



## *The Best of Israel: with Susan & James Yates*

**10 Days/9 Nights on Land in Israel**

November 6-16, 2019

Led by: James & Susan Yates

<b>Land &amp; Air rates per person</b>	<b>20+ paying passengers</b>
<b>Per person</b> in a shared double/twin Room with roundtrip airfare from Houston, TX valued up to \$1600.00.	\$3975.00
<b>Discount</b> for 3 <sup>rd</sup> passenger (age 13+) in a shared triple room	-\$175.00
Single Supplement for a single room throughout the main tour	\$990.00
<b>Additional Supplements &amp; Options</b>	
Pre-Arrival or Post-Departure Room in a SINGLE on BB	\$200.00 per night in Single
Pre-Arrival or Post-Departure in a Shared TWIN on BB	\$125.00 per person, per night
Pre-Arrival or Post-Departure in a Shared TRIPLE on BB	\$95.00 per person, per night
Supplement for Transfer to hotel or airport for Pre-Arrivals and Post-Departures	\$50.00 per person in a private vehicle (for 2 or more people)
Assistance with private airfare booking	\$70.00 per person above actual cost on the best flight.
For final balance payment by credit card.	\$80.00

**Register & make payments online via the Group Page!**

### *What's included?*

- **Round-trip airfare** from Houston, Texas (up to \$1600 value).
- Group transfers to and from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport
- Luggage & Airport services upon arrival and departure
- Licensed Israeli Tour Guide (highly proficient English speaking)
- 10 days of new air-conditioned tour bus & driver
- 9 nights in comfortable 4-star accommodations
- Full buffet Israeli-style breakfasts & dinners at hotels and restaurants
- All park fees & scheduled activities and entertainment
- Internal Headset Whisper System for groups of 20 or more
- Traveler's Kit (hat, map, 2 starter water bottles)
- Bus Banners and Name Tags
- Free WIFI on our buses and hotels
- Wire Transfer fees (our side)
- Debit/Credit card fees for initial deposit and online registrations.
- Pilgrimage Certificate

### *What's not included?*

- Higher airfare costs above the maximum allotted value.
- Credit Card fees for the Balance Payment (add 3% for balance payment) – if not, check, wire transfer or over-the-counter deposits are fine.
- Gratuities from A-Z (\$150.00 per person minimum)
- Special hotel-airport transfers for anyone not on the main group flight
- Lunches, as well as soft drinks and other special drinks served by the hotels.
- Any substantial fuel surcharges or tax increases for flights
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.
- Visa Fees, if required
- Optional Traveler's Insurance through [World Nomads](#)

## Deadlines

Milestones & Deadlines	Due Date	Action Re-quired
<b>Group Minimum Should be Reached</b>	<b>June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>	
<b>Final Payments are Due</b>	<b>June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>	
Deposits become non-refundable to Samson	<b>June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>	
Last Day for Early Bird Registration	<b>June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>	
<b>Late Registration Fee of \$200 Goes into effect</b>	<b>June 6<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>	
All Passenger Info is Due (Passports, Roommates, etc.)	<b>Jul 6<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>	Updates Online

## How to Register

- [Click here](https://samsontours.com/group-tours/1215-the-best-of-israel-with-james-and-susan-yates) to register online **or paste** the following web link into your browser: <https://samsontours.com/group-tours/1215-the-best-of-israel-with-james-and-susan-yates>
- **Fax** your Registration Details to 352-835-0885 (see forms below)
- **Phone us** with your registration details at 352-414-5991

## Itinerary

\* This itinerary is subject to minor changes.

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – (Meals & Entertainment in flight)

- 16:30 - Main Group departure from Houston, Texas on **United Airlines 1125**
- 20:58 – Arrive to Newark, NJ
- 23:05 - Group departure from Newark, NJ on **United Airlines 90**

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – (Meals & Entertainment in flight + Dinner)

- 16:20 - Arrive at **Ben Gurion International Airport on (Airline t.b.a.)**
- **You (as well as any members arriving on different flights)** will be immediately after Passport control by our airport representative. Our representative will assist you with luggage carts through Baggage, Customs and into the Arrivals Hall and out to meet your private driver.
- Depending our flight arrival time, we'll possibly visit **Antipatris**, where the apostle Paul was held as a prisoner for a night while in route to Caesarea (Acts 23:31-32)
- Enjoy a lovely stroll along the Mediterranean at your enchanting hotel by the Sea.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Seasons, Netanya](#)

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – (B/D)

