

THE HOLY LAND

March 02 – 11, 2010

Hosted by

**EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL CANADA
& Pastor BOB FLEMMING**

Tues., Mar. 02: Departure for Israel.

Today we depart from Toronto 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)**

Wed., Mar. 03: Tel Aviv, Israel.

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 begin our journey and travel north to the Sea of Galilee, where we enjoy our 'Welcome to Israel' dinner. **(B, D)**

Thur., Mar. 04: Upper Galilee, Golan Heights

After our first Israeli buffet breakfast we begin our day traveling through the Upper Galilee and Golan Heights.

Tel Dan - This national park and archeological site offers a blend of Israel's natural beauty and Biblical history

Caesarea Philippi - Built at one of the sources of the Jordan River, the city of Pnias (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 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 kibbutz this evening. **(B,D)**

Fri., Mar. 05: Sea of Galilee.

After our Israeli buffet breakfast, our full touring day involves visits to:

The Mount of Beatitudes - We will 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.

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)

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 another wonderful day, we return to our Kibbutz for dinner. **(B, D)**

Tabgha - Located at the foot of the Mount 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).

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 tonight will be at our hotel. **(B, D)**

Sat., Mar. 06: Nazareth.

This morning we depart for a full day of touring, visiting;

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).

Gilboa - It was here that Saul, the first King of Israel, and his sons died fighting the Philistines. "And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa" (Samuel I 38:8).

Bet She'an - This is the largest of Israel's archeological digs. Even after the 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 hanged from the city walls (Judges 4:7-8).

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

Sun., Mar 07: Meggido, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea.

Today we leave the green pastures of the Galilee and head towards Jerusalem. En-route we shall visit;

Meggido - 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; I 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 (I Kings 2, 15:4, 25; Isaiah 33:9; Zechariah 12:12).

Caesarea - The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel is where Pontius Pilate had his base. This afternoon, we shall arrive in Jerusalem, via Mt. Scopus, check in to our hotel and relax after our first few days in The Holy Land.

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

Mon., Mar. 08: Jerusalem.

After breakfast, we have a truly memorable day, which will include 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 prominent Golden Dome of the Rock. From here we shall walk down to The Garden of Gethsemane along the same path that Jesus took when entering the city on Palm Sunday.

Garden of Gethsemane - This is 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 to be 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 - This is 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.

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

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

Tue., Mar.09: Masada, 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 - 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. We will visit the excavated sites of Qumran and view the location where the Scrolls were found in 1947 (John 1; Luke 1:57-80; Isaiah 40). Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

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

Wed., Mar. 10: Jerusalem.

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

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.

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.

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 this evening. **(B, D)**

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

Thu., Mar. 11: Homeward bound.

Alas, we depart from Jerusalem and take our non-stop flight back to Toronto. Here we will say goodbye to our Tour Manager and driver. Our return flight will bring us back to Canada in the morning. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Breakfast, lunch and complimentary in-flight service will be provided. **(B, L)**

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

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INFORMATION

INCLUDED

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

Hotels: 4 nights in Tiberias.
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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.)

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently \$92.

Comprehensive Travel Insurance:

Age, up to and including 59: \$233
60 – 64: \$289
65 – 69: \$298
70 + rates available on request.

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD90.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport which should not expire before 11 Sep, 2010. 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.

Currency surcharge: Christian Journeys reserves the right to introduce a currency surcharge. If applicable, this would be assessed 90 days prior to departure.

Fuel surcharge: At time of print, some airlines still implements a fuel surcharge on their flights. We anticipate that such surcharges will reduce to a minimal level between now and time of departure. Any fuel surcharges will be also be assessed 90 days prior to departure.

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 and are 100% non-refundable.

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.

10 DAY TOUR PROGRAM
TORONTO PRICE: \$3395CAD
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 625 CAD

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.

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