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“For if thou were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: How much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?”

Romans 11:24

MON.11 APRIL: Canada to Israel.

Today we depart from Canada on our overnight flight(s) to Tel Aviv, Israel. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. (D)

TUE. 12 APRIL: Tel Aviv to Galilee.

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport we are met by our Israeli Tour Manager, Roni Winter, who will assist us with immigration and luggage formalities. Boarding our luxury touring coach we relax and enjoy the journey northward to Galilee and the serenity of our first night in Israel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee at the **Kibbutz Maagan**. Tonight we enjoy our ‘Welcome to Israel’ dinner. (B,D)

WED. 13 APRIL: Sea of Galilee and Boat Ride.

After our first Israeli buffet breakfast our full touring day involves visits to;

Golan Heights- Our first stop today is the Golan Heights. Here we will learn about the history and political importance of this piece of land whilst experiencing panoramic views of the Sea of Galilee and the Promised Land. (Numbers 21:33; Deuteronomy 3:1)

Kursi- The site of Gergesa (Kursi.) identified as the site of the ‘Miracle of The Swine’. (Luke 8:26-33, 8; Mark 5:1; Matthew 8:28-34, 15:29-34)

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)

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. The museum has a gift shop with quality items on sale!

Sea of Galilee Boat Ride- Our day ends with an unforgettable sailing on the Sea of Galilee.

Dinner this evening will be at the **Kibbutz Maagan**. (B,D)

THU. 14 APRIL: Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth.

After breakfast we will embark on our journey today which will include;

Tree Planting- Today we will each plant a tree in one of the designated forests en route to Sepphoris. This ceremony symbolizes that we are planted in Israel...

Sepphoris-Birthplace of Mary and home to Joachim and Anna. Once the capital of Galilee, during Herod’s time, this excavated city has some of the most magnificent mosaics in the country including “The Mona Lisa of Israel”. (Luke 13:32)

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)

Megiddo-Hebrew for **Armageddon**, Megiddo was strategically located on the main trading routes between Babylonia and Egypt. Here King Solomon built a giant fortress and city. (Judges 1:27; 5:19; 1 Kings 4:12; 9:15, II Chronicles 35:22; Zechariah 12:12, Revelation 16:16)

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. 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)

Dinner will be back at the Kibbutz Maagan. Overlooking the shores of the Sea of Galilee ! (B,D)

FRI. 15 APRIL: Sea of Galilee.

After breakfast our journey for today takes us along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the following;

Hazor- Once the largest city in all of Canaan. The multi layered Tel of Hazor is a fascinating site that offers intrigue and insight into five thousand years of civilization. It was here that Deborah and Barak fought against Sisera. Captured by Joshua and raised to the ground this city was eventually rebuilt by Solomon in the 10th century BCE. (Joshua 11:10-14; Judges 4:2; 1 Kings 9:15)

Korazin- Location of Galilee's most intact ancient synagogues, Chorazin was a very important Jewish town. Jesus rebuked the people of Chorazin 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. We will Worship and have a teaching here... (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. The Greek Orthodox Church, Franciscan monastery and Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter make for an interesting kaleidoscope of varying architecture. (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)

Dinner, tonight, will experience a 'Shabbot' dinner. (B,D)

SAT. 16 APRIL: Immersion. Messianic Service. Galilee to Jerusalem.

After breakfast we begin our day with the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the **River Jordan** before returning to our Kibbutz. This morning we will attend a local Messianic Service in Tiberias before we leave Galilee and travel southwards through the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem. This was the route followed by Jesus and his disciples as they traversed the dusty roads towards Jerusalem for the last time. Our first stop today is;

Bet She'an- The largest of Israel's archeological digs. Even after it's initial discovery many years ago, archeologists are, today, still discovering more ruins from the Roman era when Bet She'an was one of the 10 cities in The Decapolis. This ancient city, although destroyed by an earthquake in the 8th Century, offers a fabulous insight into Roman life and times. After losing the battle to the Philistines, King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls. (Judges 4:7-8)

After Beth She'an we head further south and pass **GILGAL**; where Saul was proclaimed king. Gilgal became a sacred place because the tribes of Israel first encamped and celebrated Passover there after their miraculous crossing of the Jordan River and before their conquest of the Promised Land.

