

The Land of Israel

22 Sept 2026 + 16 Days



TOUR PRICE

AUD\$6,495
US\$4,495

PER PERSON TWIN SHARING
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT
ADDITIONAL AUD\$1,750; US\$1,250
SURFACE TRAVEL ONLY

Price is subject to a minimum of
15 full paying adults, currency
fluctuation, or unexpected security
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22 September – 7 October
2026

YOUR TOUR HOSTS
Khim & Eugenie Harris

With Jesus at Tabernacles

Just as Jesus went up to Jerusalem for the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles or *Sukkot*, we will follow in our Saviour's footsteps by joining in with the Jewish people of today, to remember God's faithfulness to Israel during their wilderness wanderings.

On the last day of this Feast, Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink". Early the next morning He said, "I am the light of the world". Tabernacles represents the final harvest when all nations will share in the joy and blessings of God's kingdom.

Come and join these Jewish celebrations as we Gentiles rejoice that this light shone from Israel, to our nation, and into each of our hearts. Immerse yourself in the Land of *Yeshua HaMashiach*, as we ask Him to refresh our souls and strengthen our faith.





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Price includes:

- **Accommodation:** half-board (breakfast & dinner) in 3-4 star standard en-suite shared twin or double 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** for the five teachings/talks.
- **Entrance fees:** historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- **Study materials**, including a Shoresh Tours Reader.

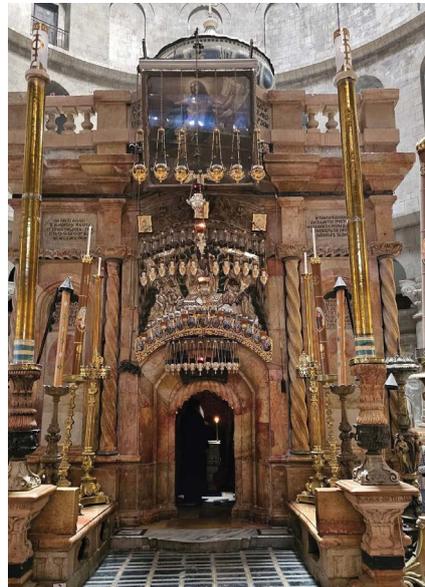
Price excludes

- Airfare; visas; travel insurance (mandatory); all security-related expenses; 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.

“

This tour helped me to know the voice of the Good Shepherd and to see who is following Him with me”

Darrelle Dhu,
Geraldton, Western Australia



WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. To secure your place, Australian travellers should pay a \$500 deposit, into the CMJ-ANZI bank account: **Shoresh Australia Management; BSB: 016650; a/c no: 347614298.**
2. You will be sent a receipt by the CMJ-ANZI Treasurer and a booking form from the Tour Hosts.
3. The completed booking form is due by the end of May and payment of the final balance is due by **15 June 2026.**



Itinerary – With Jesus at Tabernacles

DAY 1 TUE 22 SEP Arrival in The Land

Upon arrival at **Ben Gurion International Airport**, you will be welcomed by **Shoresh Study Tours** and travel to **Beit Immanuel**, CMJ's facility in Jaffa-Tel Aviv, where you can rest up in its café lounge. Director and Pastor of the first messianic congregation in Israel, The Revd Pedro Santos, will use the **Beit Immanuel Heritage Centre** to explain CMJ's ministry among the Jewish people. After lunch in the Old City, we will visit the ancient port of **Jaffa** (Biblical Joppa, from where Jonah set sail), including the traditional site of **Simon the Tanner's house**. We will then head south to **Be'er Sheva**, stopping along the way to remember the sobering events of 7 October 2023. Our guide will explain the geo-political and historical significance of this frontier zone as we pass through the **Judean Foothills** to the desert region of the **Negev** before settling into our hotel. *Overnight: Leonardo, Beersheva.*

DAY 2 WED 23 SEP In the footsteps of Abraham & the ANZACS

After breakfast we head to **Tel Be'er Sheva**, where Abraham made a covenant with the Canaanite King **Abimelech** well before it became one of the fortified cities of the Kingdom of Judah. Next stop is the site(s) linked to the WWI **Battle of Beersheba**, including the famous charge of the Australian Light Horse. We will tour the **ANZAC Memorial Centre**, which commemorates the liberation of the city and the beginning of the Allied campaign that ultimately ended the Ottoman rule of The Land in 1918. After dinner in our hotel, **Messianic Congregation** Pastor Howard Bass will share about his work among the Jewish people of **Southern Israel**. *Overnight: Leonardo, Beersheva.*

DAY 3 THU 24 SEP The Judean Wilderness

Our theme today is 'the wilderness' and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We begin at **Masada**, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the last stand of the **Zealots**, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. After crossing the **Kidron Valley brook**, our next stop is **Qumran**, the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery made in Israel: the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. Following a lunch break, we will enjoy a **float** in the mineral-rich waters of the **Dead Sea** before making the ascent to Jerusalem, settling into our accommodation and enjoying dinner together at **Christ Church Guest House**. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 4 FRI 25 SEP Tabernacles Eve Jerusalem Centre of the World

