



Christ Church and Guesthouses, Old City, Jerusalem



# Israel Familiarization Tour The Life & World of Jesus

A Shores Study Tours Itinerary | February 12 – 23, 2017

Hosts: Rev. Sharon Hayton, CMJ Canada National Director &  
Bishop Trevor Walters, ANiC

*People from many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem.*

– Micah 4:2, NLT

This Familiarization Tour is designed for those in ministry, who have never visited the Land of Israel. We will focus on the life of Jesus from his home in Galilee to Jerusalem, and the influence of Jewish thought and culture of the period on the origins of the Christian faith. The FAM tour will also include sites from the Old Testament as well as the history of modern Israel. The tour is designed to prepare clergy or lay leaders so they can lead future trips if they feel so called.



Rev. Sharon – Garden Tomb

Travel arrangements by...



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# Itinerary

**Day 1: February 12, 2017**

Depart Toronto on El Al (LY030 17:45 pm).

**Day 2: Monday, February 13**

**Arrival in the Land of Promise (LY030 11:55 am)**

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. From the airport we will travel to our hotel on the **Mediterranean Coast**. Enjoy the spectacular location with a stroll on the beach. After dinner there will be time for a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer.

**Overnight:** Seasons Hotel, Netanya, Mediterranean Coast

**Day 3: Tuesday, February 14**

**Light to the Nations – Jews, Gentiles and the Messiah**

Today we travel north up the coast to begin our day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome. We then travel up the coast to **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. From Mount Carmel we go inland to the Galilee, and conclude our day at ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry.

**Overnight:** Maagan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

**Day 4: Wednesday, February 15**

**Around the Sea of Galilee – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus/Yeshua**

Today is spent visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee as we try to picture daily life and religion in the First Century, and seek to better understand the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. We begin at **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Next - the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. After a short drive down the hill we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. At lovely **Tabgha**, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection, we will enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake. Later in the afternoon we will visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the "**Jesus Boat**", a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century and **experience a boat ride on the Lake**. After dinner we will meet with a local believer.

**Overnight:** Maagan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Tour Group – Sea of Galilee Overlook



**Day 5: Thursday, February 16**

**Northern Israel – “Who Do Men Say That I Am?”**

Today we explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. We will seek to understand what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. We will visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at **Katzrin**, then travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Our final stop is the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we will enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream and discuss the meaning of “living water” in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching. We see the incredible archaeological remains of the Israelite **city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel's apostasy.

**Overnight:** Maagan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

**Day 6: Friday, February 17**

**The Jordan Valley – “In the World but Not of It”**

Today we leave the Galilee and journey south down the spectacular **Syrian African Rift Valley** to the Dead Sea in the arid Judean wilderness. We will study the cultural tensions that existed at the time of Jesus, both between Greco-Roman culture and Jewish culture (and later the early church), and also between the Jewish religious establishment of the day and various spiritual reformers. At the **Jordan River**, we will discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus. At the Biblical city of **Beit Shean** we examine the impressive excavations of its Roman-Byzantine period when it was one of the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis. From here we continue down the Jordan Valley to the arid Judean Wilderness, passing by the region of **Jericho** – the oldest and lowest city on earth. At the end of the day we make the final ascent to Jerusalem – the City of the Great King. After a special Shabbat dinner we will be treated to a short optional stroll for a rooftop panorama of the Old City, with a short talk and testimonies from the Shoresh Director.

**Overnight:** Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

## Day 7: Saturday, February 18

### In the Steps of Jesus – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection

Today we focus on sites related to the Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, why He was crucified, how He was buried, and what it meant to the Jewish people of the First Century that He was raised from the dead. We begin our day with a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After viewing a **tomb from the time of Jesus**, we will walk down the Mount of Olives to **Gethsemane**. Crossing the **Kidron Valley**, we enter the Old City through **Stephen's Gate**, stopping to examine the remains of the **Pool of Bethesda**. From here we walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We end our tour with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**.

**Overnight:** Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

## Day 8: Sunday, February 19

### Worship & Introduction to Jerusalem

In the morning, we are invited to join the worship service at **Christ Church**. After lunch we will head to **Citadel ("Tower of David") Museum** where we will enjoy breathtaking views overlooking Jerusalem and have an introduction to the fascinating historical geography of the Old City. We will also see what many archeologists now believe is the site of Jesus' trial. In the late afternoon/early evening, there will be an opportunity to join in worship at King of Kings, a large international congregation in Jerusalem (optional).

