

Come, See The Place... Israel, The Holy Land

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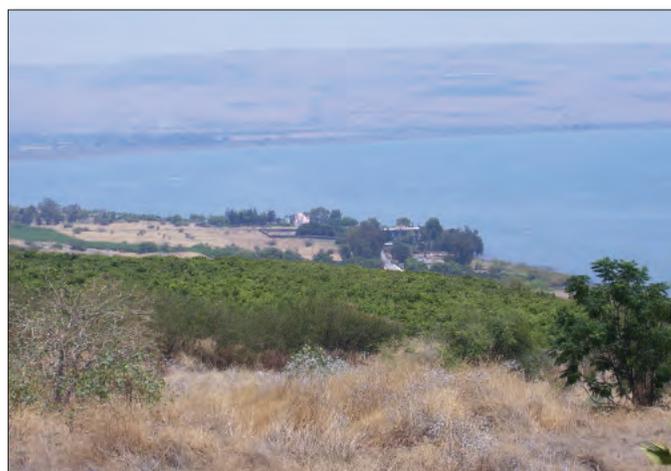


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“As followers of the risen Christ, we are invited both to contemplate the place where he was and to recognize that there is more to following him than geography. ‘Come, see the place’ is important, but {we will} balance this with ‘He is not here; He is risen.’ Our Christian living, and our Christian pilgrimages, thus take place in the space and time in between the life of Jesus and God’s restoration of the whole creation.” – The Way of the Lord, NT Wright



Tel Aviv, from the ancient port of Jaffa



Sea of Galilee, viewed from the Mount of Beatitudes



Boat Ride and Fellowship on the Sea of Galilee



Temple Mount, viewed from the Mount of Olives



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WED. 28 OCT.: Canada to Israel.

Today, we depart from Toronto on our overnight flight 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)**

THU. 29 OCT.: Israel, 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 relax and enjoy the short journey to our hotel in Tel Aviv.

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

Tonight, we shall enjoy our 'Welcome to Israel' dinner at our hotel. Located by the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, this is the perfect location to start our journey! **(B, D)**

FRI. 30 OCT.: Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo.

After our first Israeli breakfast, we head north along the 'via maris' towards the Galilee, stopping at the following:

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

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)

Nazareth – Here is where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. Our visit to the Biblical Village takes us back in time to life as it was over 2000 years ago. 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; Matthew 2:23)

Home for the next three nights, we are located by the shores of the Sea of Galilee. A perfect setting for our time in the Galilee!

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

SAT. 31 OCT.: Boat Ride and Sea of Galilee.

Our first day around the centre of Jesus' Ministry has us visit:

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 time at the Sea of Galilee ends with an unforgettable sailing on the Sea of Galilee.

Magdala – Located within one kilometer from our hotel, we have one of the latest Biblical excavation digs. We have the chance to visit what has been unearthed so far from the ancient seaside town of Magdala. (Luke 8:1-3)

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)

Church of the Primacy of Peter – It is here that Jesus appears to his disciples for the third time after his resurrection on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The night before, Peter and several other disciples had sailed out on the lake to fish but caught nothing. In the morning, a man appeared on the shore and called out to them to throw their net on the right side of the boat. Doing so, they caught so many fish they couldn't drag the net back into the boat. At this point, Peter recognizes Jesus and promptly jumps out of the boat to wade to shore to meet him.

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)

After a day of circumnavigating the entire Sea of Galilee, we will return to the hotel for dinner. **(B, D)**

SUN. 01 NOV.: Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights, Sea of Galilee.

After breakfast, we begin our day by travelling north to the Upper Galilee which today includes:

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; I Kings 9:15)

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.

Kursi – The site of Gergesa (Kursi) was identified as the site of the 'Miracle of The Swine'. (Luke 8:26-33; Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 8:28-34)

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

MON. 02 NOV.: Galilee to Dead Sea

This morning, we leave the Galilee and head south towards the Judean wilderness and the Dead Sea. En-route, we shall visit:

Bet 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 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. (I Samuel 31:1-13)

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.

Bethany by the Jordan – Extensive excavations of the surrounding area since 1996 have uncovered many sites, none more significant than the ruins of 'Bethabara'. Many believe this is the original site of John the Baptist's Ministry and the location of his baptism of Jesus.

Jericho – We drive past Old Testament **Jericho**, home of Rahab the harlot and where the walls came tumbling down. In the New Testament Jericho is close to where Jesus healed Bartimaeus.

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.

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)

Dinner will be at our hotel, overlooking the shores of the Dead Sea. **(B, D)**

TUE. 03 NOV.: Masada, Dead Sea to Jerusalem

Today, we will enjoy some free time to enjoy the unique experience of floating in the Dead Sea.

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!

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.

Bethany – Where Jesus raises Lazarus from the tomb (John 11:1) and where he stays with Mary and Martha before entering Jerusalem before Passover (John 12:1-7).

This afternoon, we travel "up to" Jerusalem. Our final destination for the journey! Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

WED. 04 NOV.: Jerusalem.

After breakfast, our first day in Jerusalem will be a truly memorable one as we visit:

Davidson Centre and Steps of Ascension – 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.

City of David – 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.

Pilgrims' Road – This recently opened piece of Biblical history, allows you to walk from the Pool of Siloam up towards the Temple, as did pilgrims in the past.

Church of St. Anne – Located by the pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the cripple. (John 5:1-9)

THU. 05 NOV.: Jerusalem.

After breakfast, we will spend our 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)

House of Caiaphas – Located under the current St. Peter of Gallicantu Church is the traditional site where Jesus was imprisoned.

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)

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

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, finishing at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

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

FRI. 06 NOV.: Emmaus, Bethlehem and/or Pilgrims' Road.

Our last day in the Holy Land begins with a drive through the new City of Jerusalem and a visit to Emmaus.

Emmaus – It is here that Jesus appears after his death and resurrection before two of his disciples. (Luke 24:32)

For the remainder of the day, we have a planned visit to both Bethlehem and Herodium.

Upon arrival at **Bethlehem**, we shall visit the **Church of the Nativity** and **Shepherd's Fields**.

Herodium – Located south from Jerusalem, this was one of Herod's favourite palaces and fortresses. Herodium is the location of the recently discovered site of Herod's tomb. From this vantage point, we can look across the Dead Sea to Mt. Nebo.

This evening, we will enjoy our "farewell dinner". A wonderful time to share and reflect on what this journey has meant to you! **(B, D)**

SAT. 07 NOV.: Israel to Canada.

This morning, we depart from Tel Aviv on our non-stop flight back to Toronto. Lunch and complimentary in-flight service will be provided onboard. **(B, L)**

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner



INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Toronto. Airfare add-ons from other cities available upon request.

Hotels: Dan Panorama, Haifa

Kibbutz Maagan Hotel, Sea of Galilee

David Hotel, Dead Sea

Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

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.

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

Air Transportation Taxes/airline charges: Currently \$688.

Bottled Water: 2 daily

'Whisper' Head sets to listen to the guide and leadership.

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD\$120

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport, which does not expire before 07 June 2021. Canadian and 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 \$400 is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment.

Currency surcharge: Christian Journeys reserves the right to introduce a currency surcharge. If applicable, this would be assessed 90 days prior to departure. If the total cost of the journey increases by more than 7%, the customer has the option to cancel without penalty.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs include a ‘fuel surcharge’ component of \$598. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing, 90 days prior to 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.

11 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

TORONTO PRICE: \$ 4599CAD
(based upon 25 paid passengers)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 1099CAD

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