



The Roots of Faith

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

January 15–27, 2017

Led by Jim & Marcy Osterhaus

Follow in the steps of the ancient people of Israel and Jesus the Messiah. Travel from the Sinai wanderings, through the heartland of Israel, and north to the source of the Jordan River. The whole of the Land will become our spiritual classroom allowing better understanding of God's message to His people, both in ancient days and today.



Golan Heights



Christ Church Guesthouse



Church of the Beatitudes



Capernaum Synagogue



King David's Citadel



Cave #4, Qumran



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



Nazareth Old City



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Sun., Jan. 15 Depart US

Depart from Washington Dulles International Airport early this evening for the transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Mon., Jan. 16 Arrival in the Land of Promise

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv, and be met by our guide and bus driver. From the airport, travel in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region called the Negev in the Bible. There is a brief meeting for introductions, orientation, and prayer after dinner. Overnight accommodations are at the Leonardo Hotel in Beersheva.



Tue., Jan. 17 Out of Egypt into the Wilderness

Begin the day in the Wilderness of Zin, where Moses struck the rock in disobedience. Discuss the importance of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt in Jewish religious thinking and its influence upon Jesus and the Gospels. Visit the ancient caravan city of Avdat to discover how the ancient Nabateans made the desert bloom. Enjoy a short hike to a beautiful oasis in the Zin Canyon. Visit the home of David Ben Gurion, founder of Israel, at Kibbutz Sde Boker, Ben Gurion is often called a prophet. Discuss the nature of biblical prophecy and the role of a prophet during the biblical period and even today. Overnight accommodations are at the Leonardo Hotel in Beersheva.

Wed., Jan. 18 In the Desert with the Patriarchs

Spend the first part of the morning at Tel Beersheva, one of the most impressive and ancient fortified cities of the Kingdom of Judah. Next, stop at Tel Arad, a major city during pre-Abrahamic time, and later became an Israelite fortress. Venturing further into the desert, experience Bedouin hospitality in a desert tent and take a short camel ride. Overnight accommodations are at the Daniel Hotel, a spa hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea, arriving early enough to enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea.

Thu., Jan. 19 The Judean Desert – Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Today's theme is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. Begin 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, drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of Ein Gedi where David hid from Saul. Walk into the nature reserve, perhaps as far as the waterfalls. Watch for the abundant wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. Discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. Stop at 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. At day's end, make the final ascent to Jerusalem—the City of the Great King. After dinner, join the Director of Shores for a short stroll to enjoy a rooftop panoramic view of the Old City, and share testimonies. Overnight accommodations are at Christ Church Guesthouse in the Old City area of Jerusalem.



Fri., Jan. 20 Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus – The Temple at the Center

Today's studies focus on the Jerusalem of Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. Study how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and gain insight into the many important events in the gospels and book of Acts. Travel up to the Temple Mount early this morning to consider some of

Jesus' activities there, as well as the claims of Islam. Visit the Western Wall place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site. Continue to the subterranean Western Wall Tunnels to walk at what was street level during the time of Jesus. Travel through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to see the Herodian Villas, the palatial mansions that were the home of the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. The day ends at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount for discussion of Pentecost on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked. Return to Christ Church Guesthouse for overnight.

Sat., Jan. 21 In the Steps of Jesus – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection

Focus on sites related to the Biblical passages relating to Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. 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. Begin 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, walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane. Cross the Kidron Valley and enter the Old City through Stephen's Gate, stopping to examine the remains of the Pool of Bethesda. Walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. End the day with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful Garden Tomb. Celebrate a Jewish Passover Seder meal to better understand the role of the Lamb of God and the biblical connections to the last supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. Return to Christ Church Guesthouse for overnight.



Sun., Jan. 22 Worship at Christ Church & the Restoration of Hope – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Join the worship service at Christ Church, in the oldest Protestant church building in the Middle East. After the church service, 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. This afternoon, study both the great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. 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. Visit Yad VaShem, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust to examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. Return to Christ Church Guesthouse for overnight.



Mon., Jan. 23 The Jordan Valley – "In the World But Not of It"

Leave Jerusalem this morning to journey north up the spectacular Syrian African Rift Valley to the Sea of Galilee. 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. Pass by the region of Jericho—the oldest and lowest city on earth. Arrive at the Jordan River, to discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus. Conditions permitting; enjoy a dip in the beautiful spring fed pools at Sachne, near the base of Mt. Gilboa. Stop at the Biblical city of Beit Shean to examine the visually impressive excavations from its Roman-Byzantine period when it was one the ten Hellenistic

cities of the Decapolis. Continue to the Ma'agan Holiday Village along the Sea of Galilee.

Tue., Jan. 24 Around the Sea of Galilee – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Visit the various sites around the Sea of Galilee to picture daily life and religion of the First Century, and gain better understanding of the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. Begin at Chorazin, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, to study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, and consider Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God. After a short walk downhill, 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, enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake. Visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the "Jesus Boat," a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. Set sail for a boat ride on the Lake to enjoy the views, spend time in worship, prayer and personal reflection. After dinner, meet with a local believer. Return to Ma'agan Holiday Village for overnight.



