

ISRAEL

THE 'HOLY LAND' JOURNEY

03 MAR. – 14 MAR. 2016



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“Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.” (Psalm 84:5)



**CHRISTIAN
JOURNEYS**

THU. 03 MAR: Canada to Tel Aviv

Today, we depart from Canada on our flights to Tel Aviv. 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. 04 MAR: Arrival Tel Aviv

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 take the short ride to Tel Aviv. Schedule permitting, we would visit Jaffa.

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 (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 impure animals. (II Chronicles 2:15; Jonah 1:3-17; Acts 9:36-42)

From here, we check-in to our hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea where we rest and enjoy our ‘Welcome to Israel’ dinner. **(B, D)**

SAT. 05 MAR: Beersheba

Our first day in Israel has us visiting the following:

Neot Kedumim – This 625 acres of Biblical landscape brings stories from the Bible alive in their natural surroundings.

Beersheba – The city where Abraham and Isaac made oaths of peace with the Philistines and their king Abimelech! Abraham lived here for 26 years along with Isaac. At the outer gate, we will see a tamarisk tree well situated together, just as Abraham would have planted and dug for. (Genesis 21)

Beersheba was the southernmost city of Israel in Old Testament times – “from Dan to Beersheba” describing the boundaries of the kingdom. (Joshua 19:2)

From Beersheba, we travel north to meet our fellow travelers who are crossing into Israel from Jordan this afternoon. Tonight, we will have our first dinner as one big happy family. **(B, D)**

SUN. 06 MAR: Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights, Upper Galilee

After breakfast, we begin our day by setting off into the Upper Galilee which today includes:

Tel Dan – This national park and archeological site 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 our hotel. **(B, D)**

MON. 07 MAR: Sea of Galilee and boat ride

After our 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)

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 1:35-42)

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.

Tonight, dinner will be at our hotel near the shores of on the Sea of Galilee. **(B, D)**

TUE. 08 MAR: Sea of Galilee and boat ride

Today, we leave the Sea of Galilee and head towards the Mediterranean Sea. En-route, we shall visit:

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)

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; I Kings 4:12; 9:15; II Chronicles 35:22; Zechariah 12:12; Revelation 16:16)

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. (I Kings 18:18-45; Isaiah 33:9)

After a memorable day, we shall stay at kibbutz Nascholim located in its own private bay by the Mediterranean Sea. **(B, D)**

WED. 09 MAR: Caesarea and Jaffa

This morning, we have some free time by the sea before following the Mediterranean Sea on the 'via maris' to our first site, Caesarea.

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

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.

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Valley of Elah – This is the traditional site of the encounter between David & Goliath. The brook of Elah still exists to this day. (I Samuel 17:1-58)

The day ends with our arrival in Jerusalem. The Grand Court hotel will be our home for the remainder of the journey. **(B, D)**

THU. 10 MAR: 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)

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.

Upper Room – The traditional site where Jesus instituted a new Passover celebration and the new Covenant in His blood. (Mark 14:15)

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.

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

FRI. 11 MAR: Jerusalem

Our Jerusalem day has us visiting the following:

Temple Mount – Pending access to the site, we will see the al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

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 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)

Shrine of the Book museum – Here, we can see many original fragments of the Dead Sea scrolls plus a replica of the great Isaiah scroll.

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.

Yad Vashem – Israel's national monument, memorial and museum to the Holocaust.

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

SAT. 12 MAR: 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)

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)

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



SUN. 13 MAR. Bethlehem Jerusalem

Our last day is truly a memorable one as we begin our day in Bethlehem!

From Jerusalem, we take the short journey to Bethlehem where we visit: **Manger Square, the Church of the Nativity, the Star of Bethlehem and also Shepherd's Fields.**

After time for lunch and time to peruse the local shops, we shall return to Jerusalem for a wonderful time at the Garden Tomb.

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)**

MON. 14 MAR: Israel to Canada

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)**

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

INCLUDED

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

Hotels: First class hotels throughout.

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 guides 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.

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 \$720. (and fuel surcharges)

Travel Insurance:

Christian Journeys requires that you must have - 'out of country'- emergency medical insurance, equivalent to (or greater than) \$250,000. We have many insurance policy options to offer which include cancellation and interruption coverage. Please contact our office for policy details and premiums.

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD\$120.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport which should not expire before 14 Sep., 2016. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel.

Reservations: A deposit and signed booking form are required to confirm participation.

Deposit and final payment: A non refundable deposit of \$400 is required along with the registration form. All cancellations charges are described on the registration form. Balance payments will be requested 60 days prior to departure.

Currency Surcharges: These surcharges may apply at time of final invoicing. If the cost of the journey was to exceed 7% of the original cost, you have the right to cancel without penalty.

Fuel surcharges: The Air Transportation Taxes amount of \$720 includes \$580 of fuel surcharges. Any adjustments to this amount will be made at time of final invoicing.

General Health: All participants should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the entire journey. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation.

12 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

VANCOUVER PRICE: \$ 3579 CAD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 899 CAD

Based on 20 paid passengers

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.



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Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure. Christian Journeys has partnered with third party suppliers to compose this tour program. None of the third parties, such as airlines, hotels, coach companies and guides are employees of our company. If, for any reason beyond our control, we cannot supply a portion of the itinerary due to the actions of a third party, we will replace that component with comparable or superior services.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

Up to 61 days before departure: your deposit payment 60 - 45 days before departure: 25% of journey price

44 - 31 days before departure: 50% of journey price 30 - 0 days before departure: 100% of journey price

TRAVEL INSURANCE is available to purchase through Christian Journeys. MEDICAL TRAVEL INSURANCE of \$250,000.00 CAD is mandatory for all passengers to have.

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