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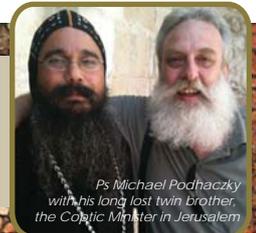
PENINSULA CITY CHURCH

JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

for Peninsula City Church

16th – 30th June 2018

Escorted by Ps Michael Podhaczkzy



Ps Michael Podhaczkzy
with his long lost twin brother,
the Coptic Minister in Jerusalem

I will be travelling aboard on a journey of discovery in June 2018. I will be going to the land of Israel, a land wonderfully rich in history and biblical meaning. This will be a trip of a lifetime and you have the opportunity to travel with me. Although, it will be more than just a holiday, a historical or archaeological trip or even a pilgrimage. It will be a journey filled with possibility for renewed growth in understanding God and His ways in this amazing land.

You will see amazing sights and sounds, and sample mouth-watering smells and tastes, of the land of Israel. This will especially be the case if you engage this land with an open heart. From experience, you will hear and see what your heavenly Father has to show you. Israel 2018 is a journey of discovery, that may not come your way again. So, will you journey with us?

Ps Michael Podhaczkzy

DAY 1: Saturday 16 June

DEPART AUSTRALIA

Depart from Australia today on your flight to Bangkok. On arrival, connect to your onward flight with El Al Israel Airlines bound for Israel. Overnight: in flight

DAY 2: Sunday 17 June

TEL AVIV

Arrive this morning into Ben Gurion Airport on flight where you'll be met and assisted by your guide. Start your tour of the Holy Land at the Neot Kedumim Biblical Reserve and enjoy a "biblical" breakfast. Continue to Jaffa, the oldest port in the world. Drive through Tel Aviv and check into your hotel. Afternoon is at leisure before with an early dinner. Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY 3: Monday 18 June

COASTAL PLAIN

Drive north along the Coastal Plain. Stop at Caesarea Maritima to see the harbor city built by Herod the Great. Visit the Carmelite Monastery at the Mukarah, where Elijah smote the false prophets. Visit Megiddo (Armageddon) before continuing to Nazareth Village, a unique reconstruction of a first century village on an actual ancient agricultural site. Continue on for a short visit to Nazareth and the holy sites and onto our hotel at Kibbutz Ginosar, on the Sea of Galilee.

DAY 4: Tuesday 19 June

SEA OF GALILEE / GOLAN HEIGHTS

Ascend the Golan Heights, view the Hula Valley from Mitzpe Gadot and hear about Israel's master spy, Eli Cohen. From Mt. Bental, peer deep into Syria and the ghost town of Kuneitra, see the whole of Northern Israel from atop. Visit the former Syrian fortifications, Birkat Ram, and enjoy a walk through Caesarea-Phillippi at Banias Falls. Visit the reconstructed village of Qatzrin as well as Kibbutz El Rom and see an audio visual presentation about the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Return to the Sea of Galilee and visit the 2000 year old 'Jesus Boat'. Enjoy dinner and overnight Kibbutz Ginosar, on the Sea Galilee.

DAY 5: Wednesday 20 June

SEA OF GALILEE

Enjoy a cruise across the Sea of Galilee in a traditional wooden sailing boat, Explore Capernaum and see the ancient synagogue where Jesus preached. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the Multiplication took place. Ascend to the top of the Mt. of Beatitudes, where you can relive the Sermon on the Mount. Visit Chorazim and Beth Saida and view Gerazim and Hypos, some relevant sites of Jesus' Ministry. Kibbutz Ginosar

DAY 6: Thursday 21 June

JORDAN VALLEY

Experience a special ceremony at the Yardenit Baptismal site. Travel south along the Jordan Valley, stopping to explore the ancient city of Beith Shean, a fully excavated Roman/Byzantine city of Scytopolis. Stop for an overview of Jericho. Ascend the mountains to Jerusalem. Say a welcome prayer to Jerusalem from the top of Mount Scopus. Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY 7: Friday 22 June

JERUSALEM OLD CITY

Start the day with a spectacular view of Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road and visit the Church of all Nations at the Garden of Gethsemane. Onto the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, pass through Ecce Homo Arch and the Crypt of Sisters of Zion and on to the Via Dolorosa and visit the Stations of the Cross including the Coptic Church with its secret underground water cisterns. Our walk ends up in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Explore Mt. Zion. Visit the Room of the Last Supper and King David's Tomb. See the dungeon where Jesus was imprisoned at the Gallicantu. Return to your hotel to prepare

for the welcoming of the Sabbath. Experience Prayers at the Western Wall. Enjoy a hosted Sabbath dinner in a local Israeli home.

