

ISRAEL

TOUR



Sunday 14th - Sunday 21st May

2023

We are part of the leadership team in Kings Church - Newport Wales where we head-up the Israel Prayer & Support Group. The group has been active for over two decades helping Christians to understand the importance of Israel and the Jewish people.

Having led tours to Israel for over 30 years; our hope is that people will encounter Jesus in a deeper way in the Land that he loves so much.

Compared with many countries Israel is minuet, but when compared with its history, landscape, culture and bible relevance it is a world leader.



Being such a small country it's so easy to visit many outstanding sites in just one day. Every day of the tour will be packed with excitement and variety, from one minute being in a barren desert and the next seeing the bible come alive while standing on the Mount of Olives. There is no other place on earth that can do this so come expecting a trip of a lifetime.

We will give you a clear, simple historical and biblical background helping you understand why Jesus was destined to be Jewish in the land of Israel. Just as he taught in parables, we present his teachings in simple and relevant ways.

Groups are always varied with people from different cultures and levels of understanding, this is why our style of guiding and teaching is easy to absorb.

We invite you to join our 31st tour which will cover three main themes:

IN SEARCH OF THE KINGS – *Looks into the background of David and the Kings of Israel and Judah*

THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING – *Exploring the past, present and future of Jerusalem, its importance to God and its role on the world stage*

JESUS – KING OF KINGS – *Follow in His footsteps allowing Israel to reveal Jesus' life on earth, the Good News of the Messiah and His coming return*

DAY 1 - SUNDAY

We depart on our day flight from Luton to Tel Aviv. Check into our Jerusalem Hotel.

DAY 2 - MONDAY

Bethlehem - Visit the Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest surviving churches in the world marking the traditional birth place of Jesus. From a set of steps in the main church we go down into the cave that has been honoured as the site of Christ's birth and the oldest site continuously used as a place of worship in Christianity.

Herodium in the Judean hills, site of one of King Herods hilltop palace / fortress where archaeologists have recently discovered his tomb. There are amazing views across to the Dead Sea and the Judean Desert.

The Old City of Jerusalem - Enter through the Damascus Gate and walk the alleyways and passages of the Arab markets, take in the atmosphere and aroma of Eastern spices.

Austrian Hospice - (now a hotel) we take a well-earned break by stepping back into 19th century Europe. Treat yourself to a coffee and apple strudel in this oasis of peace in the middle of the bustling Old City.

The Western Wall - the retaining wall of the Temple Platform the site of the Second Temple in the time of Jesus. This 'Wall' (Kotel) is renowned the world over as a powerful place of prayer, and the second most important place for the Jews. Take time here and absorb the Holiness of this special place.

Southern Wall Excavations of the Temple Mount to stand on the steps Jesus took to enter the temple.

DAY 3 - TUESDAY

The morning starts with a climb to the top of the **Augusta Victoria Tower** with its stunning views across the Old city of Jerusalem, the Judean Wilderness and as far as Jordan.



Herodium



We follow the **Palm Sunday Road** retracing Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
Including:

Bethphage. The disciples were sent here to collect the donkey that Jesus would ride into Jerusalem to fulfil the prophecy of Zechariah.

Mount of Olives - with its spectacular views across the Kidron Valley and Jerusalem.

Tomb of the Patriarchs - The traditional burial site of the prophets Haggia, Malachi and Zechariah, here we will consider their end time prophesies and current world events.

Church of Mary Magdalene - From the beautiful gardens we can see across the Kidron Valley to the Temple Mount, from this area Jesus wept over Jerusalem anticipating the future of its destruction in AD 70
Prince Phillips's mother, Princess Alice of Greece's burial casket is kept in state here, we will look at the impact this amazing woman had on both Britain and Israel.

Garden of Gethsemane and Church of all Nations, here are Olive trees dating back hundreds of years which will give a deep insight into the suffering of Jesus and to consider his final hours.

The City of David - *a must visit*, its actually more ancient than the Old City of Jerusalem making it the most important archaeological site in Israel. It began over 3,000 years ago, when King David left the city of Hebron for a small hilltop city known as Jerusalem, establishing it as the unified capital of the tribes of Israel. You will walk in the footsteps of the kings of Judah; David, Solomon, Hezekiah, and many of the prophets to watch the bible come alive before your eyes.

We finish the day at the recently discovered original **Pool of Siloam**, where Jesus told the blind man to wash his eyes and he would see.

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY

The morning starts at the **Herzl Museum** the founder of The World Zionist Organization with a spectacular audio-visual encounter with the visionary of the Jewish State. We take a short walk onto Mount Herzl to see his grave before descending through the woods to

Yad Vashem the Holocaust Memorial Museum, a must for all visitors to Israel. The morning shows God's hand on the Jewish people and their land.



