

holy land essentials

led by Rev Dr Mark Hutchinson
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a life changing encounter...

We invite you to join our experienced team who have carefully crafted an exciting programme for our Holy Land Essentials Tour. It combines the most important biblical sites with time for you to explore and experience the bazaars and wonders of old Jerusalem, along with the beauty of Galilee, together with inspired biblical teaching and warm fellowship.

This is a special opportunity to join our expert guides who will bring the sites you visit to life. Also included is a beautifully illustrated booklet that will give you most of the background information you will need. From the comments received from our previous trips we know this will truly be an experience of a lifetime for you because:

- It is a rare opportunity to journey from the Old Testament through to Paul
- Internationally appreciated expert experienced guides bring the history and Bible alive
- Illustrated information notes enable you to engage at the level you desire
- The itinerary of distinctive authentic sites is unique to this tour
- The profound spiritual impact this tour will have on you is substantiated by previous guests
- We provide a high level of support and care to meet individual needs
- New visitors and returnees to Israel are catered for.

This truly unique Biblical Journey will be inspiring because it will spiritually touch your heart and mind, and contagious because you will be so impacted you will want to tell others about it, and challenging because the Holy Spirit will prompt you to think about your personal journey.

Our trip is different to most other tours in that we keep to authentic sites that take you on a fascinating biblical experience, via Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, and Jericho to times of refreshing with Jesus around 'Blue Galilee', and ending with Paul taking the Gospel to the world.

The itinerary has been very carefully developed over the years to give you a balanced genuine biblical experience, with personal time to make your own explorations. Also, an important feature of the tour is the opportunity to engage with the Palestinian and Jewish communities.

For those wanting greater detail and depth, comprehensive, biblically referenced, illustrated briefing notes are available for each day and most sites. Our staff are constantly available to support you in your personal journey.

Most ages and capabilities can be catered for. If you have visited Israel before and want to do some of your own things, or if you have any questions or concerns about joining us on this trip please telephone Mark on 01749 676096.



day 1 - holy land departure

Depart from London Luton to Tel Aviv. Travel by coach to Jerusalem. Stopping for your first panoramic view of the Holy City from Mount Scopus.



day 2 - jesus' jerusalem

- David's City to see a 3D film explaining the new discoveries, and explore the original Jebus the pre-Israelite city of the Jebusites.
- Visit the Bethlehem Bible College,
- the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square,
- the Shepherds Fields, and
- call at the desert site of King Herod's Winter Palace (Herodium) cut into a mountain summit with great views of Judea.

There will be an optional short walk in the evening through the bazaars to the Western Wall to have an amazing experience of Jewish, dancing and joining the start of the Jewish Sabbath (Shabbat).

Followed by dinner at the hotel.



day 3 - pre-israelite jerusalem & bethlehem

- Palm Sunday Walk - To the city limits of Jesus' day at Bethphage by coach.
- Mount of Olives - At the summit a fine view of the Old City.
- Stroll down Olivet to the Dominus Flevit Church with its special view of the Old City.
- Gethsemane Garden - a special time for meditation in a private Olive garden at the bottom of the Mount of Olives.
- Visit Mount Zion.
- Passover Trial - Underneath St. Peter's church in Gallicantu with its prison cells where Jesus may have been held, and old stone steps on which he may have walked.
- The Garden Tomb - See a 1st century rolling-stone tomb just outside the city walls and nearby "Gordon's Calvary".
- Private Communion service in the Garden.

Dinner & Overnight in Jerusalem.



day 4 - jerusalem essentials

- Mount Moriah where Abraham offered Isaac for sacrifice (the Temple Mount), and view the Alaska Mosque and other essentials.
- St Stephen's Gate also known as the Lion's Gate and the Sheep Gate.
- Visit St Anne's church and Bethesda pools by the Sheep gate. A spring-fed pool with five porches where invalids waited their turn to step into the angel disturbed waters that were believed to heal people.
- Then a walk through the old city visiting some of the old sites including: the remains of the Antonia Fortress, the Western Wall, Nehemiah's city wall, the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Cardo one of Jerusalem's best Roman-Byzantine sites, also known as the Street of the Pillars. The word 'cardo' comes from the Greek word for 'heart'; this was one of the central

roads of the Old City.

- Gospel Scenes at the Jerusalem Archaeological Park (Davidson Centre)- A recently excavated area at the southern walls of the Temple Mount to see:
 - *the Rabbinical Teaching Steps where Jesus would have talked & Paul taught.*
 - *the Mikvah Baths which Mary & Joseph would have used.*
 - *the Temple Gates where the money-changers sat & Peter & John walked.*



day 5 - the dead sea, jericho & galilee

- The Dead Sea Scrolls - See a short film about the Scrolls and view some Caves of Qumran where the ancient scripts were found in 1947.
- The Dead Sea - Time to relax and for those who wish, "float" and/or cover themselves in mud at a spa by the Dead Sea.
- Joshua & Jericho - Into the oasis town of Jericho to see the "fallen walls" and breathe its history.
- Blue Galilee - On to the shores and the hotel for room allocation and the evening meal.

