

# THE HOLY LAND

## 13 – 25, NOV 2008

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### NORTH PEEL

### COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### **THU. NOV 13: Canada to Athens.**

Today we depart from Canada on our overnight flight(s) to Athens. Group seating will be preassigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. (D)

#### **FRI. NOV 14: Thessalonika.**

Upon arrival at Athens Airport we connect to our domestic flight to Thessalonika. Here we meet our Tour Manager, who will assist us with immigration and luggage formalities.

Our afternoon has been left free to relax and prepare for our time in Greece. Tonight we enjoy our 'Welcome to Greece' dinner. (B,D)

#### **SAT. NOV 15: Philippi, Thessalonika**

After our breakfast we depart for **Philippi**, where Paul established a large church. This church was very near and dear to Paul's heart. (Acts 16:9-33)  
Here we also visit the river where Lydia was baptized and the prison where Paul and Silas were kept captive.

From Philippi we head back to Thessalonika where we learn about Paul's teachings at the old synagogue. (Acts 17:1-4)

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

#### **SUN. NOV 16: Berea, Athens, fly to Israel.**

After breakfast we will head south to Berea where we see the beautiful mosaics depicting Paul's teachings to the Jews. (Acts 17:10-11) journeys.

Our next stop will be Athens where we shall visit the **Acropolis** and **Mars Hill**, before checking into our hotel for dinner and rest prior to our overnight flight to Tel Aviv. (B,D)

#### **MON. NOV 17: Israel, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth.**

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 short journey to;

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

**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)

Our welcome dinner will be at the Hagoshrim Hotel. (B,D)

#### **TUE. NOV 18: Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights, Upper Galilee**

After breakfast we begin our day with the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the tributary waters of the **River Jordan** before heading out on our journey, which today includes;

**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 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)

**Naot Shoe Factory**- Here we have an opportunity to visit the world famous sandal manufacturer and perhaps make a purchase, or two.

**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.

Dinner will be at our Kibbutz. (B,D)

### **WED. NOV 19: Sea of Galilee and Boat Ride.**

After our Israeli buffet breakfast our full touring day involves visits to;

**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, tonight, will be at our Kibbutz on the Sea of Galilee this evening. **(B,D)**

### **THU. NOV 20: Beth She'an, Dead Sea.**

And then leaving Galilee and travel southwards through the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem. 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;

**Beth 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 Beth 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 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.

**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)

This afternoon we shall arrive at our Kibbutz for the remainder of the day and dinner. **(B,D)**

### **FRI. NOV 21: Masada, Ein Gedi., Jerusalem.**

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)

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

### **SAT. NOV 22: 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. -"*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  
Dinner is served at our hotel this evening. (B,D)

**SUN. NOV 23: Jerusalem. Free Time.**

After breakfast we will spend our day in Jerusalem visiting;

**Yad Vashem-** Israel's national monument, memorial and museum to the Holocaust.  
This afternoon has been left free for you to peruse the shops of Ben Yehuda Street, Jerusalem.

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

**MON. NOV 24: 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 handwritten 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-** 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' at our hotel in Jerusalem. A wonderful time to share and reflect on what this journey has meant to you!. (B,D)*

**TUE. NOV 25: Israel to Toronto.**

This morning we check out from our hotel and transfer back to the airport and our flight(s) back to Canada. Breakfast, lunch and complimentary in-flight service will be provided onboard. (B,D)

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

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

# HOLY LAND JOURNEY

## 13 – 25 November, 2008

### INFORMATION

#### INCLUDED

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

**Hotels:** First class hotels and kibbutz.

**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.

**Complimentary Bottled Water:** 2 per day.

**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 \$295.

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

Age, up to and including 59: \$159

60 – 64: \$194

65 – 69: \$233

70 + rates available on request.

**Gratuities:** Equivalent to USD100.

#### 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.

**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 tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment. Total nonrefundable amount is \$2000.

**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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#### 13 DAY TOUR PROGRAM

**TORONTO PRICE:** \$2695CAD  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$ 330CAD

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.

For more information please call:

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