

Abramson '18



Biblical Study Tour of Jesus

(November 6 – November 17, 2018)

We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit the places where important Biblical events took place, and dig deep into the Scriptures in their original context to learn about God's faithfulness to His people, in the past, present, and future. Our tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek a better understanding of His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives.



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Land Price: \$2,406 (Payment: Direct Deposit or Check)

Please note that this price is approximate for the land portion only. Prices for airfare will be available about 11 months prior to departure. **A \$500 deposit per person is required at time of registration.** Price is based on two persons sharing a double room. A 3.5% fee will be added to payments made by Credit Card.

Land price is based on a group of 30 people or more

Booking: Prices are good for **three weeks from the date they are quoted.** If not confirmed by the tour leader within three weeks, prices may have to be updated. In general, hotel prices cannot be guaranteed more than 6 months in advance. Shoresh reserves the right to amend prices of tours without prior notice in case of devaluations of the dollar, or in case of receiving new updated contract rates from suppliers

- Accommodation - Half-board (breakfast & dinner) in en-suite shared twin rooms, taxes & portage.
- Transportation - Bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport.
- Guide - Licensed Christian/Messianic guide.
- Tips - Driver, Guide, Hotels.
- Guest speakers - (if specified).
- Entrance fees - Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials.
- Services of US Travel Agent - Mission Valley Travel Inc.

***Not Included:** Airfare, visas, Travel Insurance (mandatory, rates listed below); lunches & snacks; individual activities on free days; individual transfers to/from the airport apart from the main group; wheelchairs; wheelchairs; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending.

Single Supplement: **\$729** (additional single room cost, limited availability)

Travel Insurance Pricing for US residents, Land portion only:

Trip Cost (Covers Up To)	Age Up to 30	Age 31-59	Age 60-70	Age 71-75	Age 76-79	Age 80+
\$2500	\$92	\$130	\$174	\$235	\$287	\$392

*Travel Insurance Quote is based on the 'Classic Plan' offered by Allianz Travel Insurance Co.
Full terms and conditions of the plan are available upon request.*

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Day 1 Tuesday, November 6, 2018

ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. From the airport we will travel to our hotel on the **Mediterranean Coast**. Time permitting, we may have an opportunity to stroll on the beach or swim before dinner. Later we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer. Overnight: Leonardo, Ashkelon, Mediterranean Coast



Day 2 Wednesday, November 7, 2018

THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS



We begin our journey by climbing up through the strategic lowlands into the **Mountains of Judea**, to the burial **Cave of the Patriarchs** in **Hebron**, where we will look at God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Next we shall continue in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region called the **Negev** in the Bible (a name it still carries today). Here we will visit a

Bedouin museum where we examine their nomadic culture in order to shed light on the lives of Abraham and the Patriarchs. Time permitting, our last stop will be **Tel Arad**, a pre-Abrahamic major city and later an Israelite fortress. We conclude our day travelling through the **Judean Desert** to our spa hotel on the **Dead Sea**, where we can enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters.

Overnight: Isrotel Ganim Spa Hotel, Dead Sea

Day 3 Thursday, November 8, 2018

THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We begin our day at **Masada**, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the site of the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. From Masada we drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, we can walk into the nature reserve and possibly to the waterfalls. We may see some wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. We will also discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. Our last site will be **Qumran**, likely the home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which may have influenced early Christianity, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls. Later in the day we will travel north up the spectacular **Syrian African Rift Valley**, crossing the **Jordan River** before we arrive at our hotel on the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**.



Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Day 4 Friday, November 9, 2018

AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus



Our day will be spent visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee as we try to picture daily life and religion in the First Century, and seek to better understand the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. We will start the day at **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Our next stop will be the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. After a short walk or drive down the hill we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. At lovely **Tabgha**, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection, we will enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake. Later in the afternoon we will visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the **"Jesus Boat"**, a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. From here we will set sail for a **boat ride on the Lake** to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. After dinner we will meet with a local believer. Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Day 5: Saturday, November 10, 2018

NORTHERN ISRAEL – “Who Do Men Say That I Am?”

Today we explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. We will seek to understand what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. We begin by climbing up to the magnificent **Golan Heights**. In the morning we will



visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at **Katzrin**, where we will take another close look at life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Next we will travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel’s highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Along the way we will pass **Druze Villages** before coming to **Mt. Bental**, a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the **road to Damascus** where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Our final stop is the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel’s apostasy. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream and discuss the meaning of “living water” in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus’ teaching. Overnight: Ma’agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee



Day 6 Sunday, November 11, 2018

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS – Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah



Today we travel west and then down the coast, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. Our first visit of the day will be ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's cities, and according to the Book

of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. We then travel to **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We complete our day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome.

