

**DOOR OF HOPE MINISTRY  
GREECE & ISRAEL  
13 DAY JOURNEY  
03 – 15 APR, 2008**

**Hosted by  
Rev. Rhonda & Alan Lazerte**

**Day 1: THU. 03 APR. Departure**

Tonight we depart on our overnight flight from Toronto international airport to Athens. Complimentary in-flight service is provided en-route. (D)

**Day 2: FRI. 04 APR. Athens, Israel**

Upon arrival at Athens Airport we are met by our guide, waiting for us after immigration formalities. Boarding our luxury touring coach take a panoramic tour of Athens, including the **Acropolis** and **Mars Hill**. From here we return to our airport hotel for relaxation and dinner before boarding our ongoing flight to Israel. (B,D)

**Day 3: SAT. 05 APR. Israel**

Arriving in the morning we are met by our guide, Isaac Dorenbusch, who will take us to our hotel, where we check-in and rest until noon. Breakfast will be available throughout the morning.

This afternoon we take a short drive along the Mediterranean coast to the city of Netanya before returning to Tel Aviv and ancient Jaffa.

**Jaffa**- One of the oldest towns in Israel and considered one of the oldest ports in the world. Cedars of Lebanon sent by King Hiram of Tyre and destined for Solomon's Temple were unloaded at Jaffa. It is here that Peter brought Tabitha back from the dead and, when in the home of Simon the Tanner, he prophesied the vision of the pure and un-pure animals. (II Chronicles 2:15, Jonah 1:3-17; Acts 9:36-42; X 10:5)

Tonight we enjoy our first Israeli buffet dinner.

**Day 4: SUN. 06 APR. Megiddo, Nazareth**

Today we leave Tel Aviv and head north towards the upper Galilee, visiting:

**Caesarea** - The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel, where Pontius Pilate made his base. Here we will tour the Roman aqueduct, restored theater and crusader city.

**Mount Carmel**- Overlooking the city of Haifa with the Mediterranean Sea and Jezreel Valley on either side we stand where the Prophet Elijah performed his miracle and called upon the fire of God to conquer the Prophets of Baal. (1 Kings 2; 15:4,25, Isaiah 33:9; Zechariah 12:12)

**Nazareth**- Here is where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. Nazareth is also the site of The Annunciation and where the Nazarenes attempted to throw Jesus over the cliff. No visit to Nazareth is complete without a visit to the Biblical village.

Now a suburb of Nazareth, **Cana**, is the site where Jesus performed his first miracle when he changed water into wine at a wedding. (Luke 1:26-38, John 1:46;2:45-46; Matthew 2:23)

Our final destination is Tiberias. A wonderful place to stay for the next three nights! (B,D)

**Day 5: MON. 07 APR. Upper Galilee, Golan Heights**

Today we travel north into the beautiful upper Galilee region, visiting:

**Tel Dan**- This beautiful Biblical site will allow us a short walk around one of the rivers feeding the Jordan.

**Caesarea Philippi**- Built at one of the sources of the Jordan River the city of Panias (named by the Greeks after the goat footed God, Pan) was later renamed by the Romans as Caesarea Philippi. It was here that Jesus revealed to the Disciples His purpose, His Church and where Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah. (Mark 8:27; Matthew 16:13-23)

**Nimrod Castle**- This stunning Crusader castle offers awe inspiring views of the plains of Lebanon and the upper Galilee.

**Golan Heights**- Today we view Israel from The Golan Heights. This parcel of land plays a significant role in the security of those living in the Jordan Valley and Upper Galilee

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. (B,D)

**Day 6: TUE. 08 APR. Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Tabgha**

After breakfast we drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Today we shall visit:

**Korazin**- Location of Galilee's most intact ancient synagogues, Korazin was a very important Jewish town. Jesus rebuked the people of Korazin for their lack of faith and for spurning his 'miracles'. (Matthew 11:2; Luke 10:13)

**The Mount of Beatitudes**- Sit on the hill where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Looking directly south at the Sea of Galilee the flower filled gardens offer peace and tranquility. (Matthew 5:1-8)