Dinner & overnight by Galilee at Maagan Kibbutz.





"I made some self discoveries"

"exceeded all expectations"

"no other trip could live up to this"

"informative and challenging"

"a perfect holiday experience"

"made amazing discoveries"

day 6 - jesus' galilee

A full day's guided tour tracing the Galilean Ministry of Jesus.

- To the Other Side - A relaxing sail on Galilee and visit the Ancient Galilee Boat museum and see a short film.
- Blessed are the Peacemakers - Ascend the Mount of Beatitudes with its fine panorama of Galilee where Jesus delivered the "Sermon on the Mount".
- Tabgha - Right on the shoreline of Galilee - where Jesus made breakfast for the Disciples in His Resurrection appearance.
- Jairus' Daughter - See the remains of the ancient Synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught and view Peter's recently excavated house.

Return to the Kibbutz. Dinner & Overnight by Galilee.



day 7 - the golan: a mixture of old & new

- Visit Hazor probably the biggest ancient Canaanite and Israelite fortress city. It was conquered by Joshua.
- Call at Caesarea Philippi, in the foothill of Mt Hermon, where Jesus took the Disciples and challenged them about who he was. You will understand more about Peter being the 'Rock'.
- Dan to Beersheva - Visit the Nature Reserve at Dan and walk to the old biblical capital of Dan that still displays the stone throne of Ahab and Altar of Jeroboam. You will walk the roads that many OT characters trod.
- See the Druze villages, Mount Hermon and the Golan Heights with views towards Syria and Damascus.

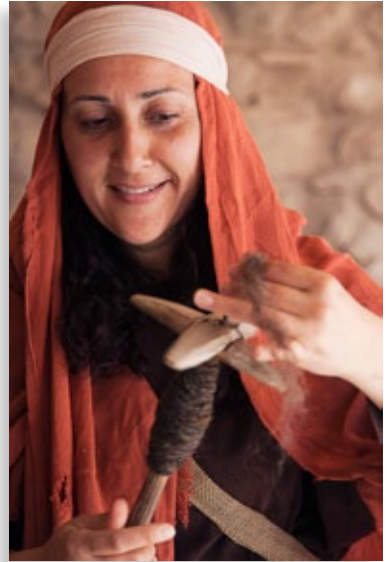
Return to Galilee with a few hours left in the day to relax. Dinner & Overnight by Galilee.

day 8 - nazareth, carmel, & caesarea

Jesus to Paul.

- The Carpenter's Son - Time at the Nazareth Village - a fine reconstruction of daily life as it would have been in Jesus' day.
- Armageddon - Into the great Jezreel Valley the site of Revelation's Armageddon.
- View Mount Carmel from the El-Muhraqa Carmelite Monastery where Elijah and the prophets of Baal met.
- Agrippa & Paul - Down the old Via Maris (ancient trade route) on the Mediterranean Coast to see Caesarea Maritima's massive sea-port built by Herod. Cornelius the first Gentile convert & Philip the Evangelist lived here. Peter the Apostle visited. Paul was imprisoned here and defended the Gospel, and left for Rome.

Dinner and Overnight in Netanya.



day 9 - fly home

Depart from Tel Aviv to London Luton.



accomodation

A range of luxurious hotels with an emphasis on excellent location:

- **Golden Walls Hotel, Jerusalem**
- **Maagan Holiday Village, Galilee**
- **Blue Bay Hotel, Netanya**



Price £1295

What the price includes...

- Return flights from London 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.
- Transfer of passengers and baggage.
- Sightseeing as in itinerary.
- Travel by air-conditioned coaches.
- Service of fully qualified English speaking guide.
- All entrance fees, service charges, portorage and gratuities.
- Airport taxes.

Not included in the price...

- Travel between home and UK Airport.
- Single supplement £360 per person.
- Travel insurance - please see back page
- £2.50 ATOL Protection Contribution.*

Please note that the cost of the tour may be subject to surcharges - please see the booking conditions. Currency exchange rates used £1 = 1.579 US\$ as published in the FT.com on 18th September 2011

* On October 1st 2009 the CAA increased its levy to £2.50 per passenger APC (ATOL Protection Contribution) which provides passenger protection via the ATTF (Air Travel Trust Fund). For further information visit www.caa.co.uk

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change.

How to Book

You can book online at www.christian-travel.com or please complete the attached booking form and send it together with your deposit of £200 (full payment if within 10 weeks of departure) to: Worldwide Christian Travel (address below):

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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.chrisitan-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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