- Visit **Caesarea Maritime**: Herod's Port City. We'll explore the Roman Theatre, the Praetorium (Governor's Palace), the Hippodrome and the fabulous Roman Aqueduct. Caesarea was the home of Pontius Pilate, the scene for Cornelius and Peter (Acts 10:1) the imprisonment of Paul (Acts 23:23), the home of Philip the Evangelist a (Acts 8:40; 21:9) and the opening scene for the Great Jewish Revolt in 66 CE.
- Next, we'll go up to **Mt. Carmel** to visit the site known as "**Muhraka**," where Elijah fought the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18).
- Lunch break at Megiddo
- Enjoy a comprehensive visit to **Tel Megiddo** in the valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16). At this UNESCO world heritage site, we'll see the Canaanite Gateway, the controversial Solomonic Gate and Casemate Wall, 'Solomon's Stables,' a lookout over the Valley of Armageddon and the amazing water shaft and tunnel built during the time of Ahab.
- Lookout over the Jezreel Valley from Mt. Precipice and possibly visit another Nazareth highlight before we drive via **Cana of Galilee** (John 2), the site of Jesus' first miracle, to our hotel by the Sea of Galilee.

- Overnight & Dinner: [Leonardo Plaza Hotel](#) Tiberias/Sea of Galilee or [Nof Ginosar Hotel](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – (B/D)

- **09:00** – Set sail on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Ginosar. While on board, we'll experience the silence of the Sea as well and see how a fisherman casts his net.
- Visit the **1<sup>st</sup> century Galilee boat** at Ginosar's Yigal Allon Museum. Was this a boat similar to the one the disciples used?
- Walk in **the Arbel Pass**, Jesus' passageway to the Sea of Galilee. This is one of the most impressive scenic overviews of the Sea of Galilee and provides an excellent backdrop for Jesus' ministry.
- **11:30** – Visit the pre-70 synagogue at **Magdala** (Mark 16:9).
- Enjoy a fish-option lunch by the picturesque Sea of Galilee
- Explore the archaeological remains at **Capernaum**, mentioned more times in the New Testament than any other city except Jerusalem (Matthew 4:13, 8:5, 11:23, 17:24; Mark 2:1, 9:33; Luke 4:23; John 2:12).
- End the day **with a baptism in the Jordan River (Yardenit)** –Changing rooms will be provided.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Leonardo Plaza Hotel](#) Tiberias/Sea of Galilee or [Nof Ginosar Hotel](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – (B/D)

- Visit the **Mount of Beatitudes** (Matthew 5).
- Drive through the **Hulah Valley**, via Tel Hazor and the Waters of Merom (Joshua 11:5).
- Experience the **Tel Dan** Nature Reserve to see the "**Arch of Abraham**," **Jero-boam's temple**, and the discovery place of the 'House of David' inscription (Gen 14:13-16; Deut. 34:1; Josh 19:47; Judg. 18:1-2, 18:27-29; I Kings 12:26-33, 15:20; II Kings 15:29)
- Explore the **Temple of Pan** at **Caesarea Phillipi** (Matt. 16:13-28).
- Enjoy coffee & deserts in the Druze village of Ma'sade in the Golan Heights.
- Lookout from **Mt. Bental Volcano** into Syria and the **Road to Damascus** (Acts 9:1-20).
- Overnight & Dinner: [Leonardo Plaza Hotel](#) Tiberias/Sea of Galilee or [Nof Ginosar Hotel](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – (B/D)

- Early departure
- Drive southward along the Jordan Valley, past some of the first kibbutzim in Israel

- Our first stop is a visit to **Gideon's Spring** (Mayan Harod) where we'll literally see the story in **Judges 4** come to life.
- Have a short visit **Tel Beth Shean** next to Mt. Gilboa (I Sam. 31:8-13; II Sam. 21:12-14) to lookout over the Roman city, the ancient tel. Beth Shean was the capital of the Decapolis in Jesus' day (Matthew 4:25; Mark 5:20).
- Next up is a visit to **Qasr el Yehud**, next to Bethany beyond the Jordan, where Elijah was caught up in a whirlwind, and where Jesus was most likely baptized by John.
- Visit **Tel Jericho** (Josh 3:15-16, 6:1-27; II Kings 2:4-5, 2:18-22; Matt. 4:1-11, Mark 10:46-52; Luke 19:1-10), where the walls came tumbling down, and look-out over the Mount of Temptation.
- Our last site of the day is **Qumran**, where some of the Dead Sea Scroll caves were copied and Cave 11
- Enjoy the evening walking along the Dead Sea or enjoying your hotel's spa.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Leonardo Plaza, Dead Sea](#)

