

# THE HOLY LAND

## 18 – 27 February, 2009

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### **DAY 1: WED. 18 FEB. Canada to Israel.**

Today we depart from Canada on our, non-stop, overnight flight to 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)

### **DAY 2: THU. 19 FEB. Israel, Tel Aviv.**

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport we are met by our Israeli Tour Manager, who will assist us with immigration and luggage formalities. Boarding our luxury touring coach we relax and enjoy the ride, north to Galilee, our home for the next three nights.

Tonight we will enjoy our 'Welcome to Israel' dinner. (B,D)

### **DAY 3. FRI. 20 FEB. Sea of Galilee.**

After breakfast our full touring day involves visits to;

**Chorazin-** Jesus visited and preached judgment on this city. Here we see the remains of a 1<sup>st</sup> century synagogue. (Matt 11:21-22, Luke 10:13-14.)

**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)

**Capernaum-** The center of Jesus' Galilee Ministry. Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. We will see the remains of Peter's house and the synagogue site where Jesus taught. (Mark 1:21, Luke 4:31-37)

**Tabgha-** Located at the foot of the Mt. of Beatitudes this is the site of the Miracle of The Loaves and the Fishes. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21, 16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

**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.

**Sea of Galilee Boat Ride-** Our day continues with an un-forgettable sailing on the Sea of Galilee.

**Yardenit-** the Baptismal centre on the Jordan river.

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

### **DAY 4: SAT. 21 FEB. Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights, Upper Galilee**

After breakfast we begin our day, heading north towards the Upper Galilee visiting:

**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)

**Golan Heights-** Today we have the opportunity to view Israel from both Mt. Bental and the Golan Heights. This parcel of land plays a significant role in the security of those living in the Jordan Valley and Upper Galilee. We will stop in the region of the Gadarenes. (Mark 5:1-20)

**Beth Shean-** We will see the incredible excavations! This is where King Saul and his sons were nailed to the city walls by the Philistines. (I Samuel 31:10)

Dinner will be at back in the Galilee this evening. (B,D)

### **DAY 5: SUN 22 FEB. Galilee to Jerusalem.**

After our first Israeli breakfast we leave the Galilee and head towards Jerusalem, visiting the following:

**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. A visit to the Nazareth village allows us to imagine life in Nazareth, 2000 years ago. Now a suburb of Nazareth, Cana, is the site where Jesus performed his first miracle when water was changed into wine at a wedding. (Luke 1:26-38, John 1:46; 2:1-11; Matthew 2:23)

**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)

**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)

**Caesarea**-The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel where Pontius Pilate had his base.

After another fascinating day we make our way 'up' to Jerusalem. Dinner will be served at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

#### **DAY 6: MON. 23 FEB. 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. -"*Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.*" (Luke 22:42)

**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)

**Old City**- Here we will walk through the streets of the Armenian and Jewish quarters of old Jerusalem. We will visit the Temple Institute, where they are preparing the implements to be used in the third temple.

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

#### **DAY 7: TUE 24 FEB. 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.

**Ein Gedi Nature Reserve**- 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)

Our day ends by returning to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner. **(B,D)**

#### **DAY 8: WED. 25 FEB. Jerusalem. Bethlehem**

After breakfast we will spend our day in Jerusalem visiting;

**Shrine of the Book museum**- The museum houses the Dead Sea scrolls and also has a full scale model of Jerusalem during the second temple period.

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

**Bethlehem**- Here we visit The Church of The Nativity and Shepherds' Fields before perusing the various shops.

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

#### **DAY 9: THU. 26 FEB. Jerusalem,**

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

**Gordon's Calvary & 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)

*This evening we will enjoy our 'Farewell Dinner' in Jerusalem. A wonderful time to share and reflect on what this journey has meant to you!. (B,D)*

**DAY 10: FEB. 27 FEB. Israel to Toronto.**

This morning we depart on our, non-stop, overnight flight back to Canada. Breakfast and complimentary in-flight service will be provided onboard. (B)

**B = Breakfast. L = Lunch. D = Dinner.**

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**Itinerary subject to alteration by group leaders at anytime.**

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### INFORMATION

#### INCLUDED

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

**Hotels:** Kibbutz Maagan- Sea of Galilee  
Grand Court- 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 guide, will accompany the group and work 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.)

**Airport departure Taxes:** Currently \$341.

#### **Comprehensive Travel Insurance:**

Age, up to and including 59: \$180  
60 – 64: \$214  
65 – 69: \$258  
70 + rates available on request.

**Gratuities:** Equivalent to USD90.

#### 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. Cancellations within 45 days of departure are 100%.

**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 the departures taxes amount of \$341 includes airline fuel surcharges. These can change at anytime and will be reflected at time of final billing.

**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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#### 10 DAY JOURNEY

**TORONTO PRICE:** \$2299CAD  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$ 295CAD

**Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.**

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