



Christ Church, Old City Jerusalem
The oldest Protestant church in the Middle East, consecrated 21 January 1849

Jaffa to Jerusalem- Jonah to Jesus

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

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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.

Day 1: Travel Day, Tuesday, March 16 - Canada to Israel

Day 2: Wednesday, March 17, 2019 - Afternoon arrival
LIGHT to the NATIONS

We arrive in the afternoon at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. From here we will travel to our hotel near Jaffa, with time to explore, stroll on the beach or swim before dinner. After dinner we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer.

Overnight: Gilgal Hotel, Tel Aviv/Jaffa, (D)

Day 3: Thursday, March 18
JAFFA AND THE VALLEY OF ELAH

We begin our journey with a visit to the Beit Immanuel Guesthouse in Jaffa, as well as an introduction to Jonah and Simon the Tanner's House and Peter's vision. We conclude our day travelling through the **Judean Desert** and the Valley of Elah (where David killed Goliath) to our spa hotel on the **Dead Sea**, where we can enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters.

Overnight: David Hotel, Dead Sea, (B,D)

Day 4: Friday, March 19
THE JUDEAN DESERT & JORDAN VALLEY - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

We travel early along the shores of the Dead Sea to **Masada**, the most impressive desert palace-fortress built by Herod the Great. In the course of visiting the site we will consider the man Herod and how his personality casts its shadow through the New Testament. Masada is also famous as the last stronghold of the Zealot resistance against Rome. We will discuss their theology and its relevance to our understanding of Jesus' teaching. 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. We will then visit **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**. At the end of the day, we will arrive at our hotel on the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**.

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee, (B, D)

Day 5: Saturday, March 20

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 **Nazareth** for a visit to the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's House. Next we will visit **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. 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. Following a brief visit to **Beit Bracha** to learn about their ministry, we will then 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.

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee, (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, March 21

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: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee, (B, D)

Day 7: Monday, March 22

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. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to ancient **Sepphoris**, where we can examine Jesus' relationship to Elijah, as well as His first miracle. We then travel up the coast 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 Sea, (B, D)

Day 8: Tuesday, March 23

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 Shiloh, Mt. Gerezim, and an overview of Bethel. 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, Scott Morgan.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem, (B, D)

Day 9: Wednesday, March 24

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, 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 complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem, (B,D)

Day 10: Thursday, March 25

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. After breakfast, 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. On the way to Yad Vashem we plan to visit the Shepherd's Fields. This afternoon, 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 and the miraculous restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. The rest of the day is free for rest, relaxation or shopping.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem, (B,D)

Day 11: Friday, March 26

CITY OF DAVID

We will spend the morning at the place where it all began - the City of David. Here we will learn about King David's conquest of the Jebusite city and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel to the Pool of Siloam. The rest of the day will be free for rest, relaxation or shopping.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem, (B, D)

Day 12: Saturday, March 27 EREV PASSOVER

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 and the Church of St. Anne**. We may also walk parts of the **Via Dolorosa**, stopping at several of the places mentioned in the Bible, and arrive at 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: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem, (B, D)

Day 13: Sunday, March 28 PASSOVER AND PALM SUNDAY

This morning we join the Palm Sunday services at Christ Church, the oldest protestant church in the Middle East. The rest of the day will be free for rest, reflection and devotions led by Rev. Mike Stewart.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem, (B,D)

Day 14: Monday, March 29

LOOKING TOWARD HOME!

Today is a special time of continued reflection, free time and preparing to leave for the airport.

Rooms held for day use at: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem, (B)

Day 15: Tuesday, March 30

After a very early start we say goodbye to Israel to catch our flights home, arriving home the same day.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *Itinerary and accommodations subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *Some days involve a significant amount of walking (max. 20 minutes at a time) and/or stairs or steep climbing. Many sites are unpaved. Every effort will be made to enable all tour members to fully participate at every site, but in some cases that may not be possible.*

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Airfare: Canada - Tel Aviv return (inflight service)
- Accommodation: Tourist class en suite, shared twin rooms, taxes and portorage
- Transportation: Bus and driver for touring, group transfers to and from airport
- Meals: Breakfast (B) and dinner (D)
- Guide: Licensed Christian/Messianic guide
- Tips: Driver, Guide, Hotels
- All Entrance fees: Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials - Shoresh Tours Reader

Not included:

- Medical travel insurance (mandatory); trip cancellation insurance is recommended
- Lunches (L) & snacks (approximately \$15 CAD per day)
- Individual activities during free time
- Transfers to and from the airport apart from the main group
- Discretionary gift for guide and driver
- Personal discretionary spending

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St. Matthews' Price for Itinerary using Gloria Hotel

Price Assumes

Arrival in Israel: Wednesday, 17 March, 2021 (afternoon arrival)

Departure from Israel: Tuesday, 30 March, 2021 (morning or afternoon departure)

Changes in arrival and/or departure dates and times may result in a change in price.

Land Price - all prices in US\$

14 Paying + 3 Free Place = \$ 3,690

20 Paying + 3 Free Place = \$ 3,220

30 Paying + 3 Free Places = \$ 2,870

40 Paying + 3 Free Places = \$ 2,699

Single Supplement = \$1277 (number of single rooms limited to approximately 15% of total number of participants)

*Which price to Advertise?

It's tempting to use the lower price for a bigger group in order to attract people. But years of hard experience have shown that this is usually not a good idea. There may be lots of people who initially say they want to join your tour, but many less who actually book and pay deposits. If recruiting is harder than you expect, and you get fewer people than the tour is priced for, then you will need to go back to everyone and ask for more money, which is never pleasant. Better to use the higher price for a smaller tour, so that if you get more people and qualify for a lower price, everyone can receive a refund. The only exceptions to this rule are usually influential leaders of large churches or ministries, who easily get lots of people to join in whatever they are doing.

The Price of Your Shoresh Tour Includes:

- 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.

Not Included: Airfare; visas; travel insurance (mandatory); lunches & snacks; individual activities on free days; individual transfers to/from the airport apart from the main group; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending.

Single Supplement: This is the additional cost for a single room.

Free Places: Free places are for accommodation in shared rooms, unless otherwise specified. Leaders wanting their free place to be in a single room will need to ask for the tour to be repriced accordingly.

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. Shoresh reserves the right to amend prices of tours without prior notice in case of devaluations of the dollar.

Changes in Itinerary: Changes to itinerary, including total number of days, flight arrival & departure times, additional activities and guest speakers, etc. may result in changes to overall tour price.

Currencies & Exchange Rates: All prices are quoted in US\$, unless otherwise specified. If the tour is priced in another currency, a change of five or more percent in the exchange rate between the other currency and the US\$ will constitute the basis on which Shoresh can decide to re-price the tour at the updated exchange rate.