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (B/D)

- 07:45 -Departure
- Explore **Masada**, Herod the Great's desert fortress and the last stand for the Jewish rebels in 73 CE (Luke 11:21-22. Anyone may walk up/down the historic Snake Path or choose to take the cable car option
- Visit the desert of **Ein Gedi** where David hid from King Saul (Isa 35:7; I Sam. 23:29, 24:1-22)
- 14:00 - Enjoy the rest of your day in the Dead Sea and your hotel's spa
- Overnight & Dinner: [Leonardo Plaza, Dead Sea](#)

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> (B/D)

- 07:45 - departure, as we're ascending to Jerusalem.
- Enjoy a panoramic lookout from the **Mount of Olives** (II Sam 15:30; Numbers 19:1-10; Ezekiel 11:23; Ps. 122:3, 122:6, 125:2; Luke 21:37; Zech 14:4; John 8:1)
- Walk the **Palm Sunday journey** down the Mt. of Olives, stopping by **Dominus Flevit**, where Jesus wept over the city (Luke 19:41-44) and engaging with the early Christian tombs discovered at the site.
- Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Church of all Nations** (Matthew 26:36ff).
- See the **Pools of Bethesda** at the Church of St. Anne (John 5:1-9).
- Stop for Lunch
- See the first two stations of the **Via Dolorosa**
- **13:30** – The **Garden Tomb**, an alternative for the place of Jesus' crucifixion. Guided by a local volunteer guide. **Communion** will be provided.
- Then it's a visit to the **House of Caiaphas** (St. Peter en Gallicantu), where it's believed Jesus was held the night before his crucifixion.
- Visit the **"Upper Room"** on Mt. Zion, as well as David's Tomb.

- Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** – learn the key archaeological details that support this as the most likely place where Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected (Matt. 1:17; Matt 27; Luke 23; John 19)
- End the day with at least 2 hours on your own in the Christian Quarter.
- Overnight & Dinner: [Prima Kings](#), Jerusalem

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (B/D)

- Have an early departure for the **Temple Mount** to see the site of the former Jewish temples and the current Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque.
- Say a prayer at the **Wailing Wall** and admire the grandeur of this sacred spot for the Jewish people.
- Visit the **Southern Wall Excavations (Davidson Center)** and walk up the 1<sup>st</sup> century steps of the Temple.
- 11:40 – Visit the newest excavations in the **City of David** and wade through Hezekiah’s tunnel, and visit the **Pool of Siloam** (II Sam 5:7-9; II Chr. 32:2-5; I Kings 1:33, 1:38-40; II Kings 20:20, 25:1-9; Ps. 48:12-13; Isa. 22:11; John 9:6-11)
- Have lunch and some shopping time on your own in the Jewish Quarter
- Visit the **Jewish Quarter** to see **Hezekiah’s Broad Wall** (II Kings 20:22; II Chr. 32:3-5; Isaiah 22:9-10 & the reconstructed Cardo, the north-south street that ran through the city in the Roman and Byzantine periods.
- **16:00** - Visit the **Temple Institute**
- Overnight & Dinner: [Prima Kings](#), Jerusalem

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> (B/D)

- 08:00 – 11:00 Drive to **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity** for an overview of the traditional place of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4-20; Matt. 2:1-12, 2:16-18). Enjoy a family bazaar and some optional shopping time in Bethlehem.
- 11:00 – 14:00 - Visit the **Yad vaShem Holocaust Memorial**
- End the day with a visit to “New” Jerusalem on Ben Yehuda Street or the *Shuk*: the Machane Yehuda market and watch things wrap up before the Sabbath!
- Enjoy a special Sabbath dinner at your hotel
- Overnight & Dinner: [Prima Kings](#), Jerusalem

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> (B)

- Morning at your leisure
- Visit the **Israel Museum**’s fine collections of artifacts, the Shrine of the Book, where many of the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Model
- Drive via the **Elah Valley**, where David slew Goliath
- Have a farewell lunch or dinner out your own in Tel Aviv.
- 19:30 -Transfer to airport
- **23:10** -Group Departure on **United Airlines 91**

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

- 07:45 -Depart Newark, NJ on **United Airlines 508**
- 10:53 – Arrive in Houston Texas