This afternoon we shall arrive in Jerusalem, check in to The Olive Tree Hotel and relax after our first few days in The Holy Land.

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

SUN. 17 APRIL: Jerusalem.

After breakfast we will spend our first full day in Jerusalem visiting;

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; Luke 22:7-38; John 13-17)

David's Tomb- Visit the stone cenotaph laid by Crusaders in the Church of the Apostles.

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

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

MON. 18 APRIL: Jerusalem. Free Time.

Today will be left open to visit ministries, such as, I.C.E.J. then shop in the marketplaces and streets of Jerusalem. Guided by Roni, he will take us to the locations where the best 'bargains' can be found.

Dinner will be served back at the hotel. (B,D)

TUE. 19 APRIL: Jerusalem,

After breakfast we will enjoy a relaxing day with opportunities to shop.

Menora- The largest Menora in Israel stands across from the Knesset. Here, Roni, explains the meaning and significance of the Menora and its depictions.

Hadasa- Hospital- Here we shall see the wonderful stain glass 'Shaggal

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.

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

WED. 20 APRIL: Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea.

After breakfast we will head into the Judean wilderness and follow the shores of The Dead Sea to visit;

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. Teaching " Standing in the Gap for Israel" Prayer and Intercession

Ein Gedi- This national park and oasis hosts the caves of David's Gorge where David hid from Saul and his army. (I Samuel 24, Song of Solomon 1:14; Ezekiel 47:10)

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)

Dead Sea- No visit to the Dead Sea would be complete without experiencing the unique

buoyancy of these waters. Cover yourself in therapeutic black mud and float your aches and pains away!(Genesis 14:3;Deuteronomy 3:17 4:49; Joshua 3:16;12:3;15:2,5)

After another fascinating day we leave the Dead Sea and make our way back to Jerusalem. Dinner will be served at our hotel this evening. (B,D)

THU. 21 APRIL: Jerusalem.

After breakfast our day of touring will include the following;;

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.

Western Wall 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)

Via Dolorosa-The one mile long route through the Old City of Jerusalem from the point of condemnation by Pontius Pilate to Golgotha/ Calvary Hill.

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.

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)

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

FRI 22 APRIL: Samaria to Tel Aviv.

After breakfast we will check out of our hotel and drive north into Samaria before heading for Tel Aviv. En-route we will visit;

Schechem- Site of the Tomb of Joseph, this is the site of the Roman city of Neapolis. It was here that Abraham passed through en-route to Ur (Genesis 12:6) and where Jacob and Shechem make their agreement (Genesis 12:6-7). Here we will see the site of Jacob's Well (Genesis 33:19).

FRI 22 APRIL: Samaria to Tel Aviv cont.
Samaria-Founded as capital of Israel by king Omri in 876 BCE (Kings I 16:23-25) this town was eventually taken by the Assyrians (Kings II 17:5-6) .The prophet, Micah, rejoiced in Sebastiyeh's impending destruction (Micah 1:6). This is the reputed location of John the Baptist's murder.

This evening we will enjoy our 'Farewell Dinner' at our hotel in Tel Aviv. A wonderful

time to share, and reflect, on what this journey has meant to you. (B,D)

SAT. 23 APRIL : Tel Aviv to Canada.
Today we will leave Israel and head home for Canada. Meals and complimentary in-flight service will be served onboard. (B,L)

Though we have left the Holy Land it shall never leave us!

B = Breakfast. L = Lunch D = Dinner.

TOUR INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Vancouver. Fares from other cities available upon request.

Hotels: Kibbutz Maagan in Galilee. Novotel, Jerusalem. (First Class category)

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 Roni Winter and guides 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. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

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

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches. (Unless mentioned in the itinerary.)

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently \$75.

Gratuities: This will be collected at time of full payment. Equivalent to CAD110.

Comprehensive Travel Insurance:

Age, up to and including 59	\$135
60 – 64	\$162
65 – 69	\$194
70 – 74	\$285
75 – 79	\$371

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.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$400 plus insurance is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment.

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.

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 .

13 DAY PROGRAM

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