DAY 8: Saturday 23 June

BETHLEHEM

Proceed to Bethlehem for a visit to the Shepherds Fields, Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Jerusalem
Optional evening tour: See the spectacular sound and light show at the Tower of David.

DAY 9: Sunday 24 June

JERUSALEM

See the new excavations at the original City of David. Enjoy communion at the Garden Tomb. Continue to the New City and visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial. Visit the famous Dead Sea Scrolls, housed in the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum. See also the scale model of Jerusalem. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY 10: Monday 25 June

DEAD SEA

Depart Jerusalem and descend to Jericho View the oasis of Ein Gedi, where King David hid from King Saul and then to the Dead Sea – the lowest place on Earth. Stop and explore the caves of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Overnight: Dead Sea

DAY 11: Tuesday 26 June

DEAD SEA

Ascend the mighty fortress of Masada via cable car, where the zealots made their last stand against the Roman Army. Enjoy a float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Rest up in the motel and pool. Overnight: Dead Sea

DAY 12: Wednesday 27 June

BEERSHEBA / TEL AVIV

Visit the biblical city of Tel Sheva. Enjoy an overview of the battle of Beersheba. Continue into Beersheba for a visit to the Park of the Australian Soldier and the Commonwealth Cemetery. Stop at the Bell Caves of Beit Guvrin. Continue onto the Ela Valley, site of the famous battle between David and Goliath. Travel through Beith Shemesh where the Ark of the Covenant rested. Dinner and overnight is back at your hotel in Tel Aviv.

DAY 13: Thursday 28 June

DEPART ISRAEL

Enjoy a late check-out and leisurely morning. At around midday, depart and journey to Latrun to visit an interesting tank museum. See also mini Israel, a scale model of the Holy Land. Enjoy a final farewell early dinner together in Abu Gosh with some time for wondering around. Depart for Ben Gurion Airport for your evening El Al flight LY81 departing at 23:05 to Bangkok before connecting with your flight back to Australia. Overnight: in flight

DAY 14: Saturday 30 June

ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive back today with wonderful memories of a fantastic trip!





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TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE TO ISRAEL:

- AUD\$6,190 per person (twin sharing)) – for group of 20-24 participants **OR**
- AUD\$6,090 per person (twin sharing)) – for group of 25-29 participants **OR**
- AUD\$5,990 per person (twin sharing)) – for group of 30+ participants

Single supplement: **AUD\$1395**

*Conditions apply. Subject to change

HOTELS TO BE USED (or similar)

- Tel Aviv:** Metropolitan/ Basel/ Art (1 night)
- Sea of Galilee:** Ginosar Village (3 nights)
- Jerusalem:** Prima Royale (4 nights)
- Dead Sea:** Isrotel Ganim (2 nights)
- Tel Aviv:** Metropolitan/ Basel/ Art (1 night plus late check out)

- Airport meet and assistance and transfers and transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to all sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baptismal robe and certificate for Jordan River
- Tips & gratuities throughout

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class airfares from Melbourne – Bangkok – Tel Aviv with Thai Airways and El Al Israel Airlines
- All airport and departure taxes and current fuel surcharges
- Meet and assistance at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrival.
- 11 nights' hotel accommodation as mentioned above including daily buffet breakfasts & dinners throughout at the hotels, no dinner included on the last day.
- 10 lunches en route (please note that no lunches have been included for arrival and departure dates)
- Breakfast at Neot Kedumim, Biblical Landscape Reserve
- Shabbat Dinner at local Israeli home on Friday evening, 22nd June.
- Farewell dinner in Abu Gosh on 28 June
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of local professional English speaking guide throughout the tour

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Beverages with meals
- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Single supplement
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room service etc.
- Any services not listed in 'Price Includes' above

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

1. Register your interest & obtain a booking form from Ps Michael or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place a deposit of \$350 per person is required by 18th August 2017 (unless sold out prior)
3. Full payment will be required by 10th April 2018

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