

God's Faithfulness



February 25 – March 9, 2023

Led by
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We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit important Old and New Testament biblical sites. On sites, we will consider the scriptures in their original context to deepen our understanding of the biblical text. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. This tour is more than just a "walking where Jesus walked" experience tour; it is an immersion into the world of Bible in scripture and in historical, cultural and geographic context.



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IMPORTANT

ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 18, 2022

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE DECEMBER 28, 2022

\$3,249 - Land Price

Website will be updated once airfare group block from SDF is confirmed.

For individual airfare please email tours@mvti.us

\$750 – Land & Air Deposit
(Direct Deposit or Check)

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):

\$776.25 – Land & Air Deposit

Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

****Land price is based on a group of 20 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

Detailed cancellation information is listed in Terms and Conditions Document but please keep in mind that a minimum cancellation fee of \$175 applies for cancellation due to ANY reason.

Additional COVID19 screening will be required at travelers' expense, emails with additional detailed information will follow.

- 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

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

Single Supplement: **\$880** (additional single room cost, limited availability)

Approximate Travel Insurance Pricing for US residents:

Trip Cost (Covers Up To)	Age Up to 30	Age 31-59	Age 60-70	Age 71-75	Age 76-79	Age 80+
\$3000	\$177	\$209	\$299	\$376	\$470	\$624

**Travel Insurance Quote is APPROXIMATE.
Individual pricing is available upon request.**

ITINERARY

Day 1 Saturday, February 25, 2023

DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2 Sunday, February 26, 2023

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 Hotel,
Ashkelon, Mediterranean Coast



Day 3 Monday, February 27

THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS

We begin our journey at **Tel Beer Sheva** where we will look at God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This desert region is called the **Negev** in the Bible (a name it still carries today). Next we will have a look into **Bedouin** culture and will also have the opportunity to ride camels. 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: David Spa Hotel, Dead Sea



Day 4 Tuesday, February 28

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: Kibbutz Nof Ginosar Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 5 Wednesday, March 1

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 Jewish religion in the time of Jesus. 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 drive down the hill we will arrive 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. From there we continue to **Capernaum** where Jesus lived during the majority of his ministry. After lunch we will go to **Magdala** which is located next to an ancient crossroads and where archaeologists found the remains of a first century synagogue. From Nof Ginosar 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: Kibbutz Nof Ginosar Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 6 Thursday, March 2

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**. 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 by **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. Along the way we will pass Druze Villages and travelling along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel’s highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration, we will reach **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. 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: Kibbutz Nof Ginosar Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 7 Friday, March 3

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 by some believed to be the location of the Armageddon where the last battle will take place. 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: Mediterra Hotel, Netanya, Mediterranean Coast

Day 8 Saturday, March 4

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 will likely include **Mt. Gerezim, Mt. Kabir**, and overlook of **Shilo**, the capital of the Israelites for 369 years. 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 9 Sunday, March 5

WORSHIP SERVICES & BETHLEHEM

This morning we will have the option of attending the worship services at Christ Church, the oldest protestant church in the Middle East. The rest of the day 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.* In the afternoon 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 have a special celebratory meal together at a restaurant close by.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 10 Monday, March 6

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 enrich our insight into any important events in the Gospels and the 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. From here 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.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 11 Tuesday, March 7

THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today we study both 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. This morning, 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. The rest of the day will be free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. Shoshana will provide a list of interesting options for those who want to explore on their own. 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

Day 12 Wednesday, March 8

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 will then have a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**. 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 13 Thursday, March 9

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Early Morning Departure: Straight Home

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

Please register online via e-registration.

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/StFrancis-2023>

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 at a time. Please be in contact with the trip leaders if you have any concerns about this.*
- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate. It is **mandatory** for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical costs or trip cancellations.*