower Galilee to Nazareth, the town where Jesus spent his childhood. Visit the **Church of Annunciation** and the Church of St. Joseph.

Continue, via **Cana**, to **Tiberias**, the lovely resort town. Drive along the Sea of Galilee to visit **Capernaum** and view the ruins of the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught. Continue to **Tabgha**, the site of the **Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish**.

We take a **boat ride** on the **Sea of Galilee** where Jesus walked on the water (John 6:19-21), calmed a storm (Matt. 8:23-26), and showed the disciples miraculous catches of fish (Luke 5:1-8; John 21:1-6). You'll enjoy a traditional St. Peter's Fish lunch near the shores of the Sea.

Proceed to **Yardenit** on the **Jordan River**, the famous baptismal site. On your return, there is a scenic view of Mt. Tabor, the site of **Transfiguration**. Then return to your cruise ship in Haifa.

Duration: Approx. 8 hours

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28-Oct—Transfer ship to airport: Transfer from the port and your ship to Istanbul Airport accompanied by our local, English speaking guide.

28-Oct (Istanbul, Turkey) — Post Cruise Hotel, Tour and Transfers Program for Los Angeles Guests

Leave the port and travel over the **Golden Horn** to the ancient side of Istanbul to visit the **Topkapi Palace**. Topkapi Palace is a great walled complex hugging the shores of the Bosphorus and Golden Horn and it was once the residence of Ottoman Sultans and their Harem. Mehmet II built the palace-city, home for three centuries of Sultans, in the mid-1400s as a summer palace. Topkapi was enlarged by Suleiman the Magnificent into the Sultan's principal residence and with the successive Sultans grew into a great complex of buildings set in lovely gardens. A series of courtyards connect various buildings which now house an astonishing collection of Chinese porcelain, treasures, the celebrated Topkapi Diamond and much more. After lunch break(not included) proceed to the **Grand Bazaar** for few hours to explore your own and do last minute shopping. Your tour will end at your hotel in time for check-in and a relaxing overnight prior to you flight home.

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29-Oct (Istanbul, Turkey) 8 AM Transfer to airport for your flight home to Los Angeles.

\$105 Price per person based on double occupancy (includes \$20 entrance fees to Topkapi Palace and The Treasury)

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Payment Policy

Initial deposit is due at time of reservation or you may pay in full.

Final payment is due at least 75 days prior to arrival and varies with each cruise/tour departure.

Cancellation Policy

This varies with each cruise/tour offered.

Please check the Rates or Pricing section for specific policies for that trip.

Trip cancellation insurance is recommended and available through Travel with Spirit provided by Travel Guard Faith Travel Plan.

Cancellation must be made in writing to Travel Network Group, 12892 Western Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92841.

Extra hotel nights

If you are interested in extending your stay, either pre or post cruise/tour, please use our search engine for special rates at local hotels.

Airfare

Anyone needing air arrangements, please check our air rates during the registration process.

Not included

Meals, incidental expenses, sightseeing, items of a personal nature and any items not specifically included in the price quoted.

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