

# HOLY LAND JOURNEY

Nov. 07, – 18, 2008

Hosted by

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## Day 1: Fri., Nov. 07 Departure

Tonight we depart on our overnight flight(s) from Memphis international airport to Israel. Complimentary in-flight service is provided en-route. (D)

## Day 2: Sat., Nov. 08 Israel, Tel Aviv

Our non-stop flight from Newark brings us to Israel, arriving in the late afternoon. Here we are met and assisted through customs, immigration formalities. From this point our tour manager, Isaac Dorenbusch and coach driver become our hosts for the remainder of the journey. Our short drive takes us to our Tel Aviv hotel, situated by the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Before arriving at our hotel we shall visit the ancient port of Jaffa.

**Jaffa-** This is 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)

Our overnight stay and 'Welcome to Israel' dinner will be at The Metropolitan Hotel. (B,D)

## Day 3: Sun., Nov. 09 Caesarea, Mt.

### Carmel, Megiddo

After our first Israeli buffet breakfast we leave Tel Aviv and follow the 'Via Maris' north towards the Sea of Galilee. Today we shall stop and visit:

**Caesarea-**The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel where Pontius Pilate had his base. It is here that the Apostle Paul was held captive before sailing to Rome.

**Mount Carmel-** Over-looking 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)

Upon arriving at the Sea of Galilee we check-in to the Kibbutz En Gev for the next three nights. Situated on the shores of the Galilee, this kibbutz offers the perfect setting to enjoy this area of Jesus' ministry.

Dinner is at our Kibbutz tonight. (B,D)

## Day 4: Mon., Nov. 10 Sea of Galilee

After breakfast we depart for a full day by the Sea of Galilee visiting:

**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. (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)

**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 will be in back at our Kibbutz this evening. (B,D)

### **Day 5: Tue., Nov. 11 Sea of Galilee**

After breakfast we shall leave the shores of the Galilee for the day and visit:

**Tel Dan-** This national park and archeological site offer 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)

**Naot Shoe Factory-** Here we have the opportunity to visit the factory of world famous Naot shoe and sandal company.

**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 back at our Sea of Galilee Kibbutz tonight. **(B, D)**

### **Day 6: Wed., Nov. 12 Nazareth, Dead Sea**

Today we leave the Sea of Galilee and begin our journey south through the Jordan Valley towards the Dead Sea. Sites today include:

**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)

**Qumran-** Home to the ancient Essenes is where 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)

Once at the Dead Sea we check into our hotel for the dinner and overnight stay. **(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)

### **Day 7: Thu., Nov. 13 Masada, Bethlehem**

Now, fully rested, we leave our hotel and spend the day visiting the following sites, before arriving at Jerusalem.

**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)

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

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

### **Day 8: Fri., Nov. 14 Jerusalem**

After breakfast, our first full day in Jerusalem awaits us.

**Mount of Olives-** We begin our day by viewing Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. Photo opportunities abound with the prominent Golden Dome of the Rock. 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)

**Old City-** Here we will walk through the streets of the Armenian and Jewish quarters of old Jerusalem.

**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)

After a wonderful day we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay. Tonight is Shabbat! **(B,D)**

### **Day 9: Sat., Nov. 15 Jerusalem**

After breakfast we shall stay in Jerusalem for the day and visit:

**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)

**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-** Our last visit, 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 is at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

### **Day 10: Sun., Nov. 16 Free day Jerusalem**

Today we have given you the opportunity to relax and take it easy today in Jerusalem. With our central hotel location you are only minutes from the hustle and bustle of Ben Yehuda Street.

Many of you may wish to join in with Sunday Worship at the King of Kings Pavilion this morning.

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

### **Day 11: Mon., Nov. 17. Jerusalem, Homeward bound**

Our last day in Israel includes the following:

**Yad Vashem:** The memorial, museum and monument dedicated to The Holocaust.

**Temple Mount Institute-** Here we shall learn about the significance of Mount Moriah and the preparation being carried out for the coming of the Third Temple.

**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.

**City of David-** This afternoon we will be guided through the site and new excavations of the city of David. You will have the opportunity to walk through Hezekiah's tunnel and re-surface at the pool of Siloam.

*This afternoon we will enjoy our 'Farewell Meal' before departing to the airport and our overnight flight back to N. America. A wonderful time to share and reflect on what this journey has meant to you!*

Once at Tel Aviv airport we check-in and leave Israel. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided throughout the journey. **(B,D)**

### **Day 12: Tue., Nov. 18 Arrive Home.**

This morning we arrive into Newark direct from Tel Aviv. Upon arrival we clear customs and immigration formalities before boarding our connecting flight to Memphis. **(B)**

**B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner**

**Itinerary is subject to alteration by your guide or leadership team.**

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## 07 – 18 November, 2008

### INFORMATION

#### **INCLUDED**

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

**Hotels:** Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv  
Kibbutz Ein Gev, Sea of Galilee  
Hotel Hod, Dead Sea  
Prima Kings Hotel, 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 Isaac Dorenbush will, once again, 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.

**Airport departures Taxes:** Currently \$82 and are subject to change.

**Gratuities:** Hotel staff, driver and guide.

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

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

**Lunches.** (Unless mentioned in the itinerary.)

**Airline fuel surcharges:** To be confirmed 60 days before departure.

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

Age, up to and including 59: \$159  
60 – 69: \$194  
70 – 74: \$251

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Passport:** Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport which should not expire before 18 May, 2009. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel.

**Inoculation:** Not a current requirement.

**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 booking form. Bookings made within 60 days of departure require full payment and are 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. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation, in certain instances.

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#### **12 DAY TOUR PROGRAM**

**MEMPHIS PRICE:** \$2995USD  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$ 330USD

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

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