

Holy Land

**GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE
HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR**

OCTOBER 10-23, 2022



PROGRAM LEADERSHIP BY:

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Israel "is a land where the Bible is at home. This tiny corner is the spot where the most sublime moments of encounter between God and man took place, where the most precious visions were born. Just being in the land is a recalling. It is like being embraced by an air of spirit. Living in the land is a confrontation with the prophets. The land is different. It is an inspired land. Just to be in the land is a religious experience." Adapted from "Israel: An Echo of Eternity," by Abraham Heschel.

Gustavus invites you to travel to the Holy Land with alumni and friends. From our own personal experience of the Holy Land, we have crafted a journey that will engage your whole person--mind, body, and spirit. Daily devotional thoughts and educational sessions have been designed to accompany and enhance each powerful experience of the planned itinerary. Your visit to places mentioned in the Bible will bring alive the narratives and teachings recorded there and inspire you to understand them differently. Hearing from contemporary Israelis will add significant insights. And traveling with interesting and interested colleagues will enrich the overall travel experience, including its enjoyment. We look forward to having you along.

Tours of historic city centers are usually all by foot. Fully participating requires: walking some days up to four miles; often one mile at a time at a moderate pace; managing uneven surfaces, steps and inclines without assistance. Itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible. Consult with Carrousel Travel or tour host with questions about walking and mobility requirements. Carrousel Travel, in consensus with tour hosts and destination partner, reserves the right to not accept or withdraw any participant whose ability to participate in the tour or whose conduct is incompatible with the operation of tour or the interests of the entire group.

HIGHLIGHTS + INCLUSIONS

- » Experience the enrichment, education and fellowship as part of a traveling Gustavus Alumni community under the leadership, teaching and hospitality of Dr. Darrell Jodock and Rev. Grady St. Dennis.
- » Learn about biblical history as well as current political and cultural insights visiting Israel with the services throughout of an English-speaking tour manager/guide along with the use of audio headset system for touring.
- » Travel on flights from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Tel Aviv including estimated taxes and surcharges.
- » Stay in select accommodations for 12 nights, based on sharing a room in hotels described in the itinerary.
- » Journey throughout in a private, deluxe motorcoach along with handling of one piece of baggage at hotels.
- » Enjoy 27 meals including buffet breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 12 dinners.
- » Feel the ease and comfort of knowing entrance fees for inside visits and activities described in itinerary are included along with the gratuities for tour manager, motorcoach drivers, restaurant and hotel staff.

PROGRAM PRICE

**\$5,890 PER PERSON,
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

Price includes tour, roundtrip airfare, and gratuities. Flights are based on estimated airfare on a major airline. Program cost based on a minimum group size of 25.

NOTE: A \$300 credit will be applied to final invoice for those registered on cancelled 2020 GAC Alumni Oberammergau program.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,250
(REQUEST BASIS ONLY)**

Limited availability of single accommodations.

REGISTRATION

To register for this tour, please click here:

[GAC Holy Land Study Tour October 2022 Registration](#)

If you are viewing this as a printed brochure, please contact Allison Forcier at Carrousel Travel (aforcier@carrouseltravel.com).

TRIP INSURANCE

Cancellation insurance and coverage for pre-existing medical conditions is not included and highly recommended for health situations that may prevent you from traveling or interrupt your travels.

Travel Guard is recommended for trip cancellation insurance. For more information, please contact Carrousel Travel for pricing and plan options. Purchasing travel insurance within 14 days of paid deposit will waive pre-existing medical conditions. Travel Guard Insurance is required to be paid in full and is non-refundable.

Itinerary

DAY 1: MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL DEPARTURE

Depart on your overnight flight for Israel.

DAY 2: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 ISRAEL ARRIVAL / HADERA

Arrive at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport. Receive a greeting of shalom and salaam from a local tour manager/guide. Drive up the Mediterranean coast to the site of ancient [Caesarea](#), the city built by Herod and where Apostle Paul was imprisoned. Lunch on own in Caesarea area. Drive to the city of Hadera, located about 40 miles north of Tel Aviv, for hotel check-in at [Ramada Hadera](#), dinner and a night's rest. (D)

Sunrise is approximately 6:30am and sunset is 6:00pm during these travel dates.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 HADERA / GALILEE

Depart (9:00am) for the archeological site of [ancient Megiddo](#). Walk among the remains and take in a panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley. Group lunch near Megiddo. Continue on a one-hour drive to the shore of the Sea of Galilee, 600 feet below sea level, for time to explore [ancient Magdala](#). Arrive (approximately 4:00pm) at [Sea of Galilee Hotel](#) to get settled for a three-night stay and dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 GALILEE

