



Patriarchs, Prophets, High Priest and Coming King

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

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We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit the places where important Biblical events took place, and dig deep into the Scriptures in their original context to learn about God's faithfulness to His people, in the past, present, and future. Our tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek a better understanding of His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives.

Day 1/2: Travel Day(s), Saturday/Sunday 4/5, 2017 Travel from Canada to Israel

Day 3: Monday, November 6, 2017 – Afternoon arrival
LIGHT to the NATIONS

We arrive early morning at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. We begin our day with a visit the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the location of Simon the Tanner's house and the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to the people of Ninevah. From here we will travel to our hotel on the **Mediterranean Coast**, with time to explore, stroll on the beach or swim before dinner. After dinner we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer. (D)

Overnight: Holiday Inn, Ashkelon, Mediterranean Coast

Day 4: Tuesday, November 7
THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS

We begin our journey by climbing up through the Shfelat Yehuda – the strategic lowlands of the **Mountains of Judea** while we discuss God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We shall continue in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region called the **Negev** in the Bible, a name it still carries today. Along the way we will visit the UNESCO site of **Bet Guvrin** to see what has been described as a 'city under a city' characterized by manmade caves. Then we visit **Tel Beersheva**, one of the most impressive and ancient fortified cities of the Kingdom of Judah. Later we will meet with Howard Bass, leader of the congregation **Nachalat Yeshua** (Yeshua's Inheritance) to learn about his ministry in Beersheva. We conclude our day travelling through the **Judean Desert** to our spa hotel on the **Dead Sea**, where we can enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters. (B, D)

Overnight: David Hotel, Dead Sea

Day 5: Wednesday, November 8
THE JUDEAN DESERT & JORDAN VALLEY - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

We travel early along the shores of the Dead Sea to **Masada**, the most impressive desert palace-fortress built by Herod the Great. In the course of visiting the site we will consider the man Herod and how his personality casts its shadow through the New Testament. Masada is also famous as the last stronghold of the Zealot resistance against Rome. We will discuss their theology and its relevance to our understanding of Jesus' teaching. 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. We will then visit **Qumran**, likely the 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. Later in the day we

will travel north up the spectacular **Syrian African Rift Valley**. At the end of the day, we will arrive at our hotel on the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**. (B, D)

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Day 6: Thursday, November 9

AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE - Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Our day will be 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 will start the day at **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Our next stop will be 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 walk or 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. Time might allow for a visit to "the other side" of the Sea to briefly consider Jesus relationship to the non-Jewish world during the time of His ministry, including the site of **Kursi**. Later in the afternoon we will visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the "**Jesus Boat**", a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. From here we will set sail for a **boat ride on the Lake** to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. (B, D)

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Day 7: Friday, November 10

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 begin by climbing up to the magnificent **Golan Heights**. In the morning we will visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at **Katzrin**, where we will take another close look at life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Next we will 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. Along the way we will pass **Druze Villages** before coming to **Mt. Bental**, a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the **road to Damascus** where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Our final stop is the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel's apostasy. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream and discuss the meaning of "living water" in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching. (B, D)

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Day 8: Saturday, November 11

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS - Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah

Today we travel west and then down the coast, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to ancient **Sepphoris**, where we can examine Jesus' relationship to Elijah, as well as His first miracle. 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. Next, we will visit **Kehillat HaCarmel**, a vibrant ministry centre located on Mt. Carmel. We complete 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. (B, D)

Overnight: Seasons Hotel, Netanya, Mediterranean Sea

Day 9: Sunday, November 12

SAMARIA: ANCIENT ISRAEL

Today we journey into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, of the Israelites under Joshua, and later the breakaway Kingdom of Israel. Sites visited will likely include **Shiloh, Mt. Gerezim,**

Mt. Kabir, and an overview of Bethel. We will focus on our roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to our understanding of the New Testament. In the late afternoon we will enter Jerusalem, the City of the Great King. After dinner we will be treated to a short stroll for a **rooftop panorama of the Old City** and talk with the Director of Shores Study Tours. (B, D)
Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 10: Monday, November 13

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. Our goal is to understand 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. Next we cross the Kidron Valley and enter the Old City through Stephen's Gate, stopping to examine the remains of the Pool of Bethesda. Depending on the group's interest, we may walk parts of the Via Dolorosa, stopping at several of the places mentioned in the Bible, and arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 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. (B, D)

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 11: Tuesday, November 14

FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM

Today is free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. *Shores Tours will provide a list of interesting options for those who want to explore on their own.* (B, D)

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 12: Wednesday, November 15

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. An early start will take us up to the Temple Mount, 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 complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked. This evening we will expand our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a **Jewish Passover Seder meal** together, making Biblical connections to the "last supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples. (B, D)

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 13: Thursday, November 16

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, God coming to earth in the form of a man to save His people from their sins, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. After breakfast, 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. We will spend the rest of the day at the place where it all began - the City of David. Here we will learn about King David's conquest of the Jebusite city, and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel to the Pool of Siloam. (B, D)

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 14: Friday, November 17

THE HOPE OF RESTORATION & TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

This morning, 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 and the miraculous restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. From here we go our retreat center in the Judean Hills at the place where the Ark of the Covenant came to rest for a time of relaxation, sharing and reflection.

Overnight: Kiryat Yearim Retreat Center (B, L, D)

Day 15: Saturday, November 18

FREE DAY

Today is free for rest and reflection; teaching by Rev. Sharon Hayton.

Overnight: Kiryat Yearim Retreat Center (B, L, D)

Day 16: Sunday, November 19

This morning we say goodbye to Israel as we make an early start to the airport to catch our flights home, arriving home the same day.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *Itinerary and accommodations subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Many sites are unpaved. 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.*

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Airfare: Canada - Tel Aviv return (in flight service)
- Accommodation: Tourist class en suite, shared twin rooms, taxes and portorage
- Transportation: Bus and driver for touring, group transfers to and from airport
- Meals: Breakfast (B) and dinner (D)
- Guide: License Christian/Messianic guide
- Tips: Driver, Guide, Hotels
- Entrance fees: Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials

Not included:

- Comprehensive travel insurance (mandatory)
- 11 Lunches (L) & snacks (approximately \$15 CAD per day)
- Individual activities on free days
- Transfers to and from the airport apart from the main group
- Discretionary gift for guide and driver
- Personal discretionary spending

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