

A PILGRIMAGE TO

ISRAEL

Led by Rev John Bridger

Monday 28 March - Thursday 7 April 2022



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I was the pastor of Reigate Baptist Church until I retired at the end of 2015. Since then I have enjoyed preaching and teaching in a number of churches more recently by way of video and zoom because of the corona virus.



I first went to Israel in 1968 when I worked on a kibbutz for several months. Even though I was not a committed Christian I had some profound spiritual experiences.

I eventually came to faith in 1974 since when I have returned to Israel several times including taking part in a sponsored bike ride from Dan to Beersheba. Each trip has resulted in a real spiritual experience and I expect nothing less this time.

This is so much more than a mere sightseeing trip. With our Messianic Jewish guide we will actually be visiting places where Jesus walked and talked and listen to his anointed teaching in situ. Bible teaching at its best with an extra dimension!

Day 1 Monday - ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv. Meet our guide and bus driver for the trip
- Overnight: Mediterranean Coast

Day 2 Tuesday - LIGHT TO THE NATIONS - Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah

- Travel north up the coast and then inland to Galilee
- Visit the fabulous ruins of Caesarea Maritima and several other Biblical sites
- Enjoy the spectacular view over the north of Israel from Mount Carmel
- Travel along the route of the ancient Via Maris to Megiddo, one of King Solomon's cities
- Arrive at Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus
- Overnight: Sea of Galilee

Day 3 Wednesday - AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE - Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

- Visit various sites around the Sea of Galilee to picture daily life
- Chorazin - the well - preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village
- Mount of Beatitudes -

Sermon on the Mount

- Capernaum - home town of Jesus
- Tabgha - multiplication of loaves & fish. Where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection.
- Magdala - ancient synagogue, fishermen's homes, Church
- Kibbutz Ginosar to see the "Jesus Boat" from the First Century
- Boat ride on the Lake with worship, prayer and reflective time
- Overnight: Sea of Galilee

Day 4 Thursday - NORTHERN ISRAEL - "Who Do Men Say That I Am?"

- Explore Northern Israel. Seek to understand what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus
- Golan Heights - visit Talmudic village at Katzrin
- Travel up Mount Hermon - likely site of the Transfiguration
- Caesarea Philippi - Peter's famous confession
- Pass Druze Villages - Mt Bental
- Dan Nature Reserve - enjoy pleasant walk by a stream
- Overnight: Sea of Galilee

**Day 5 Friday - THE JORDAN VALLEY -
“In the World But Not of It”**

- Baptismal site at Yardenit
- Journey south down Syrian African Rift Valley to the Dead Sea
- Ein Gedi - where David hid from Saul
- Qumran - site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Overnight: Beersheva

**Day 6 Saturday - THE NEGEV DESERT -
“Stepping Back in to the Old Testament”**

- National Park at Tel Be'er Sheva
- Abraham's Well
- Valley of Elah - David and Goliath
- Ascent to Jerusalem - the City of the Great King
- Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 7 Sunday - THE RESTORATION OF
HOPE - A Garland Instead of Ashes**

- Worship at Christ Church. Followed by a tour to learn about CMJ
- Yad VaShem - Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust
- Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 8 Monday - FREE DAY IN
JERUSALEM**

- Free for rest, reflection, shopping, or perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City
- Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 9 Tuesday - JERUSALEM IN THE
TIME OF JESUS - The Temple at the Centre**

- We will learn about Jerusalem in Jesus' day
- Temple Mount
- Western Wall - place of prayer - Judaism's most holy site
- Western Wall Tunnels
- Jewish Quarter - Herodian Villas
- Southern Steps where Jesus Walked
- Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 10 Wednesday - IN THE STEPS OF
JESUS - Crucifixion, Death, Burial and
Resurrection**

- Focus on Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem
- Panoramic outlook of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives
- Site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and future second coming
- View tomb from the time of Jesus
- Walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane
- Walk to the City of David - and through Hezekiah's wet tunnel
- Garden Tomb - reflective time
- Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 11 Thursday - TO THE ENDS OF THE
EARTH**

- Morning free for last minute shopping or wander around Jerusalem
- Perhaps wander into the New Jerusalem
- Return flight home

Itinerary subject to change

Price £2150 per person

What the price includes

- Return flights from London Heathrow to Tel Aviv
- Accommodation in hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Services of fully qualified English speaking guide throughout
- Tours and transfers in deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Entrance fees, service charges, portage
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Not included in the price

- Items of a personal nature, drinks & lunches
- Travel from home to UK airport
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