Leave early this morning (8:00am) for a visit to [Mar Elias Educational Institutions](#) (MEEI), founded by Melkite priest, Fr. Elias Chacour. Tour the campus, learn about the mission at the school to nurture peacemakers through education, and possibly meet with some students and Fr. Chacour (pending)*. Continue through the Galilean hills to Nazareth. Falafel lunch en route. Visits to the Synagogue Church built over the remains of an ancient synagogue where perhaps Jesus first learned, prayed and preached, and the Basilica of the Annunciation, adorned with artwork from around the world. Marvel at the ancient wooden boat found buried in the sea on display in the museum on the Nof Ginosar kibbutz. Return to hotel for overnight and dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 GALILEE

Travel (8:00am) north into the Upper Galilee to [Banias](#), location of biblical Caesarea Philippi, with an informal rededication/remembrance of baptism by group leaders. Picnic lunch en route today, weather permitting. Drive through the Colan Heights back to the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy a beautiful panoramic view over the Sea of Galilee at the [Mount of Beatitudes](#), site of Sermon on the Mount, with reserved space for communion service. Visit the Church of the Multiplication and stop along the shore where it is believed Jesus appeared and ate with disciples after his resurrection. Explore the remains of ancient [Capernaum](#), where Jesus began preaching. Boat ride from Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight at Sea of Galilee Hotel. (B,L-box,D)

DAY 6: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 GALILEE / BETHLEHEM

Leave (7:30am) Galilee early this morning traveling south into the Jordan River Valley to Bethlehem, with a brief stop to view the Monastery of St. George in the Judean Hills (time permitting only). Continue to visit Jericho. Pending scheduling, possible visit to [Dar Al-Kalima University and College](#), an institution of higher education offering advanced training in visual and performing arts as well as a Palestinian cultural heritage, design and tourism related studies and meet with [President Dr. Mitri Raheb](#) (if available). End the day with shopping time for items carved of olive wood by local artists. Arrive at [St. Gabriel Hotel](#) in Bethlehem to get settled for a two-night stay. Dinner at hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 BETHLEHEM

Leave (7:30am) early this morning and walk to Manger Square to visit the Church of the Nativity built over the site where Jesus is believed to have been born. Morning Worship service at Christmas Lutheran Church. Meet with a local resident of Efrat (request for Mr. Bob Lang noted), an Israeli Settlement*. A break for lunch on own and time for shopping. Visit the [Dheisheh camp](#), home to around 15,000 Palestinians and supported by the United Nations. Devotions at the Field of Shepherds. Dinner and overnight at Bethlehem hotel. (B,D)

DAY 8: MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 BETHLEHEM / JERUSALEM

Leave Bethlehem this morning (8:00am) driving into Jerusalem for panoramic introduction from atop the Mount of Olives. Possible visit to [Augusta Victoria Hospital*](#) on Mount Scopus and managed by Lutheran World Federation. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane (reserved spot for devotions on request). Hotel check-in, dinner and overnight at the [Dan Boutique Hotel](#) (B,D)

DAY 9: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 JERUSALEM

Morning (9:00am) visit to St. John's Chapel at [Lutheran Church of the Redeemer](#) for devotions. Greeting and conversation with minister*. Walk into the Jewish Quarter to discover the ancient Cardo with a guided tour of the Burnt House with entrance, followed by the Western Wall. Lunch on own with afternoon for independent exploration. Possible guest speaker [Professor Abu Sway](#) at hotel early evening*. Dinner and overnight at Jerusalem hotel. (B,D)

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 JERUSALEM

Begin this morning early with a visit to the Temple Mount on which the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa Mosque are located (limited access to Temple Mount and visit may not be available). Walk the Way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the site of crucifixion and burial. Visit to Southern Wall excavations or City of David today. Possible speaker [Parents Circle](#) at hotel before dinner*. Dinner and overnight at Jerusalem hotel. (B,D)

DAY 11: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 JERUSALEM

Morning visit (10:00am) arranged by group leaders to the bilingual and multicultural [Peace Preschool](#) at the Jerusalem International YMCA* and tour the facilities of this historic building, a place of reconciliation since 1933. Drive to western Jerusalem for visit to [Yad Vashem](#) and discover the magnificent scale model of Jerusalem during the first century at the Israel Museum along with the Shrine of the Book. Lunch on your own at the Israel Museum. After lunch, visit the Holocaust Museum and memorial (two-hours with audio guide). Possible speaker at hotel before dinner*. Dinner and overnight at hotel (B,D)

DAY 12: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 JERUSALEM / MASADA AND DEAD SEA VISIT

