

THE HOLY LAND
**‘Prayer for the Land,
People and Nation’**
14th – 25th November, 2009
hosted by
River of Life Christian Church

SAT: 14 NOV. N. America to Israel.

Today we depart from N. America on our overnight flight(s) 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)**

SUN: 15 NOV. Arrival, Tel Aviv.

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport we are met by our Israeli Tour Manager, Isaac Dorenbusch who will assist us with immigration and luggage formalities. Boarding our luxury touring coach we relax and enjoy the short journey to our kibbutz beside the Dead Sea..

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

MON: 16 NOV. Masada, Jerusalem

After breakfast we will spend our first full day in The Holy Land visiting;

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. Here 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)

We end our day by travelling north through the Jordan valley to the Sea of Galilee. Here we unpack and enjoy dinner by the shores of the Galilee. **(B,D)**

TUE: 17 NOV. 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;

Ancient Tel Dan- Tel Dan is the ancient site where the Patriarch Abraham passed by coming into the Promised Land. Dan is also the place where Israel’s King Jeroboam set up a false altar. This natural park 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 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.

Dinner will be at Sea of Galilee. **(B,D)**

WED: 18 NOV. Sea of Galilee

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! Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. (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. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21, 16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

Bethsaida- Bethsaida is the village that the disciples John, Peter and Andrew came from.

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: 19NOV. Nazareth, Haifa

Today we leave the Sea of Galilee and head towards Haifa. En-route we shall visit;

Nazareth village- Experience life as it was in Jesus' time. Walking through houses, see women and men dressed like times of Jesus, working with their tools and shepherd their animals outside. Visit an old synagogue and witness how olives are pressed.

Nazareth precipice: The traditional location where the elders tried to throw Jesus over a cliff. Experience the fantastic view from here over the Jezreel valley.

Gideon Springs- Located at the foot of Mount Tabor. These are the springs that Gideon chose the 300 men to fight against the Midianites with Shofars and the breaking of pitchers defeating them all by God's hand of confusion on His enemies.

Haifa- We will drive to Haifa this evening and check-in to our hotel. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

FRI: 20NOV. Nazareth, Haifa

Today we travel in the north western part of Israel visiting;

Makraka- 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. (IKings 2, 15:4, 25. Isaiah 33:9; Zechariah 12:12).

Megiddo: The city was very important in ancient history. It was first a royal Canaanite city, then as an Egyptian stronghold and administrative center, later as a "chariot city" of the kings of Israel, and finally as the controlling city of Assyrian and Persian provinces. King David conquered the city and established it as an important regional center of his kingdom. King Solomon rebuilt the city as a Royal City.

The location of Megiddo is on the Via Mara (Way of the Sea). It is also built in the Jezreel Valley or Valley of Armageddon.

Acco: We drive North along the Mediterranean Sea close to Lebanon. For a time Acco was the headquarters of the Crusaders. There are many artifacts to see in this city and visit some of the caves and buildings that have survived time.

In the evening we shall visit a congregation located in the northern region to Bless and encourage them. After the meeting we return to Haifa and overnight at our hotel. **(B,D)**

SAT: 21NOV. Mount Carmel

This day is very unique to our journey. Today we shall experience;

Carmel Assembly- This morning we will drive to Mt. Carmel to join with the congregation for worship and Praise together with Jew and Gentile.

In the afternoon we will receive teaching from the School of Ministry in Carmel.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening.

In the evening we will meet Pastor Yousef Dakwar in their new facility in Haifa. **(B,D)**

SUN: 22 NOV. Caesarea, Samaria, Jerusalem

After breakfast we will leave northern Israel and head towards Jerusalem. En-route we shall visit;

Caesarea: The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel where Pontius Pilate had his base. The Apostle Paul was put in prison here, Philip lived with his daughters and the Roman Centurion that called for the Apostle Peter to come to his house lived here with his family.

Samaria: We drive from Caesarea to the Northern part of the West Bank. Then we drive South through the Biblical Heartland of Israel. We will visit a modern day Settlement(Community) and Shilo where the Tabernacle Tent stood for over 400 years. Continuing South we will go through Beit-El.

Jerusalem: We will ascend up to Jerusalem from the Judean Desert. If time permits we will visit the largest Congregation in Israel called King of Kings.

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

MON: 23 NOV. Jerusalem

The capital city of Israel! Its population is approximately 750,000 and is located in the Judean mountains, between the Mediterranean Sea and the northern tip of the Dead Sea. One of the oldest cities in the world, dating back to 4th millennium BCE, Jerusalem has been the holiest city in Judaism and the spiritual centre of the Jewish people since the 10th century BCE.

Mount of Olives- We begin our day by viewing Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. 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)

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.

Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **(B,D)**

TUE: 24 NOV. Jerusalem, Depart Israel.
Our last day in The Holy Land has us visiting:

Yad Vashem- The museum and memorial dedicated to the Holocaust of WWII.

Pools of Bethesda- The site where Jesus told the cripple to "Get up and walk." (John 5:2-9). Whilst here we shall visit the church of St. Anne and its magnificent acoustics.

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. (I Kings 6:14; Matthew 12:6; Luke 2:46; John 2:19)

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

Christian Friends of Israel Headquarters- A Ministry to the people of Israel Jews, Russians, Arabs, IDF, with clothes and resources. Through their distribution center they reach out to thousands of people. Ministering to Holocaust survivors, singles and those getting married, with love to all.

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!

After dinner we depart for Tel Aviv airport as our memorable and inspiring journey comes to an end. Here we say "Goodbye" to our guide, Isaac, and driver. Our overnight non-stop flight brings us back to N. America the following morning. **(B,D)**

WED: 25 NOV. Arrival home.

This morning we arrive back on N. American soil and transfer to our onward flight back home. Breakfast and complimentary in-flight service will be provided onboard. **(B,D)**

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

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HOLY LAND JOURNEY

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INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from San Francisco. 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.

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently \$92.

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD90.

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

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches. (Unless mentioned in the itinerary.)

Comprehensive Travel Insurance:

Age, up to and including 59: \$145

60 – 69: \$187

70 – 74: \$251

75 + rates available on request.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity. USA and Canadian 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 \$300 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. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

12 DAY TOUR PROGRAM

SAN FRANCISCO PRICE: \$3197USD
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 599USD

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