

THE HOLY LAND JOURNEY

November 30 – December 11, 2010

Hosted by
RIVER OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Many people will come and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." (Isaiah 2:3)*



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Day to Day Itinerary

TUE: 30 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)

WED: 01 DEC. 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 Tel Aviv for our overnight stay.

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. 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)

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

THU: 02 DEC. Caesarea, Nazareth.

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

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.

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

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.

Our final destination today is our hotel in Tiberias, located by the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Here, we check-in and will stay for the next four nights. (B,D)

FRI: 03 DEC. Upper Galilee.

After breakfast, we begin our day in the north of Israel visiting:

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 back at our kibbutz this evening. (B,D)

SAT: 04 DEC. Carmel Assembly, Haifa, Acco.

After our Israeli buffet breakfast, our touring day involves visits to:

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

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. (I Kings 2, 15:4, 25. Isaiah 33:9)

Haifa – From Mt. Carmel, we drive through the port city of Haifa and follow the coast to Acco.

Acco - 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.

Hazor- Once the largest city in all of Canaan. The multi layered Tel of Hazor is a fascinating site that offers intrigue and insight into five thousand years of civilization. It was here that Deborah and Barak fought against Sisera. Captured by Joshua and raised to the ground, this city was eventually rebuilt by Solomon in the 10th century BC. (Joshua 11:10-14; Judges 4:2; 1 Kings 9:15)

Dinner, tonight, will be back at our hotel on the Sea of Galilee this evening. (B,D)

SUN: 05 DEC. Sea of Galilee.

Today, we journey around 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. (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. (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)



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

Sea of Galilee Boat Ride- Our day ends with an unforgettable sailing on the Sea of Galilee.

In the evening, we shall visit a congregation located in the northern region to Bless and encourage them.

After the meeting, we return to Tiberias and overnight at our hotel. (B,D)

MON: 06 DEC. Samaria, Jerusalem.

Today, we leave the Galilee and head south towards Jerusalem visiting:

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.

Once in Jerusalem, we shall check-in to our favourite hotel, The Olive Tree, where we shall stay for the remainder of the journey.

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

TUE: 07 DEC. 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)

City of David- This afternoon, we will be guided through the site and new excavations of the city of David.

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

WED: 08 DEC. Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea.

After breakfast, we will leave northern Israel and head towards Jerusalem. En-route we shall 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 view the location where The Scrolls were found in 1947. (John 1; Luke 1:57-80; Isaiah 40)

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

THU: 09 DEC. Jerusalem.

Today, we begin by travelling to the suburbs of Jerusalem and visit **Yad Vashem**, the museum and memorial dedicated to the Holocaust of WWII.

From here, we shall return to the centre of the city and spend the remainder of the day visiting:

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.

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.

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

FRI: 10 DEC. Jerusalem, Depart Israel.

Our last day in The Holy Land has us visiting:

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.

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)

SAT: 11 DEC. 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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INFORMATION

INCLUDED

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

Hotels: 4* 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 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 suit-case per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Complimentary Bottled Water: 2 per day.

Airport Taxes/Fuel costs:

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: \$157

60 – 69: \$222

70 – 74: \$373

75 + rates available on request.

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD 100

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity, until 11May 2011. USA 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.

Fuel surcharges- At time of print all airline fuel surcharges are included in the 'air transportation taxes.' These may vary before time of departure.

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: \$3249USD
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 595USD

Please add \$90 processing fee if paying your balance by credit card.

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I have read and understand the booking conditions of this tour. SIGNATURE:.....DATE:.....

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