

**COMMUNITY
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
ISRAEL JOURNEY
APRIL 28 – MAY 8, 2006**

**Hosted by
Pastor Randy Gill
& The Youth Leadership Team**

ITINERARY

FRI., APRIL 28 - Depart for Israel

This evening we meet together at Toronto airport and enjoy our overnight flight(s) to Tel Aviv, Israel. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided for you. (D)

SAT., APRIL 29 – Jaffa, Tel Aviv

This afternoon we arrive at the new **Tel Aviv** international airport. Welcome to The Holy Land! It is here that we are met by our Tour Manager, who will guide us through luggage and passport formalities. En-route to our hotel we will visit the historical port city of **Jaffa**. One of the oldest ports in the world, Jaffa brings us stories about Jonah, Peter, Simon the Tanner, and much more. This evening we check into the **Metropolitan Hotel** where we enjoy our 'Welcome to Israel' dinner, followed by an evening on the beach overlooking the **Mediterranean Sea**. (B,L,D)

SUN., APRIL 30 – Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Upper Galilee

After our first Israeli buffet breakfast, we leave Tel Aviv and follow the Mediterranean Sea northwards, along the Via Maris, to the ancient Roman port and city of **Caesarea**. The magnificent theatre and Aqueduct are just two of the many sights to see at Caesarea. From here we continue to **Mt. Carmel**. It is here that Elijah challenged the Prophets of Baal. From here we can view the Jezreel Valley with Mt. Tabot, Mt. Gilboa and Nazareth in the distance. After enjoying a Falafel lunch in the Druze village we travel through the valley to **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. Dinner tonight will be at **The Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee**. (B, D)

MON., MAY 1 – Immersion, Upper Galilee, Golan Heights

Today we journey through the Upper Galilee to **Caesarea Philippi** (Banyas) and the national park of **Tel Dan**. Situated on one of the main tributaries of the Jordan River this is truly one of the more beautiful places in all of Israel. From here we travel south towards the **Golan Heights**, where we learn about the torrid past and battle for this important parcel of land. From the Escarpment we overlook **The Sea of Galilee** and southern Israel. Dinner is at our kibbutz this evening. (B,D)

TUE., MAY 2 – Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Boat Ride

Today we begin along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Here we visit the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, site of Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount'. **Capernaum** is next on our list. Home to Peter, this town was definitely the centre of Jesus' ministry. From here we take the short drive to **Tabgha**, where the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is remembered. After a Galilee lunch, 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 many quality items on sale! What better way to end our day than by having a **Sea of Galilee Boat Ride**—truly an unforgettable sailing. Dinner will be at our hotel tonight, **The Sheraton Moriah Hotel, Tiberias**. (B,D)

WED., MAY 3 – Tree Planting, Nazareth, Bet Shean, Bedouin Tent

Leaving the Galilee, we drive to Nazareth. En-route we will each plant a tree, symbolizing being 'grafted' into The Land. **Nazareth** is where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. It 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. From here we travel south to the ancient site of **Bet She'an**: The largest of Israel's archeological digs. Even after its 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

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evening (continued)**

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. The day ends by traveling along the Jordan Valley to the outskirts of the Negev Desert. Our **Bedouin** hosts await with their **tented village**. It is here that we enjoy a unique dinner and overnight, under the stars. **(B,D)**

**THU., MAY 4 - Massada, Ein Gedi,
Qumran, Dead Sea**

Today we leave our Bedouin hosts and journey along the Dead Sea (the lowest point below sea level in the world). From here we travel to **Massada** where we take a cable car ride to the summit of the famous site. Our day would not be complete without a visit to the oasis of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. Our next stop is to **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered, and an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea, followed by an outdoor barbeque. From the Dead Sea we travel “up” to Jerusalem where we will check-in to **The Novotel, Jerusalem**, our base for the remainder of the journey. **(B,D)**

FRI., MAY 5 - Jerusalem

Today we begin by viewing Jerusalem from the **Mt. of Olives**. Following the Palm Sunday Way, we visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** before crossing the Kidron Valley up to **Mt. Zion**. Here we see the Upper Room, site of the ‘Last Supper’. A short walk takes us into the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City as we walk along the **Cardo** towards the **Temple Institute**. Our walk brings us to the **Western Wall** and the **Davidson Centre**, where we enjoy a lecture and simulated view of life in ‘Second Temple Time’. Our visit to the Western Wall Tunnels ends our

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

**SAT., MAY 6 – Bethlehem, Garden
Tomb**

This morning we travel outside of Jerusalem to visit **Bethlehem**. Here we visit the Church of Nativity (the oldest standing church in The Holy Land) and Shepherds’ Fields, before perusing the local shops. Upon arriving back to Jerusalem we will walk the **Via Dolorosa** (The Way of The Cross) before arriving at the **Garden Tomb**, where we will have a private communion. Dinner is back at The Olive Tree, in Jerusalem, this evening. **(B,D)**

**SUN., MAY 7 – Yad Vashem,
Jerusalem**

Our final day begins with a visit to **Yad Vashem** – The Holocaust Mueum. From here we return to the Old City and **City of David**. For some of us we will take the journey through **Hezekiah’s Tunnels**, others may want to take the opportunity to shop this afternoon. The day ends with a 5pm Sunday Service at the new **King of Kings Church** in Jerusalem. Our ‘**Farewell Dinner**’ will be at The Novotel Hotel—a perfect time to share thoughts with others! **(B,D)**

MON., MAY 8 - Homeward bound

This morning we check out from our hotel and transfer to Tel Aviv airport for our return flight(s) home. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided. **(B,L)**

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner

Itinerary subject to alteration

GENERAL INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air transportation from Toronto
Luxury coach transportation
Government licensed guide
Kibbutz Accommodation:
 Kibbutz Hagoshrim, U. Galilee
Bedouin Tented Village
First Class Hotels :
 Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv
 Sheraton Moriah, Tiberias
 Novotel, Jerusalem
Daily buffet breakfast and dinner
Entrance fees and sight-seeing
Porterage of luggage
All local taxes and service charges
Embarkation package
Complimentary bottled water (2 per day)

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches
Air transportation taxes
(Currently \$135, subject to change)
Gratuities (equivalent to USD\$90)
Comprehensive Travel Insurance

COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE

Age, up to and including 59: \$159
60 – 64: \$194
65 – 69: \$233
70 – 74: \$298
75 – 79: \$372

Based upon twin accommodation

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Group 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 gladly taken, but only upon receipt of a deposit and completed booking form will your participation be confirmed.

Deposit & Final Payment: A non-refundable deposit of \$250 plus insurance is required with the tour booking form. Bookings made within 60 days prior to departure require full payment.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' coverage to protect you against cancellation penalties. Cancellation charges are as follows:

Deposit:	Non-refundable
60 - 31 days:	50% Non-refundable
30 – 0 days:	100% Non-refundable

General Health: All group members should be in sufficiently good health to enjoy the journey in its entirety. CPC and Christian Journeys reserve the right to refuse participation on medical grounds.

ELEVEN DAY PROGRAM PRICING

TORONTO PRICE: CAD\$2695
SINGLE ROOM, ADD: CAD\$ 459

Credit card payments are subject to a 3% surcharge

Prices are available from any other Canadian city. Please ask for details.

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