Leave Jerusalem (8:00am) for a full day excursion to the Dead Sea area descending to 1200 feet below sea level in just over one hour. View the archeological site of Qumran (with multi-media presentation) where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found among the caves. Take a cable car ride to [Masada](#) where Herod built a palace and Jewish Zealots resisted the Romans. At the [Ein Gedi Spa](#) (locker and towel provided), try a float in the Dead Sea and experience the highest concentration of salt water in the world. Return to Jerusalem hotel around 6:00pm for dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,D)

DAY 13: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 JERUSALEM

Early walk with one of the leaders to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for those who would like to climb down to the tomb*. Remainder of the day is at leisure for individual exploration. 4:00pm hospitality/farewell dinner at hotel in private room. Depart on a late night flight on your way back to Minneapolis. (B,D)

*Renovation work is to begin on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Access to parts of the church could be limited. Details are currently unknown.

NOTE: For flight departure if on Delta Air Lines at 11:55pm on October 22, the group transfer to airport is at approximately 7:00pm. Hotel room is available for use during the day until departure for airport.

DAY 14: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 ARRIVAL

Arrive at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport.

Included meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
Use website links provided in blue for more information.

*Itinerary and special inclusions subject to change due to local scheduling.

ABOUT THE HOSTS



Dr. Jodock is a Professor Emeritus at Gustavus, where he served for 13 years as the Drell and Adeline Bernhardson Distinguished Professor of Religion. He also served for 2 years as the Martin E. Marty Regents Chair in religion and the academy at St. Olaf College. Earlier, he taught for 21 years at Muhlenberg College in PA and for 7 years at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. A graduate of St. Olaf (BA), Luther Seminary (M.Div), and Yale University (Ph.D.), he has honorary degrees from Carthage College and Concordia College (Moorhead). He currently teaches adult education classes in a variety of congregations, represents the ELCA at the National Council of Churches and the National Jewish-Christian dialogue, and chairs the ELCA Consultative Panel on Lutheran-Jewish Relations.



Rev. Grady St. Dennis serves as College Chaplain and Director of Church Relations in the Office of Church Relations at Gustavus Adolphus College. Called to the college in early 2007, St. Dennis leads the college's church relations with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its congregations with focus upon the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations. A 1992 graduate of Gustavus, St. Dennis earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul and is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership from the School of Theology at Boston University. As Director for Church Relations and College Chaplain, St. Dennis works to build, strengthen, and support Lutheran higher education in general and Gustavus in particular. St. Dennis represents the College at ELCA gatherings, synod assemblies, and other church-related gatherings. St. Dennis and his wife Angie have two adult daughters Anna and Isabel.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS + ADVISORY

Carrousel Travel regularly communicates with our in-country partner in Israel as well as monitors travel information from the U.S. Department of State. Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza have been under a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning since October of 2000. In January 2018, the U.S. Department of State changed how travel conditions are presented, replacing Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts. Every country has a Travel Advisory based on one of 4 advisory levels. Please read the current Travel Advisory for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/IsraeltheWestBankandGaza.html>. All participants must read the Travel Advisory associated with traveling to Israel, West Bank and Gaza, as noted in the program brochure and agree to the Travel Advisory release waiver at time of enrollment.

Carrousel Travel will continue to monitor information from the U.S. Department of State, CDC, Israel Ministry of Tourism and Israel Ministry of Health. If Carrousel Travel has information that safe travel is compromised, the program would be adjusted, postponed or canceled in consultation with tour hosts Gustavus Adolphus College depending on the circumstances. This program has been planned with every safety measure in mind. If any safety concerns would develop during your time in Israel and Palestine, adjustments will be made to the itinerary avoiding areas considered unsafe.

Change in travel conditions and financial risk:

If political/civil unrest would change the travel conditions in Israel/Palestine and Carrousel Travel along with the tour hosts/Gustavus Adolphus College become concerned about participant safety, the program will be adjusted, postponed, or possibly cancelled. If the program is cancelled at 46 days or fewer from departure, the refund will be based on recoverable costs less a two-hundred dollar administration fee, with possible forfeiture of the entire program cost per the cancellation and refund policy above.

Depending on the situation, the airline may or may not reimburse participants for their airline ticket. If the airline cancels flights, airfare is usually reimbursed. If flights are not cancelled and Carrousel Travel and tour host Gustavus Adolphus College cancel the program due to a change in travel conditions, there is a risk the airline will not refund the airfare. The airline may allow participants to use the value towards other flights within a 12-month period. There is no guarantee of the airline policy as it depends on the circumstances and decisions made by the airline in addressing the situation. Airline tickets for this program are approximately \$1,500 including taxes and fuel surcharges. Please be advised of this financial risk. For any participant purchasing their own airline ticket, be advised the program could be altered, postponed or cancelled due to a change in travel conditions and the said participant will be responsible for requesting a refund or changing their tickets.