**Capernaum**-The center of Jesus' Galilee Ministry. Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. (Matthew 9:1; 4:13)

**Tabgha-** Located at the foot of the Mt. of Beatitudes this is the site of the Miracle of The Loaves and the Fishes. Here we will enjoy private worship and intercession by the shores of the Galilee. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21,16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

**Bethsaida-** Also known as 'The House of The Fisherman' this is the home of Peter, Philip and Andrew and also the place where Jesus fed the five thousand and healed the blind man. Here we will see recent excavations of this old city. (Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13; John 1)

After a truly wonderful day we return to our hotel in Tiberias. **(B,D)**

## **Day 7: WED. 09 APR. Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem**

**Boat Ride-** There is no better location to hold our Sunday service than in a private boat on the Sea of Galilee.

**Ginossar-** Here we will visit the **Jesus Boat Museum** exhibit. Discovered by accident during the drought of 1986 this fishing boat would have existed at the time of Jesus. Beautifully preserved it is a timeless reminder of life during that time.

**Mt. Arbel-** This vantage point allows to see the Sea of Galilee in its entirety. In one snapshot we can see the place where Jesus spent most of his time.

This afternoon we leave the Galilee and head south through the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem.

Our journey will bring us close to the oldest city in the world; **JERICHO**. This was the first city conquered by the returning Children of Israel under Joshua. Overlooking Jericho is the **Mount of Temptation**. Not far from Jericho is the Monastery of St. John, which recalls the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. (Joshua 4:5-6; II Kings 2:18-22; Mark 1:9-11)

Dinner will be at our hotel in Jerusalem **(B,D)**

## **Day 8: THU. 10 APR. Jerusalem**

Our first full day in Jerusalem includes the following:

**Mount of Olives-** We begin our day by viewing Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. Photo opportunities abound at this time with the Golden Dome of the Rock prominent. From here we shall walk down to The Garden of Gethsemane along the same path as that Jesus took when entering the city on Palm Sunday

**Garden of Gethsemane-** The site where Jesus prayed at the Rock of Agony in the Garden. -"*My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.*" (Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-14)

**Mount Zion-** Assumed by the Byzantine pilgrims as the original City of David this piece of land would have existed outside the original city walls. (II Kings 2:10; Matthew 26:17-35; Mark 14:12-25)

**St Peter in Gallicantu-** Gallicantu means "cockcrow" and this lovely modern church recalls the arrest of Jesus and his warning to Peter that he would deny him three times before the cock crow (Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:54)

**Upper Room-** The traditional site where Jesus instituted a new Passover celebration and the new Covenant in His blood. (Mark 14:15)

**Jewish Quarter-** Here we will through the Cardo Maxima then onto the Herodian quarter as we walk through the Jewish quarter.

Dinner is at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

## **Day 9: FRI. 11 APR. Jerusalem**

After breakfast we will visit the following:

**Western Wall and Tunnels-** Also called The Wailing Wall. The holiest place of pilgrimage for the Jews. Here we can observe the Orthodox Jews pray relentlessly along with many Christians. Some of us may wish to leave a hand written note placed in the crevices of the Western Wall. (I Kings 6:14; Matthew 12:6; Luke 2:46; John 2:19)

**Davidson Centre-** This new facility uses state-of-the-art technology to bring the Temple Mount to life. This will give us a better understanding of the magnitude of Herod's construction versus what we see today.

**City of David-** This afternoon we will be guided through the site and new excavations of the city of David. You will have the opportunity to walk through Hezekiah's tunnel and re-surface at the pool of Siloam.

**Church of St. Anne-** Located by the pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the cripple. (John 5, 1-9)

**Holy Sepulcher Church-** Stations X- XIV on The Via Dolorosa. This is the site of the Crucifixion of Jesus and where he was laid to rest in the Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea

Dinner will be at our hotel in Jerusalem this evening. **(B,D)**

## **Day 10: SAT. 12 APR. Massada, Dead Sea**

From our hotel we take the short drive to Masada:

**Masada-** This UNESCO World Heritage site was once Herod's mountain top palace and fortress. Here we ascend to the site by cable car and learn about the last Jewish stand against the Romans and the mass suicide of the 960 Jewish defenders.