City of David

Church of St Peter in Gallicantu on Mount Zion where he denied his friend Jesus three times. From here we can see the original steps Jesus walked up, from the Lower City (City of David) to the **House of Caiaphas** the High Priest, to be tried.

Walk through the **Armenian Quarter** to **Christchurch** - the oldest Protestant church building in the Middle East. We will hear about the impact the 18th and 19th century Evangelical church had on the restoration of Israel. There will be time for a break to enjoy a tea or coffee in the garden.

Jaffa Gate and David's Citadel - recent excavations have revealed Herods palace and the probable location of Pilate's residence where the Trial of Jesus occurred.

Day 5 - THURSDAY

The Garden Tomb and **Place of the Skull** – a very special place considered by many to be the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection, we share Communion and consider the importance of what took place here.

Leave the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem for the peace and tranquillity of Galilee. Travel through the **Hills of Samaria** to **Ancient Shiloh** - 3,500-year-old biblical experience, the capital of the Land Israel, pre-king David, where the tabernacle and the Ark was set up in worship to God for 369 years. Samuel grew up and served here under the care of Eli. The "**Haroeh Tower Museum**" with spectacular audio-visual



Shiloh

presentations and **Archaeological Park** bring this extremely important site to life, you feel as though you are back in the days of the Prophets.

River Jordan and the **Qasr el Yahud Baptismal site**. Traditional place where Jesus was baptised also where the Children of Israel crossed into the Promised Land. Check into our Tiberius Hotel.

Day 6 - FRIDAY

Galilee is such a peaceful place; you will understand why Jesus spent so much time here.

The day starts with a boat trip across the **Sea of Galilee**, picture Jesus calming the storm and walking on the water.

Crossing the River Jordan, we visit **Kursi**, (region of Gadara) it was here that Jesus landed in Gentile territory and cast evil spirits out of the demon possessed man.

Follow 'The Teaching Triangle' to **Bethsaida** where Jesus and his disciples fed the 5000. **Capernaum**, the Centre of Jesus' ministry, where he carried out over 20 miracles.

We return to our hotel by mid-afternoon for a swim or a relaxing few hours.

Day 7 - SATURDAY

Mount of Beatitudes - The traditional site where Jesus taught the Sermon on the Mount. Resting in the shade of these beautiful gardens overlooking the Sea of Galilee we can consider Jesus' teachings. Onto **Chorazin**, a town that Jesus visited many times doing many miracles, he finally cursed it for its unbelief.

St Peter's Primacy on the Sea of Galilee. Here after His Resurrection Jesus met the disciples, fed them breakfast, reinstated Peter and commissioned him to "*feed my sheep*".



Magdala, to see the recently excavated 1st century Synagogue, Jesus most likely taught here during His time in Galilee. The site celebrates the role of women as it's the home Mary Magdalene, a dedicated follower of Jesus.

Day 8 - SUNDAY

Nazareth Village - The original farm has been restored with its ancient wine press, terraces, irrigation system and stone quarry, and exact replicas of first-century houses, a synagogue, a watchtower, mikveh and olive presses, experience a typical village in the time of Jesus.

On our journey to the airport, we will stop at the Mediterranean resort of **Caesarea**, you can take a stroll around the stunning excavations or enjoy the beach cafes, a great place to finish the trip.

There will be quite a lot of walking so A DEGREE OF FITNESS IS ESSENTIAL

Itinerary subject to change.

Price £1835 per person

What the price includes

- Return flights from London Luton to Tel Aviv (Details of flight numbers and times have not yet been finalised)
- Accommodation in good quality hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Fully qualified English-speaking guide throughout
- Transfer of passengers and baggage
- Sightseeing as in itinerary
- Fully qualified English speaking guide
- Travel by air-conditioned coaches
- Entrance fees, gratuities, service charges and portorage
- Airport taxes
- ATOL Protection Contribution*

Not included in the price

- Single supplement £385 per person
- Travel insurance including COVID-19 cover
- Any costs related to COVID-19

Please note that the cost of the tour may be subject to surcharges - please see the booking conditions. Currency exchange rates used £1 = US\$1.3098 as published in the Financial Times on the 8th March 2022.

APC (ATOL Protection Contribution) provides passenger protection via the ATTF (Air Travel Trust Fund). For further information visit www.caa.co.uk

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People of all ages are welcome, but, whatever your age, we must insist on a reasonable level of fitness. A number of sites involve rough walking and exploring Jerusalem means climbing many sets of steps.

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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 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.

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