Cancellation and refund policy is subject to change based on confirmation of travel arrangements.



TERMS + CONDITIONS

PASSPORT A valid passport with 6 months validity from your scheduled return is required for U.S. citizens. Passport applications are available at the [U.S. Department of State website](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports) (travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports).

VACCINATION The government of Israel requires all U.S. visitors to be fully vaccinated as a condition of entry into the country. Israel Covid protocols for visiting groups continue to evolve and we will keep you updated over the coming months. The above program is based on "no restrictions" on group size due to Covid-19. In the event there are Covid restrictions, the group may need to be split and the rate might increase. Consult your physician and utilize information on the [Centers for Disease Control website](https://www.cdc.gov) (www.cdc.gov) for precautions and additional information.

NOT INCLUDED Passport fees, airline baggage fees, baggage handling at airports, meals (unless otherwise indicated in the itinerary), beverages except at breakfast and where indicated with dinner, optional sightseeing, phone calls, laundry services, individual room service, trip cancellation insurance, increases in airport taxes or fuel surcharge, increases in the VAT of any country visited in the itinerary; increases in city or hotel taxes, any Covid-19 required testing, or any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

RESERVATIONS All reservations will be handled directly with Carrousel Travel. Complete instructions are found on the [Tour Registration Website](#).

DEPOSIT \$600 per person due with enrollment. May 2, 2022 - This is the last date to register if space is still available. Registrations above a group size of 35 may need to be placed on a waiting list. Early registration is strongly encouraged.

FINAL PAYMENT Due July 12, 2022 - Invoices are emailed to participants approximately four weeks before due date. NOTE: A \$300 credit will be applied to final invoice for those registered on canceled 2020 GAC Alumni Oberammergau program.

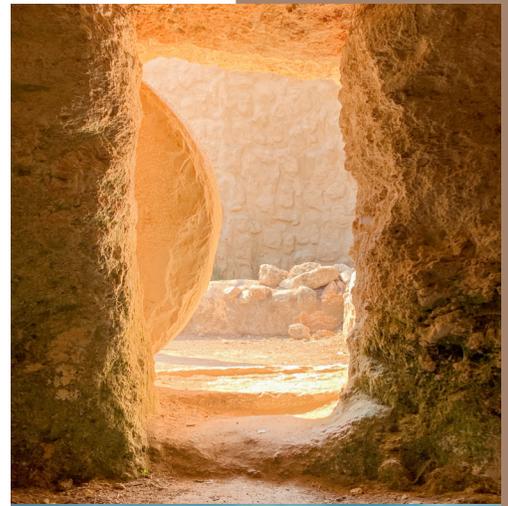
FORM OF PAYMENT Check, cash, or credit card accepted. A 3.5% service fee will apply for all payments made by credit card.

CANCELLATIONS Cancellations must be received in writing and are effective upon receipt by Carrousel Travel.

Cancellation Penalties are as follows:

- From 1st deposit through May 2, 2022, \$200 per person.
- From May 3, 2022 through July 11, 2022, \$300 per person.
- From July 12, 2022 through August 11, 2022, 50% of program price.
- From August 12, 2022 through departure date, No Refund.

RESPONSIBILITY Carrousel Travel purchases transportation, hotel accommodations and other services from various suppliers that are not subject to its immediate control. Carrousel Travel cannot, therefore, be liable for any personal injury or property damage or personal loss in connection with any service which may occur due to (1) any act or omission of such a supplier, or (2) defects in or failures of any aircraft, vessel, automotive vehicle or other means of transportation that is not under their control, or (3) any circumstances arising as a result of military or political action, terrorism, weather, acts of God, epidemiological events or any other circumstances over which Carrousel Travel has no control. Carrousel Travel reserves the right to alter, change or omit any part of the itinerary as they deem necessary or desirable, and to pass on to participants any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond their control.



FOR QUESTIONS + DETAILS

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STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

Acceptance of conditions: Receipt and retention of your Itinerary/ Invoice shall constitute acceptance of all the provisions listed here as well as those terms and conditions set forth in the announcement, brochures and circulars of the tour package.

Program cost and minimum number group size: Program price is based on exchange rates in effect as of October 2021 and is subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%. Minimum tour participants is 25. Should numbers fall below a minimum of 25 participants, Carrousel Travel reserves the right to reprice or cancel the tour.