Overnight: Seasons Hotel, Netanya, Mediterranean Coast

Day 7: November 12, 2018

SAMARIA: ANCIENT ISRAEL

Today we journey into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, of the Israelites under Joshua, and later the breakaway Kingdom of Israel. Sites visited may include: **Mt. Gerazim** (the "Mount of Blessing" from Joshua's time), **Mt. Kebir** and **Alon Moreh** (scenic overlook and one of Abraham's campsites), **Jacob's Well**, and **Shiloh** (long-time location of the Tabernacle and the ark of the covenant).



We will focus on our roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to our understanding of the New Testament. In the late afternoon we will enter Jerusalem, the City of the Great King. After dinner we will be treated to a short stroll for a **rooftop panorama of the Old City** and talk with the Director of Shores Study Tours.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 8: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS - The Temple at the Center



Today will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. We will study how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and generally

enrich our insight into many important events in the gospels and book of Acts. An early start will take us up to the **Temple Mount** (conditions permitting), where we'll consider some of Jesus' activities there, as well as the claims of Islam. After a visit to the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site, we will take a trip to the subterranean **Western Wall Tunnels** to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. We then make our way through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City to see the **Herodian Villas**, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. We complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem



Day 9: Wednesday, November 14, 2018



FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM

Today is free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. *Shoresh* will provide a list of interesting options for those who want to explore on their own. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 10: Thursday, November 15, 2018

IN THE STEPS OF JESUS – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection



Today we focus on sites related to the Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Our goal is to understand why He was crucified, how He was buried, and what it meant to the Jewish people of the First Century that He was raised from the dead. We begin our day with a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After viewing a **tomb from the time of Jesus**, we will walk down the Mount of Olives to **Gethsemane**. Next we cross the **Kidron Valley** and enter the Old City through **Stephen's Gate**, stopping to examine the remains of the **Pool of Bethesda**. From here we walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We end our tour with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 11: Thursday, November 16, 2018

THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today we study both a great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. We will examine the systematic annihilation of six million Jews in the Nazi genocide, God coming to earth in the form of a man to save His people from their sins, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. After breakfast, we will enjoy a tour of the **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. Next we travel to **Yad VaShem**, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. From here we take the short drive to **Bethlehem**, where we will visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which marks the probable site of the birth of Jesus, and the **"Shepherd's Fields"** where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah. This evening we will expand our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a **Jewish Passover Seder meal** together, making Biblical connections to the "last supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples.



Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem (For those groups with a late night flight, rooms will be held until departure for the airport.)

Day 12: Friday, November 17, 2018

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH & ARRIVAL IN USA

We say farewell to Jerusalem and descend through the mountains of Judea to the airport on the coastal plain to catch the flight home.

** With sufficient notice, accommodations at additional cost may be arranged for those needing to arrive in Israel a day earlier in order to meet the group in time for the bus.*

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- *Most days on this itinerary involve a regular amount of walking and/or climbing. Therefore, this trip cannot generally accommodate those who have significant difficulty with climbing stairs or walking a half a mile or so at a time. Please be in contact with the trip leaders if you have any concerns about this.*
- *Itinerary and accommodations are subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *It is **mandatory** for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical emergencies or trip cancellations.*

Please register online via e-registration.

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/abramson-2018>

NOTE: If you absolutely do not have internet access and/or feel unsafe submitting an online form, you may send us your registration via US-mail by downloading the form at the below URL (Your tour leader may assist you with downloading and printing this form if internet access is limited).

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/abramson-mail-in-registration>

****Important**** *Mail-in submissions may delay the process of registration. It is imperative that you do so as soon as possible should you chose this route.*

Mail-in Registration Form

Please print and fill out a separate form for every person(s) being registered

*Last Name (Surname) *First Name Middle Name (Optional)

*Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) *Nationality (i.e. USA) *Gender
 Male
 Female

*Email *Phone Number

*Current Address

Mailing Address (If different then above)

- Check this box if you have a valid PASSPORT that does **not** expire within 6 Months of your tours departure date from Israel
- Check this box if the name written above matches your PASSPORT
- I have included the required **\$500.00** check deposit for every person(s) registered

I, _____ have read this brochure in its entirety and agree with the terms and conditions of the tour (terms and conditions on last few pages).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Terms and Conditions

Air: Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on non-refundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. If group block utilized, then ticketing will be made 45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. If airfares are booked as individual reservations, ticketing and payment is required at the time of booking. Airfare includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change until ticketed. Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline. For non-group blocks, prices are subject to change as they are quoted at the time of brochure creation as an example.

