



A trip of a lifetime to the

HOLY LAND

Monday 25th September - Tuesday 3rd October 2017



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Worldwide Christian Travel



ITINERARY

We will visit many of the key historic sites in the Bible and hopefully as we make this journey together our lives will be enriched.

MONDAY

We leave London Luton on a direct morning flight to Tel Aviv, where we will be met on arrival for transfer to our hotel in Tiberias.

TUESDAY

We start the day with an audio-visual introduction to the region at “The Galilee Experience”. We learn of the importance of Galilee for Rabbinic study after the fall of Jerusalem; and then visit the 2000 year old Ancient Boat at a nearby kibbutz. We sail across the Sea of Galilee on a replica of this boat, pausing during this for our Sunday worship. We visit sites associated with Jesus’ ministry: Migdal (where a 1st century synagogue has recently been found); Capernaum (Jesus’ home town, with its ancient synagogue and Peter’s house); and Tabgha (possible site of the feeding of the 5000, and a lakeside resurrection appearance of Jesus) and the Mount of Beatitudes (the setting of the Sermon on the Mount).
Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

WEDNESDAY

Passing Mount Tabor (a possible site of the Transfiguration) we visit Cana (where Jesus turned water into wine), and continue to Nazareth - where we see churches associated with Mary’s Well, and Jesus’ reputed childhood home (the Church of the Annunciation). We visit Nazareth Village (depicting life in the time of Jesus), and the Mount of the Precipice (believed to be where Jesus was taken by the angry crowd after preaching at the Nazareth Synagogue); viewing the valley of Armageddon.
Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

THURSDAY

We travel south, visiting the new baptismal site

opposite Bethany-by-Jordan; passing Jericho; and going through the Wadi Kelt (possibly the inspiration for the “Valley of the Shadow of Death”) where we see St George’s Monastery across the valley. Arriving in Jerusalem, we view the Old City from the Mount of Olives; and imagine the Jerusalem of the 2nd Temple period. We see the Western Wall; and explore the Western Wall tunnels. To conclude the day, we see David’s City; walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel (constructed in the 8th century BC to ensure a safe water supply) for those who wish; and see the recently uncovered Pool of Siloam. End the day with a visit to the church of St Peter in Gallicantu (reputedly where Peter denied Jesus, the site of Caiaphas’ House); and look out across the Valley of Gehenna.
Our new hotel is in Jerusalem.

FRIDAY

Visit the Bethlehem Bible College and the Tent of Nations then continue to the Shepherds’ Fields; and the Church of the Nativity.
Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

SATURDAY

Visit the Pool of Bethesda (where Jesus healed a crippled man). We then follow part of the Via Dolorosa (the approximate route Jesus took to his death on the cross). We see flagstones from the Antonia Fortress (the Roman barracks, where Jesus was tried); on these can be seen an engraving known as the King Game, perhaps related to the mocking of Jesus. At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we see the traditional site of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. We end the afternoon viewing Gordon’s Calvary, and with quiet reflection and worship at the Garden Tomb (possible alternative locations for Jesus’ death and resurrection).
Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

SUNDAY

In the morning, those who wish may share in (English-speaking) worship with local Christians, either Christchurch (the oldest Anglican church in the Middle East, with a “Messianic” flavour); or East Jerusalem Baptist Church (an international church with Palestinian sympathies). We visit Bethany, the site of Lazarus’ tomb. We then trace the Palm Sunday path down from the Mount of Olives into the city, pausing at the Dominus Flavit church (recalling Jesus weeping over Jerusalem). We see Gethsemane, where we will celebrate communion, and have time for quiet reflection. We walk part of the “Last Path” (through the Kidron valley), and see the Western Wall.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

MONDAY

We take a “day out” to visit the desert area south-east of Jerusalem. Visit Herodion (one of Herod’s many palaces, believed to contain Herod’s tomb) We drive along the shore of the Dead Sea (the lowest place on the earth’s surface), and visit the ancient fortress of Masada (another of Herod’s fortresses, and the famed site of Jewish resistance); Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, possibly associated with John the Baptist; and Ein Gedi, scene of David’s pursuit by Saul. Depending on the weather, it may be possible to “float” in the Dead Sea.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

TUESDAY

In the morning we visit Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Memorial). Then travel to Tel Aviv, and our flight home to London.

Price - £1,495 per person

WHAT THE PRICE INCLUDES

- Return flights from London Luton to Tel Aviv with easyJet
- Accommodation in good hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Services of fully qualified English speaking guides
- Travel in deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Entrance fees, service charges, portorage and gratuities
- Headsets in Israel
- Airport taxes
- ATOL Protection Contribution
- Bible College lecture fee

Not included in the price

- Travel from home to UK airport
- Lunches
- Items of a personal nature
- Single supplement £288 per person
- Travel insurance (see back page)

Please note that the cost of the tour may be subject to surcharges - please see the booking conditions. Currency exchange rates used £1 = US\$1.4649 as published in the Financial Times on 5th January 2016.

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TOUR LEADERS

Bob Hamer is the CEO of Aid International charity no. 1154665

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Both Bob & Mark are members of **Bath City Church** which meets at The Forum,

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HOW TO BOOK

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TRAVEL ADVICE

For the latest travel advice please visit 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 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.

