

Somerset Mendip Methodist Circuit *invite you*  
*to share in An Experience of a Lifetime* to the

# Holy Land

Led by Archie Rowe

Wednesday, 13th April to Thursday, 21st April 2016



Welcome! On behalf of the Somerset Mendip Circuit, I am delighted to be able to commend to you a trip we are organising to Israel in April 2016. This trip follows our highly successful recent tours to Israel in 2012 and to Jordan in 2014. I hope that you will find the itinerary for this latest trip interesting and the information in the brochure helpful. This trip offers an exciting opportunity to visit places in the Middle East that form part of our Christian heritage. Once again, we are very grateful to Archie Rowe, one of our Lay Pastoral & Community Workers, who has kindly agreed to lead this tour for us. My prayer is that all who take part in this tour will find it an uplifting and meaningful experience.

Every Blessing,

Nick  
Rev Nick Lakin  
Superintendent Minister  
Somerset Mendip Circuit



Archie Rowe  
*Tour Leader*

Hello there! I hope you will enrol for this very special Experience of a Lifetime! Israel is such an intriguing place; the land of the Bible has a rich history and cultural heritage. There are bustling modern cities and busy highways, yet one can still sense the atmosphere of ancient times in the narrow lanes of Old Jerusalem, the rolling hills of Bethlehem, the stark Judean desert and the green mountains of Galilee. Our tours are characterised by informality and friendliness. Come and join us; share with us An Experience of a Lifetime! **Archie**

### **Day One - Wednesday, 13th April Flight and Transfer**

- Depart from London Luton on our flight to Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

### **Day Two - Thursday, 14th April Mount of Olives (Jerusalem) and Bethlehem**

- Western Wall; Temple Mount; Mount of Olives; Palm Sunday Road; Garden of Gethsemane, Church of All Nations.
- Bethlehem: Church of the Nativity; Shepherds' Fields (Franciscan Khirbat Siyar al-Ghanim); Herodium.
- Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

### **Day Three - Friday, 15th April Jerusalem - The Pilgrim's Journey**

- Pool of Bethesda; Via Dolorosa; Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
- Mount Zion: Church of St Peter in Gallicantu; Garden Tomb for a Holy Communion service.
- Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### **Day Four - Saturday, 16th April Jordan River and Dead Sea Region**

- Masada, Herod's hill top fortress. We ascend and descend by cable car.
- Bathe in the warm waters of the Dead Sea at Kalia Beach; Baptismal Site at Qasr al-Yahud (site where Jesus was baptised); Bethany (Tomb of Lazarus,)
- Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### **Day Five - Sunday, 17th April**

#### **Museums and Shopping**

- Visit the Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls) and the Israel Museum.
- The remainder of the day is free in Jerusalem. You may wish to explore the nearby Bible Lands Museum, the Knesset, or take a tram (you pay the fare) to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum (free entrance), or enjoy exploring the shopping precincts.
- Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### **Day Six - Monday, 18th April**

#### **Samaria and The Galilee**

- We drive to Shechem (Jacob's Well; Joseph's Tomb; Tel Balata [Canaanite City]); Megiddo (guided walk).
- Cana and Tiberias. Enjoy some free time by the Sea of Galilee.
- Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

### **Day Seven - Tuesday, 19th April**

#### **Around the Sea of Galilee**

- Boat Trip on the Sea of Galilee; Capernaum; Tabgha (Feeding of the Multitude); Mount of Beatitudes Chapel; Bethsaida.
- Caesarea Philippi; Golan Heights.
- Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

### **Day Eight - Wednesday, 20th April**

#### **Nazareth**

- Walking tour of old Nazareth through the Sukh, visiting the Synagogue church.
- Explore Nazareth village, an imaginative recreation of life in the times of Jesus; Mount of Precipice.
- Dinner and overnight in Carmel.

### **Day Nine - Thursday, 21st April**

#### **Mount Carmel and Caesarea Maritima**

- Drive to the Mount Carmel ridge where we visit Muhraqa, site of the confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. We head to Akko and the impressive Crusader Fortress built by The Hospitallers, the Order of the Knights of St. John.
- Travel down the Mediterranean coast to Herod the Great's seaport at Caesarea to see the Roman amphitheatre and aqueduct.
- Continue to Tel Aviv Airport for return flight to London Luton.

*Itinerary subject to change*

**Price £1650 per person**

#### **What the price includes**

- Return flights from London Luton to Tel Aviv
- Accommodation in good quality hotels in twin / double bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- One lunch at Nazareth Village
- Services of fully qualified English speaking guides throughout
- Entrance fees, service charges, portorage and gratuities
- Tours and transfers in deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Airport taxes

#### **Not included in the price**

- Personal items, drinks with meals
- Lunches en route, except where mentioned above
- Single supplement - £440 per person
- Travel insurance (see back page)
- £2.50 ATOL Protection Contribution\*

## How to Book

You can book this tour by completing the attached booking form and sending it together with your deposit of £200 (full payment if within 10 weeks of departure) to:

## Worldwide Christian Travel 36 Coldharbour Road, Bristol BS6 7NA

### Please make cheques payable to 'Hadler Tours Limited'

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### Passports, Visas and Vaccinations

Travellers are responsible for ensuring that they have a valid passport for travel to the relevant countries and that it is valid for at least 6 months after the date of travel. Visas are not required for British Passport holders visiting Israel. At the time this brochure went to press no vaccinations or inoculations are required for travel but you may wish to consult your own doctor for advice concerning this. If you have any queries regarding the above, we will be happy to help.

## Travel Advice

For the latest travel advice please visit [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk), see BBC Ceefax page 470 onwards or call 0870 606 0290.

### Further Information And Paying The Balance

Further information will be sent to you regarding any action that may be required approximately 12 weeks before departure.

A final invoice will also be sent at this time and the balance for the tour must be paid at least 10 weeks before departure.

### Travel Information

Full travel information, including details of meeting points, flight times, accommodation and travel information, will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks before departure. Normally, tickets are not issued but are handed to you at the airport or departure point by our representative who will be there to ensure that you depart without a hitch and to deal with any last minute difficulties.

### Travel Insurance

It is compulsory to have travel insurance for your booking. Holiday Extras have a range of policies available at very competitive prices.

You can obtain a quote online by visiting [www.christian-travel.com](http://www.christian-travel.com) or alternatively you can call 0871 360 2742 and quote ABTA number 93522.

### Gratuities

Our normal procedure is to deal with tips on a group basis and these are included in the price. The tour leader will distribute them to the guide, driver and hotels on your behalf. Individual tipping is not recommended unless the circumstances are exceptional.

### Room Check In and Check Out Times

The standard international practice is to let rooms from midday to midday. However times do vary. Check-in times are usually between 2pm and 3pm, check-out times between 11am and 12 noon on the day of departure. Therefore, if you check-in immediately after a night flight this would normally count as one night's accommodation. Similarly if your return flight is at night you will normally be required to vacate your room at 12 noon prior to leaving for the airport. Day rooms are subject to availability/cost and should be arranged locally with the accommodation management.

Please note that the cost of the tour may be subject to surcharges - please see the booking conditions. Currency exchange rates used £1 = US\$1.5593 as published in the Financial Times on 31st December 2014.

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