Seat Assignments: MVTI will try to fulfil seat assignment requests, however, the airline makes the actual assignments. There is no guarantee that all requests will be honored. Any changes could be requested at check-in by the traveler. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating arrangements needed due to health or mobility. Airlines may charge a fee for seat pre-assignments.

Accommodations: Accommodations are based on two or more persons sharing a room as listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge.

Meals: In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily unless specified otherwise.

Transfers and Baggage: Group transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy. Transfers will take place at the designated time only. *If you need a transfer outside of designated times you will be responsible for the additional cost.*

Sightseeing and Entrance Fees: Included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance,

Tips and Taxes: Service charges and taxes on accommodations and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included.

Not Included: Lunches and lunch tips, beverages with dinner, passport fees, the travel protection plan which is required, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to airport of departure city and return is not included.

Deposit and Payment for Land Package only: Reservations can be secured with a deposit payment of \$500 per person at the time of registration. Payments can be made with a check (NSF checks will be charged a \$35 administrative fee), money order, cashier's check, Direct Bank Deposit or a major Credit Card with a 3.5% processing fee.

Deposit and Payment for Air Group Block if applicable: Reservations can be secured with a deposit payment of \$500 per person at the time of group air booking. **If air is booked individually, payment is due in full at the time of booking and is nonrefundable.** Payments can be made with a check (NSF checks will be charged a \$35 administrative fee), money order, cashier's check, Direct Bank Deposit or a major Credit Card with a 3.5% processing fee.

Passenger Initiated Cancellation Conditions for land portion only: Cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by MVTI minimum of 101 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposited funds.

- From date of deposit up to 101 days before departure: \$175 per person service fee applies.
- 100 - 61 days prior to departure: Full deposit of \$500 per person becomes nonrefundable plus any unrecoverable fees apply.
- From 60 days prior to departure: No refund of any package amount paid.

Passenger Initiated Cancellation Conditions for air portion only: Cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by MVTI minimum of 101 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposited funds.

- From date of deposit up to 101 days before departure: \$150 per person service fee applies.
- 100 - 61 days prior to departure: Full air deposit of \$350 per person becomes nonrefundable plus any unrecoverable fees apply.
- From 60 days prior to departure: No refund of any air amount paid.

Cancellation policies apply when cancellation occurs for any reason. There is no refund for any

unused services or portion of the tour package.

Host and/or Shoresh Tours Initiated Cancellation

Conditions: The tour host and/or **Shoresh** would only consider cancelling a tour **for security reasons** if government warnings or airline cancellations necessitate cancellation.

- When the tour is cancelled by the tour host, a \$100 per person service fee will apply.
- When tour is cancelled by Shoresh a \$250 per person service fee will apply.

Protect Your Investment: Travel protection coverage is available and mandatory to cover medical expenses, medical evacuation & repatriation, trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage and personal effects loss, and baggage delay. A pre-existing condition exclusion waiver is available if coverage is purchased at the time of initial deposit. Further information will be provided after initial registration via email or by contacting your MVTI consultant.

Passport, Visa & Health Requirements: A valid passport is required. If you do not have a valid passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining or renewing a US passport can be found at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html> If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid for at least 6 months from the return date of your trip. A visa for Israel is not required for US citizens. Non-US Citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting an appropriate consulate. No vaccination is required. Please check with your physician for recommendation.

Rates & Fares Information: Rates are based on a group traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

Deviations: Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from the group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air and land costs incurred. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through MVTI or Shoresh) we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur.

Tour Operator Itinerary Changes: The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and /or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions or other circumstances.

Traveler Safety: In the ever-changing world situation, MVTI recommends personal monitoring of news for tour destinations. For the latest country information from the US Department of State, please visit

<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>

Disabilities: Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

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Contracted airlines reserve the right to change equipment and schedule without notice and will not be liable for the delays or cancellations due to the weather, or any other causes beyond their control. These tickets are refundable and non-transferable (See Refund section). In case of travel cancellations due to restrictions from US Department of State or WHO etc. (Travel Warnings/Public Announcements/SARS alerts) because of world security or epidemic diseases issues, Mission Valley Travel, Inc. will retain a \$100.00 service fee per passenger for services provided and will process any changes or refunds according to the airline guidelines. If taxes & fuel surcharges will increase passenger will be required to pay the difference. In case of the decrease in taxes & fuel surcharges, no residual value will be applied. Travel Insurance is required for this arrangement. If you are not a US citizen/resident it is your sole responsibility to obtain travel insurance through an insurance agency that will provide the necessary coverage for the country in which you reside.