**Overnight:** Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

## Day 9: Monday, February 20

### The Restoration of Hope – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today we study both great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. We will examine the systematic annihilation of six million Jews in the Nazi genocide, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. After breakfast, we will enjoy a tour of the **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. Next we travel to **Yad VaShem**, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. The afternoon will be free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. Shoresh Tours will provide a list of interesting options for those who want to explore on their own. This evening we will expand our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a **Jewish Passover Seder meal** together.

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## Day 10: Tuesday, February 21

### The Judean Desert – Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We begin our day at **Masada**, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. From Masada we drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, we can walk into the nature reserve and possibly to the waterfalls. We may see some wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. We will also discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. Our next visit will be **Qumran**, home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which may have influenced early Christianity, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will finish our afternoon by enjoying a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the **Dead Sea**. After dinner we will learn about what is involved in working with Shoresh to plan and recruit for a Biblical tour of Israel.

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## Day 11: Wednesday, February 22

### Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus – The Temple at the Center

Today will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. We will study how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and generally enrich our insight into many important events in the gospels and book of Acts. We begin early at the **Temple Mount** (conditions permitting), where we'll consider some of Jesus' activities there, as well as the claims of Islam. After a visit to the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site, we will take a trip to the subterranean **Western Wall Tunnels** to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. We will walk through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City to see the **Herodian Villas**, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. We end the day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. After supper and a time of rest, we will descend through the Judean hills to the airport for our flight home.

**Rooms Kept:** Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

## Day 12: Thursday, February 23

Depart Tel Aviv via El Al  
(LY029 00:50 February 23)



Garden of Gethsemane



## Tour Price\* (Canadian Dollars):

### Land & Air per person – sharing:

If Paid by Cheque ..... \$ 3,765

If Paid by Credit Card ..... \$ 3,916

### Single Supplement:

If Paid by Cheque ..... \$ 365

If Paid by Credit Card ..... \$ 380

### Land Only Price

If Paid by Cheque ..... \$ 2,545

If Paid by Credit Card ..... \$ 2,645

\* Prices based on a minimum of 16 tour participants. A larger group will result in a decrease in price at time of final payment.

## Included in Price:

- Return airfare from Toronto to Tel Aviv, on El Al Airlines (add on fares available from most Canadian cities; contact Glenda Weglo for a fare quotation)
- Accommodation – half board (Israeli breakfast and dinner); en-suite shared twin rooms, taxes and portage when available (one medium checked bag per person)
- Transportation – bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport
- Christian/Messianic Israeli guide
- Tips – driver, Israeli guide, hotels
- Entrance fees – museums, parks, etc.
- Study materials

## Not Included in Price:

- Out of country health insurance (mandatory); travel cancellation insurance (recommended)
- Lunches (\$10-15 per day)
- Personal discretionary spending

## Your Tour Hosts

Rev. Sharon Hayton & Bishop Trevor Walters



## Please Note

- Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if weather or other conditions necessitate.
- Emergency Medical Travel Insurance is mandatory and is not included in the cost. Cancellation insurance is recommended.
- Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable all tour members to fully participate at every site, but in some cases that may not be possible.

## To Make Your Reservation...

Read the accompanying Tour Features and Conditions and fill out and send the Reservation Form to CMJ Canada, c/o J. Rousay, 111-35230 DeLAir Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2W5.



Beit Shean



Olive Tree



Church of Dominus Flevit, Mount of Olives



Jordan River

## TOUR FEATURES & CONDITIONS

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions. Prices are in Canadian dollars.

**Air Transportation:** Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30–45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change until ticketed. Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.

**Seat Assignments:** Group seats are assigned at the airline's discretion. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility.

**Accommodations:** Based on two persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.

**Meals:** In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Personal preferences are not guaranteed with group fares. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily during land portion.

**Transfers & Baggage:** Group transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person not exceeding 158 linear (length plus width plus height) cm (62 linear in.) or weighing more than a maximum of 23 kg (50 lb). Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.

**Sightseeing & Entrance Fees:** Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

**Tips & Taxes:** Service charges and taxes on accommodations and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for lunches and personal services are not included.

**Not Included:** Lunches and lunch tips, beverages with dinners, passport fee, medical and travel protection insurance, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Enquire about add on fares to Toronto.

**Deposit & Payment:** Reservations can be secured with a deposit payment of \$500 per person (\$520 by credit card) by July 29, 2016. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due December 1, 2016.