We will begin by orientating ourselves using the **Christ Church Heritage Centre** models and climbing the church tower to get a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Our guide will help us re-trace the most likely path that Jesus took from the Roman Governor's Palace to the site of his crucifixion at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. From here we will exit the Old City through the **Damascus Gate** and visit the colourful **Mahane Yehuda** market, for lunch and to collect decorations for our **sukkah**, the traditional temporary hut constructed to celebrate **Tabernacles**. The Christ Church Sukkah will be a key focus for its **welcome of Jewish visitors** during Tabernacles. Some of the more recent traditions will be further explained as we enjoy dinner together at the **Guest House**. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 5 SAT 26 SEP Tabernacles 1 & Shabbat The Place of Jerusalem

The descent into the ancient **Tyropoeon Valley** of today's **Jewish Quarter** leads us to the **Western Wall**, Judaism's most sacred site, where solemn prayers for **Shabbat** will be combined with the festive joy of the first day of **Tabernacles**. After a break for lunch, we will return to the **Heritage Centre** and learn more about the history and work of CMJ. We will then expand our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a **Passover Seder** together, making Biblical connections to the **Last Supper** that Jesus shared with his disciples. We will celebrate a **Shabbat Dinner** and explore 'The Place of Jerusalem' when Christ Church Rector The Revd David Pileggi gives his **first teaching**. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 6 SUN 27 SEP Tabernacles 2 City of David & Solomon's Temple

Our first stop is the **Museum of the First Temple**, where we will learn not only about the building of the Temple by **Solomon**, but how the Temple priesthood and sacrificial system foreshadowed the ministry of Jesus. After this we will walk down to the place where it all began: the **City of David**. Here we will learn about King David's conquest of the Jebusite city and, after a break for lunch, make our way through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** to the **Pool of Siloam**. Heading back under and along the **Pilgrimage Road**, we will re-emerge in the **Jerusalem Archaeological Park**, ascend the **Southern Steps** and discuss the events of **Pentecost**. Our last stop will be the **Davidson Centre**, where we can view some **models of the Temple**, in preparation for tomorrow's tour.

After dinner together at the **Guest House**, we will gather for the **Christ Church** Sunday evening service. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 7 MON 28 SEP Tabernacles 3 Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus

Today is devoted to exploring **Jerusalem in Jesus' time**, when the Temple and city were the heart of Jewish life. We will examine **Temple rituals** and the many significant events recorded in the Bible that took place here. We begin at the **Temple Mount**, where we will consider some of Jesus' actions here, as well as the claims of Islam. Following a lunch break in the Jewish Quarter, we will visit the **Herodian villas**, home to the **Sadducees**, where we will study Jesus' attitude toward the priesthood. Our final stop will be **The Burnt House**, to learn about the events that led to the destruction of the **Temple** in AD 70; then dinner at the Guest House. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 8 TUE 29 SEP Tabernacles 4 Jesus' Last Week

Today we will focus on sites related to the Biblical passages concerning **Jesus' last week in Jerusalem**. We start with a panoramic view of Jerusalem from the top of the **Mount of Olives**, regarded by many as the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After visiting some **tombs** that would have been used before and during Jesus' time, there will be time for prayer and reflection in the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the adjacent **Church of All Nations**. Following a lunch break, we will visit the church of **St Peter in Gallicantu**, a possible place of Peter's triple rejection of Jesus. After dinner at the Guest House, David Pileggi will give his **second teaching**, on 'Holiness and Purity in Ancient Israel'. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 9 WED 30 SEP Tabernacles 5 Navigating the Old City

After breakfast, the more able-bodied may gain an overview of the Old City by completing the **Ramparts Walk**, beginning at **Jaffa Gate**. The remainder of the group may like to attend the 10.30am **Service of Holy Communion** at Christ Church. After lunch we will circumnavigate the Temple Mount, first through a tunnel along the Western Wall, to the site of the **Antonia Fortress** on the Northern Wall. After exiting through the **Lion's Gate**, we will travel along the Eastern Wall, to learn about the significance of the **Golden Gate**.