## Policies

- **Final Itinerary & Hotels:** The itinerary may be updated from time to time at the discretion of Samson Tours, its guide and its tour leader. Final Hotel Arrangements will be posted no later than 100 days before departure. In the event of a hotel change, Samson Tours will guarantee a replacement at the same quality or provide an upgrade to a higher class of accommodations at no extra charge.
- **Group Minimum:** A minimum of **20** paying participants are required for this tour program. If the group minimum is not reached by 4 months before departure, Samson Tours or its tour leader will have the right to either a.) request that all tour members pay a supplement for the increase in costs of no greater than \$500.00 per person and operate the group at the same quality; b.) lower the hotel class by at least 1 star to offset the increased costs; or c.) postpone the dates until a minimum number of participants are achieved.
- **Group Maximum:** A maximum **50** paying participants will be allowed to join this unique tour program.
- **Group Airfare:** Samson Tours works alongside the tour leader to find the best airfare and best price for the group. In order to request a group airfare price, there must be at least 10 passengers on the group flight. The airfare will be paid to the airline in full upon their request and subject to their cancellation/refund policies.
- **Booking your own Airfare:** If you are not joining your tour's group airfare, please do not book your airfare until 90 days before the tour departure date or until the Notice of Group Minimum has been sent to you.
- **Flight Diversions:** If you elect to be on the group flight and wish to depart from a different city of origin, you can a.) Book your own domestic airfare connection or b.) Select the Add-On in your My Account for a \$50.00 Domestic Flight Booking Fee. Any costs or savings for the additional flight will be added or deducted from your tour balance. Please [contact us](#) with your specific departure city request.
- **Deposit & Payments for Land:** To ensure your spot on the tour, we request a **\$400.00 deposit** be paid upon signup. The deposit (less a \$100.00 non-refundable fee per person) and any other payments made are refundable up to 90 days before departure. After that, the remaining deposit amount is non-refundable, but can be used as a future credit with Samson Tours or converted into a Gift Certificate which you can transfer to a third party. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, money order, bank transfer, debit or credit card. If the tour is canceled by Samson Tours, then you will be entitled to a full refund without any cancellation fee. This refund of cancellation fee does not apply to tour leader cancellations or postponements due to group minimums not being reached. For cases of political instability or cancellations or postponements due to *force majeure*, please see the Force Majeure section below.
- **Final Payments:** The final payment will be made 90 days before departure. Payments made by check or cash will be made in US\$ to Samson Tours, Inc. Payments made by debit or credit card to Samson Tours, Inc. will be charged the full balance. If there are any unpaid fuel surcharges for the group flight, they will be billed to you at cost per the group airline contract either before or after the tour. There is a Late Payment Fee of \$200.00 if the balance is paid after the final payment date.
- **Late Registrations & Payments:** Theoretically, you can join a tour anytime up to the time of the departure date (Land Only and subject to Hotel Availability). There will be a Late Payment Fee of \$200.00 and an additional \$50.00 fee if you require airfare assistance. If a hotel or other service listed in the itinerary is unavailable, we will find an alternative hotel for you, however you will be responsible for any transportation costs to/from joining the main group.
- **Land Diversions:** If you arrive either before or after the recommended group departure/arrival time, or if your flight is delayed beyond a reasonable waiting period, or if you elect to divert or add-on additional days to the trip, then it is understood that you will arrive at the hotel or to the airport at your own expense. We will more than happy to assist you with these arrangements
- **Refunds (Land):** The following refunds for the **land portion** of the price will apply **for non-insured travelers only**: Your balance less a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per person, which is transferable or can be applied to future tours if cancelled 90+ calendar days before departure.

75% refund of balance less a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per person if cancelled 89-60 days before departure. 50% of balance less a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per person refund if cancelled 59-30 days before departure. 0% refund if cancelled 29 or less days before departure.