**RAPTIM Cancellation Conditions:** The cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by RAPTIM a minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure refund of deposit. All pricing is in Canadian dollars.

- From date of deposit to and including July 31, 2016: \$100 per person service fee applies (see exception\*).
- From August 1 up to and including November 12, 2016: \$300 per person service fee plus any unrecoverable fees apply.
- After November 12, 2016: No refund.

Cancellation policies apply when cancellation occurs for any reason. There is no refund for any unused services or portion of the tour package.

\*Exception: When tour is cancelled by the tour host, a \$25 per person service fee will apply.

**Protect Your Investment:** Out of country medical insurance is mandatory and trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Call Glenda at Raptim Humanitarian Travel (toll-free): 1-800-667-5559 (outside North America: 1-604-853-0751), Ext: 31173, for your personalized insurance quote.

**Passport, Visa, & Health Requirements:** A passport valid until Aug. 26, 2017 is required. Information on obtaining or renewing a Canadian passport can be found at <http://www.ppt.gc.ca/info/index.aspx?lang=eng>. A visa is not required for Canadian citizens. Non-Canadian citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements to Israel by contacting the appropriate consulates. Inoculations are not required; please check with your physician for his or her recommendation.

**Rates & Fares Information:** Rates are based on a minimum of 16 tour participants. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange as of May 1, 2016. Foreign exchange rates at time of final payment may result in a price increase or decrease. Additional tour participants will result in a decrease in price, adjusted at time of final payment. Tour is limited to 32 participants.

**Deviations:** Individuals making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through Raptim Travel), we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur at any time. Raptim Travel and Shoresh Tours must be advised of your itinerary.

**Tour Operator Itinerary Changes:** The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. The tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

**Traveler Safety:** In the ever-changing world situation, RAPTIM recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the Government of Canada, visit <http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories/>.

### Responsibility

Raptim Humanitarian Travel (RAPTIM), and their employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff act only as independent third parties to connect customers with the various companies whose accommodations are utilized. RAPTIM, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the services of any train, vessel, carriage, automobile, airplane or other conveyance, anticipated to be used or which is used, either wholly or in part, in any travels. RAPTIM, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff are not and will not be responsible and the passenger fully releases RAPTIM, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff for and from any act, error or omission, or any resulting expense or any injury to person or property (including death), other loss, accident, or any delays which may be occasioned, by reason of defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or persons engaged in the conveying of passengers including but not limited to any steamer, airplane services or that of any other conveyance, or through any sickness, accident, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes, and all such losses, injury and expenses must be and will be borne solely by the passenger.

Prices and schedules appearing in this brochure are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice. The tour operator reserves the right to modify the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air or other schedules. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not aboard their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of tours and/or the passenger.

# Israel Study Tour Reservation and Deposit Form

## Clergy and Ministry Leaders Familiarization Study Tour

February 12 to February 23, 2017

**Hosted by: Rev. Sharon Hayton, National Director CMJ Canada and Bishop Trevor Walters, ANiC**

*Space is limited and reflects special group rates. \$500 non-refundable deposit per person is due by July 29, 2016.*

**To be assured of reservations, please mail completed form, a clear photocopy of the photo and signature page of your passport, along with deposit of \$500 per person to:**

**CMJ Canada, c/o J. Rousay, 111 – 35230 DeLair Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2W5**

Please reserve space as follows: Enclosed is my deposit check of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 CAD per person).

**Make cheques payable to: Raptim Humanitarian Travel.**

**PLEASE PRINT** Use one Reservation Form per household address of participants travelling together.

Name 1 (as it appears on passport):

Name 2 (as it appears on passport):

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Preferred name on name badge:

Preferred name on name badge:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Copies: Please provide a clear photocopy of the photo and signature page of your passport. This is required for all international tours. Passport must not expire before Aug. 26, 2017.

Room Type :  Single  Twin/Double

Rooming With: \_\_\_\_\_

Please apply deposit to:  Land only  Land & Air I need add on air to Toronto from: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Insurance – Check One:

I/we wish to be covered by medical and travel cancellation insurance.

Contact Glenda Weglo at Raptim Travel for a quotation. 1-800-667-5559, Ext. 31173

I/we DO NOT wish to be covered by insurance arranged through Raptim Travel.

Is this your first visit to Israel?  Yes  No Date of last visit: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_