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We conclude our circuit at a viewing platform of the Southern Wall and the **Hulda Gates**, once the grand entrance to the Temple complex. On our way back to Christ Church we will head underground again to see the remains of the Great Bridge that connected the Temple to the Upper City, and visit the beautifully designed **Sha'arei Teshuvah Synagogue**. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 10 THU 1 OCT Tabernacles 6 The Story of the Jewish People

Today we will visit the Holocaust Remembrance Centre, **Yad VaShem**. 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 prior to, and during, this time. At the **Children's Memorial** we will discuss the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish-Christian relations today. After a break for lunch, we will head to the **Israel Museum**, where we will view a Model of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus and the **Shrine of the Book**, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. We then travel to the **Shepherd's Fields** in the hills surrounding historic **Bethlehem**. Here we will sing and pray in a grotto evocative of Jesus' birthplace while watching the sun set over Jerusalem before returning for dinner together at the Guest House. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 11 FRI 2 OCT Tabernacles 7 The Jordan, Jericho & Bethlehem

Today we will take a break from Tabernacles festivities to travel to the place of Jesus' baptism at the **Jordan River**; and to **Jericho**, the oldest and (at 258m below sea level) lowest inhabited city in the world, where Jesus encountered **Zacchaeus**. On the way we will view the Greek Orthodox **Monastery of St George** in the Wadi Qilt of the Judean Desert. Bring your swimsuit and a towel as, depending on the weather, there may be an opportunity for a quick dip. After a lunch break in Jericho and a tour of its key archeological sites, we will visit the likely location of Jesus' birth at the **Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem**. After dinner together at the Guest House, Mike Niebur, who ministers to both Jews and Muslims, may give a talk on '**One New Man**'. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 12 SAT 3 OCT Simchat Tora & Shabbat: A Season of Rejoicing

Today we will observe the Jewish holiday of **Shemini Atzeret** or Eighth Day of Assembly, which celebrates the beginning of the yearly cycle of Torah readings.

First, we will walk to the peaceful **Garden Tomb**, for a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection. Our next stop is **Bethesda Pool**, where Jesus healed a paralytic man and where we will check out the beautiful acoustics of the **Church of St Anne** by praising God in song. After walking along the Via Delarosa (a journey of faith rather than history), we will enjoy a special lunch together at the Guest House. David Pileggi will then deliver his **final teaching**, on 'The Relationship between Worship in the Temple, the Church and The New Jerusalem'. Our last evening in Jerusalem will be spent in the Jewish Quarter, where, after nightfall, we will be caught up in **Simchat Torah** (singing and dancing with the Torah) while eating rolled food (representing Torah scrolls) and other Sukkot snacks, before (if we are in luck) seeing some **circle dancing** at the Western Wall. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 13 SUN 4 OCT Samaria and the Galilee

After a Sunday service, we farewell Jerusalem and travel to **Samaria**: the northern homeland of the **Patriarchs**; and of the Israelites under Joshua; and later the breakaway **Kingdom of Israel**. We will focus on our roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to an understanding of the New Testament. Our first stop will be **Tel Shiloh**, the one-time location of the Tabernacle and the **Ark of the Covenant**. Then we will visit the Biblical city of **Beit Shean**, where (after lunch) we will examine the impressive excavations of its Roman period, when it was one of the ten Hellenistic cities of the **Decapolis**. Next stop is the ruins of Kursi monastery and the probable location of **Gergesa**, where Jesus healed the demoniac. After settling into our accommodation, there will be time for a swim, in the lake or the hotel's swimming pool, before we meet up with a local believer over a kosher dinner at our hotel. *Overnight: Kinar, Galilee.*

DAY 14 MON 5 OCT More of the Galilee

The 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 at **Ginosar**, to see the **Jesus Boat**, a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. From here we will set sail on the lake to enjoy the views; and to sing, pray and reflect. Then (after a lunch break) we will visit the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditional site of the **Sermon on the Mount**, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings.

After this, we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during most of His ministry and the location of the Apostle **Simon Peter's house**. Next stop is the recently excavated **Magdala**, hometown of Mary Magdala, where we will visit the remains of an ancient synagogue from the time of Jesus. After dinner at a local **fish restaurant**, we will spend some time in prayer before returning to our hotel. *Overnight: Kinar, Galilee.*

DAY 15 TUE 6 OCT Nazareth

This morning we will depart the Galilee, passing by what is left of the unrepentant towns of **Bethsaida** and **Chorazin** to follow the route of the ancient Via Maris, to **Megiddo** (Armageddon of the New Testament). Here we will examine the different strains of Apocalyptic thinking which flourished at that time. We then head into **Nazareth** to visit the **Church of the Annunciation** and some ancient cave houses. After a break for lunch, we will spend time at the living museum of **Nazareth Village**, to experience life in a typical rural village at the time of Jesus. Our final stop of the day is **Mount Precipice**, a possible location for where the local community threatened to kill Jesus. *Overnight: Nazareth Plaza, Nazareth.*

DAY 16 WED 7 OCT North Israel and Departure

After a final breakfast together, we will visit **Kehilat HaCarmel** Messianic Worship Centre near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal on **Mount Carmel** and from where there is a spectacular view over **Northern Israel**. Here we will have an opportunity to review the past fortnight and to pray for each other. This will be followed by a 'farewell lunch' at a local **winery restaurant**, at our own expense. Time permitting, we will visit the ruins of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**, the site of the conversion of Cornelius, before heading to the Airport.

- Dr Harris will lead devotions before breakfast on most days
- Itinerary and accommodation is subject to change if conditions necessitate.
- Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable all tour members to fully participate at every site, but in some cases this may not be possible.