Upon request, Carrousel Travel and sponsor/host(s) will try to pair participants traveling as a single with a roommate. There is no guarantee of a roommate and if one is not available, the single supplement is assessed at time of invoice. Some hotels provide a smaller room size for single occupancy.

Program inclusions:

- Air transportation from Minneapolis-St. Paul to Tel-Aviv, returning from Tel-Aviv on major airline, subject to change, restrictions and cancellation penalties by the airline; current estimated taxes and surcharges are included and subject to change until ticketed.
- Ground transportation by private, deluxe motorcoach throughout, including handling of one piece of baggage in/out of hotels.
- Shared hotel occupancy in twin-bedded room or room with one double bed as indicated in non-smoking rooms. Hotels described in itinerary are confirmed and subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

NOTE: U.S. king and queen bed sizes are often not available. A double bed may actually be two twin beds arranged side by side. Supplemental cost for single room occupancy.

- Total of 27 meals as indicated in itinerary – daily buffet breakfast, four lunches and twelve dinners.
- English-speaking professional tour manager throughout the itinerary.
- Use of audio headsets for touring.
- Visits as described in itinerary including entrance fees as needed.
- Gratuities for tour manager/guides, motorcoach drivers, and hotel/restaurant wait staff.

Deviation policy: Some participants may wish to extend their stay, originate or deplane from different cities or purchase the land program only. Early flight departure on group airfare is not permitted. Every effort will be made to assist participants within the rules of the group air contract for a \$100 per person service charge, plus any additional charges levied by the airline or other supplier. Any further changes may incur additional costs. No refund will be granted to participants who wish to omit portions of the itinerary. All deviation requests must be submitted in writing by July 12, 2022; requests made after this date incur additional fees or may be unavailable.

Note: The above deviation policy may not be applicable as arrival and departure from Israel may mandate all participants to be confirmed on the same flights.

Special Needs: Be advised the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States, and facilities outside the United States, such as ramps, elevators, and hand railings may not exist. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter, or walker accessible.

Exclusions: Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; baggage handling at airports; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; cancellation insurance; non-tour related gratuities; passport fees; increases in air ticket taxes or fuel surcharge; increases in VAT or city/hotel taxes, and any Covid testing required.

Travel insurance: Please be aware that purchasing Travel Insurance is highly recommended to assist with unforeseen situations or events. We work with a very reputable company and would be happy to provide quotes for you if you wish. Although travel insurance can be purchased at any time, if you have a pre-existing medical condition, then you must purchase trip insurance within 14 days of your initial trip deposit date for medical coverage to apply for those conditions. Your deposit date is stated on your invoice. It is highly recommended to at least have a medical travel insurance policy purchased when traveling outside of the United States.

Travel Insurance covering trip cancellation and pre-existing medical conditions is available from Carrousel Travel. Please contact them for additional details.

Trip delay: In the unforeseen circumstance your program experiences travel delays and unexpected expenses are incurred, Carrousel Travel will invoice participants for any additional costs associated with the delay. Obtaining additional travel insurance as recommended may offset these expenses.

Leadership: The person(s) identified as the leader/host is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Carrousel Travel. In the unlikely event of a change in leadership, a qualified replacement will be selected by the sponsoring organization or previous leader. Carrousel Travel will operate the program as planned and is not responsible for the change in leadership. The cancellation and refund policy remain as stated.

Responsibility: Carrousel Travel purchases transportation, hotel accommodations and other services from various suppliers that are not subject to its immediate control. Carrousel Travel cannot, therefore, be liable for any personal injury or property damage or personal loss in connection with any service which may occur due to (1) any act or omission of such a supplier, or (2) defects in or failures of any aircraft, vessel, automotive vehicle or other means of transportation that is not under their control, or (3) any circumstances arising as a result of military or political action, terrorism, weather, acts of God, epidemiological events or any other circumstances over which Carrousel Travel has no control. Carrousel Travel reserves the right to alter, change or omit any part of the itinerary as they deem necessary or desirable, and to pass on to participants any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond their control.

Supplier Default/Bankruptcy: If a supplier declares bankruptcy, cancels or postpones service or otherwise fails to provide or perform the services you have purchased, it is the supplier, and not Carrousel Travel, that is legally responsible to you. Refunds or reparations must come directly from the supplier or the bankruptcy court. Carrousel Travel will do their best to assist you.

Carrousel Travel

Founded in 1977 and recognized as a Best Places To Work for several consecutive years, Carrousel has grown into one of the largest privately owned travel companies in the Midwest. By melding the knowledgeable expertise of our professional consultants, the latest in travel technologies and the power of the Signature Travel Network, Carrousel Travel is dedicated to providing the best solutions for our client's needs and well-being.