- **Refunds (Group Air):** Per group contract with airline. Typically, there is a \$100 non-refundable fee up to 3 months before departure and 100% non-refundable 30 or less days before departure. Most airlines will, however, allow you to postpone your travel dates for a re-ticketing or name transfer fee.
- **Force Majeure:** If Samson Tours decides to postpone the tour do to political unrest or for any reason beyond our company's control that could compromise your security, then your balance will carry over to the new tour dates. Depending on the new dates, there may be an increase in costs for tours that are rescheduled within 1 year. If you are unable to join the new tour dates, then you will be entitled to a refund, less the cancellation fee (see Deposits) and any other non-refundable deposits that may be imposed on us by suppliers such as airlines and hotels. The deposit and/or balances amount can also be applied to any future tour or may be transferable to a third party.
- **Travel Insurance** – Samson Tours does not require travel insurance. It is, however, strongly advised that **all travelers** equip themselves with a comprehensive travel insurance plan through World Nomads. You can obtain an individual travel insurance quote, by visiting our [Insurance page](#) and clicking on any of the 'Get a Quote' links that refer you to the World Nomads website. Travel Insurance coverage begins **ONLY** from the time you have purchased travel insurance. It is advisable only to purchase travel insurance when you have made non-refundable payments that exceed the amount of travel insurance purchased.
- **Add-ons** once you have registered for a tour you can select from a variety of add-ons in your My Account area you may select or deselect any of these add-ons (extension tour, hotels, late fees, etc.) until 30 days before your tour.
- **Your Health:** All participants should be in good health and walking condition. This program is active and involves a lot of walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be accessible for the disabled. Having a disability does not disqualify you from joining any tour. However, be advised that you may have to forgo portions of the said itinerary by waiting on the bus or in a safe location until the main group has returned. If you require special accommodation, please report this at the time of your reservation so that we can better serve you.
- **Single Supplement:** For single travelers, a single supplement fee for the hotels is required. This usually amounts to around 85%-90% of the Double Room cost. If a person has ordered a double room and his or her roommate cancels his or her tour, then the individual holding a double room must find a new roommate or pay the single supplement.
- **Exchange Rate:** Samson Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a supplement to the price if the dollar falls below the 3.5 threshold. To date, we have never yet had to charge an exchange rate surcharge.
- **Government Imposed VAT or taxes:** Currently there are no VAT taxes for foreign on tour land packages to Israel. Should such a tax be imposed before the start of the tour, even after 'final payment' has been made, Samson Tours will notify all of its participants in writing. In order to participate in the tour, you will be required to pay all such taxes before the start of the tour. If you are an Israeli Citizen, you will be asked to pay VAT at the time of you final payment.
- **Responsibility** - Samson Tours, Inc., its agents, suppliers, guides, leaders and representatives shall be, in no way, liable or responsible for any personal or property loss, damage or injury howsoever caused. The company shall also not be responsible for penalties for privately-booked flight tickets if purchased before the minimum is reached.
- **Update** – These policies may be updated from time to time. Upon update, you will be notified by Samson Tours, Inc. or its group leader.



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## 1 About you

Name(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(1) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Best time of day to phone: Morning Afternoon Evening or Specific \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Degree of Interest

- I'm definite! Attached is my **\$400.00** (per person) **check or cash deposit**
- For sure! I'll pay by **debit/credit card** (see the Credit Card form)
- I will submit payment via another means. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Travel Information

Travel information is required 3 months before departure. If you do not know this information now, leave blank and we will contact you at a later time.

- What kind of room are you requesting? **SINGLE DOUBLE TRIPLE** (circle one)
- If you are in a **DOUBLE** room, would you like a **TWIN/SPLIT** or **KING** bed (circle one)?

I'd like to share a DOUBLE room with \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to share a TRIPLE room with \_\_\_\_\_

& \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical conditions or limitations? YES NO

Medical Notes or Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 *Passport Information*

This information (along with a copy of your passport) is required 3 months before departure. Please print your name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport.

Passport Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Name (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5 *Your Signature*

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(By signing, you have read and agree to the **Policies** for this tour.)

**Please submit this form to the tour leader or scan and email us to [sales@sam-sontours.com](mailto:sales@sam-sontours.com) or fax us directly, along with your credit card form, to 352-835-0885.**



**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex)

Check your Inclusions or Exclusions for notices of Credit Card Fees.

**1** *Credit Card Details*

\*Type of Card: Visa - MasterCard - Discover - Amex

\*Name(s) on card \_\_\_\_\_

\*Card number \_\_\_\_\_

\*Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

\*Security Code (see image to right) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Billing Address for credit card \_\_\_\_\_



**2** *Payment Schedule*

Please process my **deposit** payment now **and** my **final payment** later with this card. Note: we will process your final payment 4 months before departure.

Please process my **deposit payment only** with this card. I will pay the balance later via another means. \_\_\_\_\_

Please process my deposit payment and set up a **payment plan** for the balance. I will pay the deposit now and you can automatically bill my credit card the remaining balance over 3 4 5 6 9 payments.

**3** *Your Signature*  \_\_\_\_\_

(By signing, you agree to let Samson Tours, Inc. and/or its agents to process your payments with the details provided above.