

Journey to Israel

with Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Port Melbourne

13
Days

Fully
Escorted

28th April
– 9th May, 2020



Escorted by The Reverend Noel Whale Come to the Holy Land with me!

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land brings the Bible to life. Celebrate the Eucharist on the shore of the Sea of Galilee at the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Visit the Pater Noster Church on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, where Jesus taught his Disciples the Lord's Prayer.

We will visit these and many more places where Jesus walked and taught in his early Ministry. Looking forward to sharing the journey with you!

BASED ON FOLLOWING HOTELS (or similar):

Tiberias Caesar Hotel 4 nights
Jerusalem Olive Tree Hotel 6 nights

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy airfares Melbourne – Hong Kong – Tel Aviv with Cathay Pacific
- Current airport and departure taxes
- 10 nights' hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Daily breakfasts and dinners at hotels unless otherwise specified
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- Whisperer headsets
- All guiding and entrance fees
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- All tips, portage and gratuities

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Lunches
- 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 and obtain a booking form from Rev Noel or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place, a booking deposit of \$350 per person will be required by 30th September 2019 (unless sold out prior)
3. The balance payment is required by February 28th 2020

DAY 1: MON 27 APR**Depart Australia**

Depart Melbourne today on our Cathay Pacific flight to Hong Kong. On arrival we transfer to our connecting flight to Tel Aviv.

DAY 2: TUES 28 APR**Arrive Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Tiberias**

Arrive into Tel Aviv this morning, where we are met by our waiting tour guide and driver. We will have a tour of Old Joppa (Jaffa) before we transfer to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 3: WED 29 APR**Sea of Galilee**

After breakfast we enjoy a morning boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. A prayer service will be held either onboard or on the shore. We then visit the ancient fishing boat dating from the 1st century that was found in the seabed at Nof Ginosar Kibbutz. Driving up the Mt of Beatitudes, we visit the beautiful church where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. From there we continue onto Capernaum to see the synagogue and Peter's house, centre of Jesus preaching ministry. See the Church of Tabgha with its famous mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of Primacy where Jesus said to Peter "Thou art the rock". Return for dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Galilee. (BD)

DAY 4: THU 30 APR**Golan Heights, Banias, Kursi, Free afternoon**

Head up to the Golan Heights and to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou art Christ". Returning towards the Sea of Galilee via Kursi we will have the afternoon free to relax. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (BD)

DAY 5: FRI 01 MAY**Sepphoris, Nazareth, Nazareth Village, Magdala**

We start the day with a visit to Sepphoris, home town of Anne, mother of Mary. We then travel to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, and the site of the annunciation to Mary. We visit the Nazareth Village, a reconstructed site, capturing life as it was in the 1st century. Then go to Nazareth and see the oldest Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well. Return to Tiberias to visit the newly opened Magdala Centre and then back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 6: SAT 02 MAY**Caesarea, Mt Carmel, Megiddo, Jerusalem**

Start the day with a visit to the ancient town of Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon. Visit Mt Carmel and enjoy a wonderful view across the Mediterranean Sea, River Kishon and Haifa Harbour. See the cave where Elijah took refuge in his contest with the prophets of Baal at Muchraka. Take the coastal highway to Caesarea, once the capital of the Roman province. There we will see the Roman and Crusader remains and the harbour from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 7: SUN 03 MAY**Mt of Olives, Gethsemane, Mt Zion, Bethlehem**

Drive to the Mt of Olives for a wonderful view of the Old City of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension, commemorating Jesus' Ascension and the Pater Noster Church. We then follow the Palm Sunday Road stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of

Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. In the afternoon, visit the church known as St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ. See also Caiphias' House, where Jesus was held. Drive south to Bethlehem where we visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem built over the stable cave of Jesus' birth. Then to the Shepherds' Fields stopping at the church there with its blackened cave where Shepherds' watched over their flocks. We also have time to sing an Advent Christian song. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (BD)

DAY 8: MON 04 MAY**Old City of Jerusalem**

This morning we will have an early start to enter the Old City through St Stephen's Gate to walk along the Via Dolorosa and ending up at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit St Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. Visit the Pools of Bethesda, site of the miracle of the healing. We pass the Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man"; then the Western Wall, the most holy place for Jews. Enjoy some time for our own prayer and reflection. Nearby is the Dome of the Rock and the Haram al Sharif or Temple Mount. We will finish the day with Communion at the Garden Tomb. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 9: TUE 05 MAY**Qumran, Masada, Ein Gedi**

This morning we drive to Qumran to visit the remains of the Essene enclave and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and later discovered. Continue on along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth and to the fortress mountain called Masada, the stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans in the revolt of 75 AD. Ascend by cable car to see the remains of Herod's Palace and many other archaeological excavations which can be found there. Enjoy a brief stop at Ein Gedi, where David hid from King Saul. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BD)

DAY 10: WED 06 MAY**Free Day in Jerusalem**

Enjoy the day at leisure for self-exploration and discovery, and perhaps even re-visit the Old City. Meet back at the hotel for dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (BD)

DAY 11: THU 07 MAY**New City of Jerusalem**

After breakfast enjoy a visit to the Israel Museum to see the scale model of Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book to see where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Visit Yad Vashem (Israel's memorial to the Holocaust) and enjoy some time this afternoon for shopping in the Old City or wandering through the Machane Yehuda markets. (BD)

DAY 12: FRI 08 MAY**Depart Jerusalem**

Check out of the hotel after breakfast and transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for our departure flight home (via Hong Kong) with Cathay Pacific.

DAY 13: SAT 09 MAY**Arrive Australia**

Arrive back to Melbourne today with wonderful memories of our journey!

TOTAL ESTIMATED PACKAGE PRICE:

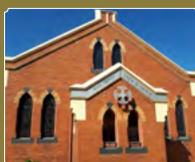
\$6,790* per person (twin share)

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL \$2,050

* Subject to change. Conditions apply. Price is based on group size of minimum 15 participants.



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