

# ITINERARY

**Day 1 (21/9):** Board your Thai Airways flight to Bangkok, then transfer to El Al Airlines for the flight to Tel Aviv.

**Day 2 (22/9): The Coastal Plain.** Arrive Tel Aviv and start your tour at Neot Kedumim Biblical Reserve for a "Biblical" breakfast and sheep herding exercise! Enjoy a brief visit to the ancient port of Joppa before checking into King Solomon Hotel, Netanya for some much needed rest.

**Day 3 (23/9): From Sea to Sea.** Start your day at Caesarea Maritima, the harbour built by Herod and go snorkelling (optional\*) in 2000 year old underwater ruins. Explore a tunnel beneath Megiddo (Armageddon) before heading to Mount Arbel for a spectacular view of Galilee. Hike down the cliffs past caves where the Jews held out against the Romans, to the valley floor. Overnight in a Galilean Kibbutz.

**Day 4 (24/9): Galilee.** Start the day with a sunrise sail on the Sea of Galilee, then walk the slopes where the Sermon on the Mount was delivered down to Tabgha and Capernaum, the home base on Jesus's ministry.

**Day 5 (25/9): Galilee.** Head north to the source of the Jordan and walk a bush trail to Tel Dan, the site of Jeroboam's rebellion. Visit Caesarea Philippi, before exploring the ruins of Nimrod Crusader castle.

**Day 6 (26/9): The Jordan River.** Start today on more turbulent waters, rafting the Jordan River, before exploring the wilds of northern Galilee on ATVs or jeeps. These activities are optional extras.\*

**Day 7 (27/9): The Dead Sea.** Head south to the Dead Sea, stopping on the way at Castle of Belvoir, one of the best preserved Crusader Castles in Israel, for an amazing outlook over Northern Israel. Float in the Dead Sea before your overnight stay at Kibbutz Kalia. (Also visit Qumran, time permitting).

**Day 8 (28/9):**

## The Wilderness.

Ascend the fortress of Masada by cable car. Hike a wilderness trail where David fled from Saul before reaching a refreshing swim in the oasis of En Gedi. Ascend from the lowest place on earth to the heights of Jerusalem! Spend the next 5 nights in Gloria Hotel inside Jerusalem's Old City walls.



**Day 9 (29/9): Jerusalem.** Free day to explore Jerusalem. Rest. Shop. Explore the Old City. Head to the new city's cafes. Walk the top of the Old City Walls. Or join your guide for a wander over the rooftops, on top of the walls, around the pools of Bethesda, and through the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

**Day 10 (30/9): Jerusalem.** Start your day with a visit to the Temple Mount (subject to security clearance). Enjoy a spectacular view from the Mount of Olives, then walk the Palm Sunday road and spend some time of reflection amongst the ancient olive trees. Visit the City of David, exploring Hezekiah's Tunnel, knee deep in underground water. Then trek Herod's tunnels to the Southern Wall excavations. Finish the day in the Western Wall tunnel.

**Day 11 (1/10): Judean Hills.** Optional day rappelling (abseiling) into the Bar Kochva caves in the Judean Hills, and rock-climbing Israel's cliffs and ledges.

**Day 12 (2/10): Jerusalem.** Explore Zezekiah's cave beneath the Old City. Spend the afternoon in the Israel museum. Experience a moving visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Finish the day hiking the Herodium before a farewell festive dinner.

**Day 13 (3/10): Departure.** Transfer from Jerusalem to Ben Gurion airport. Depart on your El Al Airlines flight to Bangkok.

**Day 15 (5/10):** (Day 14 lost in travel). Arrive back in Australia with wonderful memories of a fantastic journey!

## COST

\$6490 (based on 15 passengers)

...a \$400 per person refund will be given if group size reaches 20

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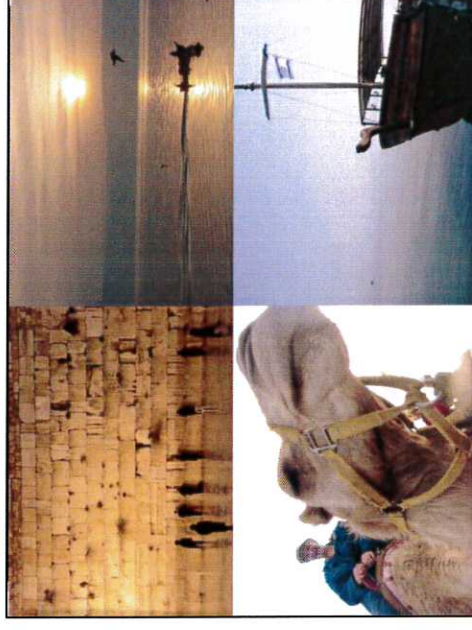
Optional extras. Check the activities you are interested in. (No obligation. This is simply to investigate interest):

- Snorkelling \$80 per person
- Rafting \$40 per person
- Jeep / ATV ride \$85 per person
- Rappelling (abseiling) \$130 per person

### Price includes:

1. Return economy airfares with Thai Airways and El Al Airlines including all taxes.
2. Transfers to and from the airport in Israel.
3. Air conditioned coach solely for our group.
4. Licensed guide and driver.
5. Twin share accommodation (note: single supplement is \$1195 extra for a private room).
6. Breakfast and dinner daily in hotel. Biblical breakfast at Neot Kedumim and festive farewell dinner at a Middle Eastern restaurant.
7. All entrance fees.
8. All tips, gratuities and portorage.

# TOUR OF THE BIBLE LANDS



## ISRAEL 2019

21 Sep-5 Oct, 2019

### Price does not include:

1. Optional extras (see above)
2. Lunches (or beverages with meals).
3. Travel insurance (some credit cards provide this for free if ticket is purchased on the card).

Deposit of \$350 required late 2018 (deposit is non-refundable). The balance of payment is required by 15 July, 2019. If you're reading this after that date, never fear! Just call Graham on 0412 508 777.

*Olive Tree Travel reserves the right to re-cost the tour in the event of a currency fluctuation of more than 3%. Tour cost will decrease with more people signed up.*

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Graham Kell is a pastor at Chancellor Park Community Church on the Sunshine Coast. He has led numerous tours to Israel and has a passion for the land and the lessons learned there. He is married with two grown sons. Graham has a Master's Degree in Theology specializing in Israel's geography and archaeology, a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Psychology (currently completing clinical qualifications), and a Bachelor degree in Environmental studies.

### Tour Guide: Graham Kell

Spend 2 weeks touring the stage upon which the drama of God's Word was played out. You'll never read the Bible the same way again!

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**Sept 21-Oct 5, 2019**