**Qumran-** Home to the ancient Essenes. It is here that they wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls almost two thousand years ago. Here we will visit the excavated sites of Qumran and the view the location where The Scrolls were found in 1947. (John 1; Luke 1:57-80; Isaiah 40)

**Ein Gedi-** This national park and oasis hosts the caves of David's Gorge where David hid from Saul and his army. Swim in the pool where David and his army refreshed themselves in the "*Springs of Living Water.*"(I Samuel 24, Song of Solomon 1:14; Ezekiel 47:10)

**Dead Sea-** With our hotel located on the southern shores of the Dead Sea we can float and relax for the remainder of the afternoon. **(B,D)**

**Day 11: SUN. 13 APR. Jerusalem,**  
This morning we drive through the new city of Jerusalem to view the Knesset, The Menora and visits to the following:

**Yad Vashem-** Israel's national monument, memorial and museum to the Holocaust.

**Scale Model of Jerusalem-** This fabulous reconstruction of the old city of Jerusalem gives us a chance to better understand the importance of the second temple and the city during Herodian times.

**The Israel Museum-** Home to some of the Dead Sea scrolls such as the well preserved great *Isaiah scroll.*

**Garden Tomb-** Preserved by The Garden Tomb Association these beautiful gardens surround the traditional site of The Garden Tomb. Many believe that this was the actual garden of Joseph of Arimathea. (John 19:41)

Tonight is our 'Farewell dinner'. A wonderful time to share and reflect on a, truly, inspirational journey. **(B,D)**

## **Day 12: MON. 14 APR. Israel to Greece**

This morning we depart from Israel to Athens where we enjoy a break in our journey home to Canada. Today we visit ancient Corinth. Situated between Athens and Sparta the archeological ruins of this city offer a wonderful in sight into life at the time of Paul's visit during his second and third journeys. Dinner will be at a local restaurant this evening. **(B,D)**

## **Day 13: TUE. 15 APR. Journey Home**

This morning we depart from Athens on our morning departure to Toronto. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided throughout the return journey. **(B,L)**

**B:-Breakfast. L:-Lunch. D:-Dinner**

# GREECE & HOLY LAND JOURNEY

## April 03 – 15, 2008

### INFORMATION

#### **INCLUDED**

**Air travel:** Round trip from Toronto (fares from other cities available upon request)

**Hotels:**

Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv  
Sheraton Moriah, Sea of Galilee  
Novotel, Jerusalem

**Meals:** Full breakfast and dinner daily with tea and coffee

**Transportation:** Air-conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour

**Sightseeing:** Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees

**Tour Guide:** Government-licensed Tour Manager Isaac Dorenbusch will accompany the group and work harmoniously with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group.

**Porterage:** One large suitcase per person is allowed. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

**Embarkation package:** An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

**Air Transportation Taxes:** Currently \$294

**Lunches** (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

**Comprehensive Travel Insurance:**

Age, up to and including 59: \$159

60 – 64: \$194

65 – 69: \$233

70+: Rates on request

All rates based upon twin accommodation

**Gratuities:** This will be collected at time of full payment. Equivalent to CAD \$100

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Passport:** Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel.

**Inoculation:** Not a current requirement

**Reservations:** Reservations by telephone and email will be taken, but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

**Deposit and final payment:** A non-refundable deposit of \$400 plus insurance is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment. Cancellation within 60 days before departure incurs 100% cancellation charge.

**Travel Insurance:** Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties. Conditions apply so please ask for more details.

**Fuel surcharges-** At time of print all airline fuel surcharges are included in the 'air transportation taxes. These may vary before time of departure.

**General Health:** All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

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#### **13 DAY JOURNEY COST**

**TORONTO PRICE: \$2939CAD**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 495CAD**

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card

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