Wed., Jan. 25 Northern Israel – "Who Do Men Say That I Am?"

Explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country today. Learn what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. Climb up to the magnificent Golan Heights to visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at Katzrin, and examine life in New Testament times as well as the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Travel along the lower slopes of Mount Hermon, Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Stop at Caesarea Philippi, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Pass by Druze Villages before arriving at 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. Stop at the Dan Nature Reserve, to see the incredible archaeological remains of the OT city of Dan, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and there consider ancient Israel's apostasy. Enjoy a pleasant walk along a stream while discussing the meaning of "living water" as used in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching. Return to Ma'agan Holiday Village for overnight.

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Thu., Jan. 26 Light to the Nations – Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah

Travel down the coast today to visit a number of Biblical sites which testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. Visit ancient Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. Continue along the route of the ancient Via Maris to Megiddo, one of King Solomon's cities, and according to the Book of Revelation, the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. Travel to Mount Carmel, for a spectacular view over the North of Israel, and near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. End the 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 to set sail on his journey to Rome. Rooms are available at the Sadot Hotel located on the Sharon Plain until it is time to depart for the airport.

Fri., Jan. 27 To the Ends of the Earth

Depart the hotel in the early morning hours, for the short trip across the coastal plain to the airport to catch the flight home. Say farewell to Israel with memories that will last a lifetime. Arrive in the US late this afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.
- 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.

Tour Price (based on departure from JFK, NY and two persons sharing a double room)

Air & Land Price: **\$3,413** (check payment)
\$3,550 (credit card payment)

Land Only Price: **\$2,673** (check payment)
\$2,780 (credit card payment)

Single Room Supplement: **\$649** (check payment)
\$675 (credit card payment)

Travel Protection Insurance (per person, non-refundable):

Full Tour: \$251 per person or \$315 single

Land Only: \$189 per person or \$251 single

Pay insurance premium at time of deposit.

Deposit (due at time of registration*): A \$500 deposit per person (plus insurance premium, if applicable) is required to secure registration. Space is limited and reflects special group rates.

* Registrations and deposits are due by **September 17, 2016**. Late registrations or deposits received after this date will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.



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Tour Features and Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

Air Transportation: Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on non-refundable 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: Raptim Humanitarian Travel notes specific seat assignments as requested by tour members and submits them to the airline. However, the airline makes the actual assignments; there is no guarantee that all requests will be honored. Any changes should be requested at check-in by the traveler. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility, or note under "Airline Seat Request" when registering.

Accommodations: Based on two or more 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. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily.

Transfers and 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 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. 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 and Entrance Fees: Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

Tips and 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, the travel protection plan, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to departure city and return is not included.

Deposit and Payment: Reservations can be secured with a deposit payment of \$500 per person which is due by September 17, 2016. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due November 16, 2016.

Passenger Initiated 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 Humanitarian Travel minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposit funds.

- From date of deposit to and including October 4, 2016: \$175 per person service fee applies
- From October 5 to and including November 16: Full deposit (\$500 per person) plus any unrecoverable fees apply
- After November 16, 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.

Host and/or Shores Initiated Cancellation Conditions:

The tour host and/or Shores would only consider cancelling a tour if government warnings or airline cancellations necessitate cancellation.

- When the tour is cancelled by the tour host, a \$100 per person service fee will apply.
- When tour is cancelled by SHORES a \$250 per person service fee will apply.

Protect Your Investment: Group travel protection coverage is available to cover medical expenses (first-pay coverage), medical evacuation & repatriation, trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay and accidental death & dismemberment. A pre-existing condition exclusion waiver is available if coverage is purchased up to and including time of final payment. Further information can be found on the Insurance tab of the tour registration website or by contacting your Raptim consultant.

Passport, Visa & Health Requirements: A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining or renewing a U.S. passport can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html>. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until July 14, 2017. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting the appropriate consulates. No inoculations are required, but please check with your physician for his recommendation.

Rates & Fares Information: Rates are based on a minimum of 15 persons traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

Deviations: Any individual 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.

Tour Operator Itinerary Changes: The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. However, 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 U.S. Dept. of State, please visit <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>.

Disabilities: Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

Responsibility

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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.

Reservation Form

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Online Registration at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/ftqwy0>

A \$500 per person deposit is due by September 17, 2016. Space is limited and reflects special group rates.

Deposits received after this date will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms. \$515 deposit if payment is made by credit card. Complete and mail this form, with your deposit of \$500 per person and insurance premium (checks payable to Raptim Humanitarian Travel) to Raptim Humanitarian Travel, 116 Lake Street., Ephrata, PA 17522 or complete the credit card payment information below.

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I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Raptim Humanitarian Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, and fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases. Raptim Humanitarian Travel has offered the option of purchasing travel insurance, and I take full responsibility for my decision to purchase or not.

Signature: _____

Checking the box above and signature are both required in the processing of the registration of this tour.