

HOLY LAND JOURNEY

Sep. 24, – Oct. 04, 2007

Hosted by

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Day 1: Mon., Sep. 24 Departure.

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

Day 2: Tue., Sep. 25 Amsterdam.

Upon arrival at Amsterdam airport we have the opportunity to tour this city before our onward evening flight to Israel. (B,D)

Day 3: Wed., Sep. 26 Israel.

Our early morning flight brings us to Tel Aviv, where we are met and assisted through customs and immigration formalities. From this point our tour manager and coach driver become our hosts for the remainder of our journey. The short drive 'up' to Jerusalem brings us to our hotel: **The Grand Court Hotel**. It is here that we shall check-in for the remainder of the night before enjoying our first Israeli breakfast. 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 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)

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

Day 4: Thu., Sep. 27 Jerusalem.

After breakfast we begin our second day in Jerusalem by 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.

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)

Yad Vashem: Our afternoon will be spent visiting the memorial and museum dedicated to The Holocaust.

This evening we drive to the Dead Sea for a truly memorable time as we join the I.C.E.J. 'Feast of Tabernacle Desert Celebration and Dinner' in Ein Gedi. (B,D)

Day 5: Fri., Sep. 28 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. Teaching—"Standing in the Gap for Israel" Prayer and Intercession.

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)

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 back to Jerusalem.

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

Day 6: Sat., Sep.29 Bethlehem to Galilee.

After breakfast we will check out from our hotel and travel the short distance to **Bethlehem**. Here we visit The Church of The Nativity and Shepherds' Fields before perusing the various shops.

After Bethlehem we travel northwards to Galilee but not before visiting **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 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)

Upon arrival in Upper Galilee we check-in to the **Kibbutz Hagoshrim**. Situated in the heart of the Upper Galilee, the kibbutz offers the perfect surroundings for our stay. **(B,D)**

Day 7: Sun., Sep. 30 Sea of Galilee.

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

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)

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)

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. (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 8: Mon., Oct. 01 Upper Galilee.

After breakfast we shall stay in the Upper Galilee 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 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 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 tonight. **(B, D)**

Day 9: Tue., Oct. 02 Galilee to Jerusalem

After breakfast we leave the Galilee and head south, visiting:

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)

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

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 final stop is, once again, **The Grand Court Hotel**, Jerusalem for our last two nights. **(B,D)**

Day 10: Wed., Oct. 03 Free Time, Garden Tomb.

Our last day in Israel allows us some morning free time to peruse the many shops of Ben Yehuda Street or revisit such sights as the Western Wall and Old City.

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)

Tonight we will enjoy our 'Farewell Dinner'. We will have a chance to reflect and share our thoughts with everyone before departing to the airport. **(B,D)**

Day 11: Thu., Oct. 04 Homeward bound.

Our early morning departure from Tel Aviv airport brings an end to a memorable and inspiring journey. Here we will say good-bye to our Tour Manager and driver. Our return flight(s) will bring us back to Memphis in the early afternoon. 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

Itinerary is subject to alteration.

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INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Memphis.

Hotels: Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem.
Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee.

Meals: Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily with refreshments, 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 Manager will accompany the group throughout Israel.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

ICEJ Feast Celebration dinner, 27 September.

All local taxes and service fees.

Departure taxes: Currently USD \$240

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

Gratuities: All gratuities included in tour price.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches. (Unless mentioned in the itinerary.)

Comprehensive Travel Insurance:

Age, up to and including 59	\$147
60 – 64	\$179
65 – 69	\$216
70 – 74*	\$278

75* +. Please contact our office.

* Subject to questionnaire.

Based upon twin accommodation price.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity. 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 non-refundable deposit of \$400 is required with the booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment.

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.

Fuel surcharges: At time of going to print all rate include fuel surcharges but are subject to change.

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.

11 DAY TOUR PROGRAM

MEMPHIS PRICE: \$2995USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 399USD

LAND ONLY- DEDUCT \$1125 IF YOU DO NOT REQUIRE THE GROUP FLIGHT FROM MEMPHIS

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