

**RESURRECTION LIFE  
MINISTRIES  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
ISRAEL TOUR  
31 MARCH – 12 APRIL,  
2005**

**Phil 3:10 “That I may know him and  
the power of His resurrection...”**



**THU. 31 MARCH: 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)

**FRI. 01 APRIL: Tel Aviv to Upper 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 Upper Galilee and the serenity of our first night in Israel at the **Kibbutz Hagoshrim**. Tonight we enjoy our ‘Welcome to Israel’ dinner. (B,D)

**SAT. 02 APRIL: Upper Galilee.**

After our first Israeli buffet breakfast we begin our day with the opportunity to immerse ourselves in one of the River Jordan tributaries. Baptism and Worship by and in the Jordan River. Bring your bathing suits!

**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)

**Mt. Hermon**- The most northerly part of the Promised Land, is a possible sight of the Transfiguration; where Jesus took three disciples Peter, James and John on a high mountain of prayer. From here we can view Lebanon, Syria and Upper Galilee. (Deuteronomy 3:8-9)

**Kaalat Nimrod**- A stunning Crusader Castle. Situated on the Golan slopes this fortification is a timeless reminder to the story of the Crusaders. After our first full day we return to Hagoshrim for dinner. (B,D)

**SUN. 03 APRIL: Upper Galilee to the Sea of Galilee.**

After breakfast and our own Sunday worship we check out from the Kibbutz Hagoshrim and travel south towards the Sea of Galilee. Our journey today will include;

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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)

**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, Fransiscan monastery and Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter make for an interesting kaleidoscope of varying architecture. Here we will preach, teach and Worship! (Matthew 9:1; 4:13)

**SUN. 03 APRIL: Upper Galilee to the Sea of Galilee continued.**

**Sea of Galilee Boat Ride-** Our day ends with an unforgettable sailing on the Sea of Galilee. What better place for worship and Communion. We will also have the opportunity to buy unique Sea of Galilee gifts.

Dinner this evening will be at the **Kibbutz Maagan**. Situated on the southern shores of the Sea of Galilee this Kibbutz makes for the perfect location for the next three days. **(B,D)** Let's swim, relax and pray on the shore!

**MON. 04 APRIL: Sea of Galilee.**

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

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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!

**Boat Ride-** Our second boat ride takes us across the Sea of Galilee to the site of Gergesa (Kursi.) identified as the site of the 'Miracle of The Swine'. Teaching and worship on the Sea of Galilee..."*God's Storms are His Mercies in disguise*" (Luke 8:26-33, 8; Mark 5:1; Matthew 8:28-34, 15:29-34)

**Golan Heights-** Our last 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)

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

**TUE. 05 APRIL: Galilee.**

After breakfast we will begin our last full day in Northern Israel 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... This IS your home!

**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. Our last night on the Sea of Galilee ! **(B,D)**

**WED. 06 APRIL: Galilee to the Judean Wilderness.**

After breakfast we will check out of the Kibbutz and drive south through the Jordan Valley. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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)

Our final resting place this evening is in The Judean Wilderness as we experience an evening under the starred sky at a Bedouin Tented Village. A truly unique and memorable evening. **(B,D)**  
Teaching; **"A Voice calling out in the Wilderness"** (Judges 1:16; Matthew 3:1; John 15:6)

**THU. 07 APRIL: Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea, Jerusalem.**

After enjoying our Bedouin experience we follow the shores of the Dead Sea and 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. 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)

**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 to **JERUSALEM**. Upon arriving at Jerusalem we will view this beautiful and sacred city from the vantage point of Mt. Skopus before arriving at our first class hotel, The Novotel. Here we will stay for the remainder of our tour. Dinner will be served at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

**FRI. 08 APRIL: Jerusalem, leisure time and Shabbot dinner.**

After breakfast we will enjoy a relaxing day with opportunities to shop. Guided by Roni he will take us to the locations where the best 'bargains' can be found.

**Today we will witness, first hand, the workings and ministering at a street Mission to the poor in Jerusalem.**

This evening is 'Shabbat' and we will experience such a dinner. **(B,D)**

**SAT. 09 APRIL: Jerusalem.**

After breakfast we will visit;

**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.

**SAT. 09 APRIL: Jerusalem continued**

**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)

**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)**

**SUN. 10 APRIL: Jerusalem.**

After breakfast and our own Sunday worship we will visit;

**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-** 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. **Here we will enjoy Communion and a private service.** (John 19:41)

*This evening we will enjoy our 'Farewell Dinner' at The Novotel Hotel. A wonderful time to share and reflect on what this journey has meant to you.*

**MON. 11 APRIL: Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Vienna.**

After breakfast we will check out of our hotel and drive to the city of Tel Aviv. Here we will visit;

**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)

After our visit to Jaffa we take the short drive to Tel Aviv airport and our afternoon flight to Vienna. Here we say goodbye and show our gratitude to Roni and our coach driver. Once we depart Israel we will arrive in Vienna and take our transfer to our centrally located hotel for the evening. The evening has been left free for you to enjoy this city. **(B,L)**

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

**TUE. 12 APRIL : Vienna to Canada.**

Today we enjoy a free day to enjoy this beautiful European city before departing to Canada. Meals and complimentary in-flight service will be served onboard. **(B,L)**

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

