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PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation 3-4 star hotels with breakfast & dinner
- Tipping & Gratuities for arrangements included in the tour itinerary
- Transportation - bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport
- Entrances fees - Historical sites, Museums, Parks etc
- Guide - English speaking licensed, Christian/Messianic where available
- Visa for Jordan

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Travel Insurance - Mandatory, if you are not choosing the option offered by Olive Tree Travel a copy of your policy is required
- Flights – can be booked through Trish Cortizo, Olive Tree Travel
- Drinks with meals
- Individual activities on free days
- Individual Airport Transfers apart from the group
- Single room supplement (\$1140.00 additional to tour cost)
- Wheelchairs

WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Obtain a booking form from Trish Cortizo 0421638453/1300 550 830 or trish@olivetreetravel.com.au
2. To secure your place a deposit of \$600 is required.
3. Final balance will be due by 16 Jun 2021

OLIVE TREE
Travel

DAY 1 THU 16 SEPT Arrival In Amman, Jordan

We arrive at the Airport in Amman where we will be met by the Jordanian guide and bus driver. Transfer to the Petra hotel. Overnight: Panorama, Petra.

DAY 2 FRI 17 SEPT Petra

Today, we will be exploring the ancient, rose-red city of Petra where we'll examine the mysteries of the Nabataean traders and their strategic location along the silk and spice trade routes between the east and west. We enter the city through the Siq, a narrow slit in the mountains, with walls towering 80 meters on each side. You will have several hours to explore the twists and turns of this magnificent gorge city, including the infamous Treasury tomb from the first century. Overnight: Olive Tree, Amman

DAY 3 SAT 18 SEPT Arrival in the land of promise

In the morning we might visit Mt. Nebo mentioned in the Bible as the place where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land and the city of Madaba, an ancient town southwest of the capital Amman.

In the afternoon, we cross into Israel through the Allenby Crossing. From there, we travel to our hotel in the Negev. In the evening, we will meet with the pastor of the messianic congregation, Howard Bass (to be confirmed closer to the date). (itinerary TBD) Overnight: Leonardo, Beer Sheva.

DAY 4 SUN 19 SEPT 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 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 visit 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. We will finish our afternoon by enjoying a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. At the end of the day we will make the final ascent to Jerusalem – the City of the Great King. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Jerusalem

DAY 5 MON 20 SEPT Erev Sukkot – Introduction to Jerusalem & Decorating the Sukkah

Our goal this morning is to get a basic orientation to Jerusalem. 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 walk back to Christ Church via the Christian Quarter and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. From here, we will venture into bustling and vibrant New City. For a glimpse of modern Israeli society, we will follow pedestrian streets: along Jaffa Road to Zion Square, then up Ben Yehuda Street to the colorful Mahane Yehuda open-air market, where Jerusalemites shop for some of the best and freshest foods in Israel and sit in cozy cafes. After lunch we will return to Christ Church to decorate a sukkah, the traditional temporary hut constructed to celebrate the holiday. Our sukkah will be built in the Christ Church courtyard, and be a key focus for welcoming visitors during the holiday. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Jerusalem

DAY 6 TUES 21 SEPT First day of Sukkot - Free Morning & Afternoon Teaching

The morning is free as we take in the beginning of the Sukkot holiday. Tour participants can rest, reflect, shop, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. Shores will provide a list of interesting options for those who want to explore on their own. In the afternoon, David Pileggi will deliver his first lecture, entitled "The Place of Jerusalem".

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DAY 7 WED 22 SEPT Second day of Sukkot – Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus

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. We will begin at the Western Wall Tunnels to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. Time permitting, we may stop to examine St Anne's and the remains of the Pool of Bethesda, followed by the Davidson Centre. We continue our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked. 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. Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DAY 8 THUR 23 SEPT Third day of Sukkot - Yad VaShem and the Israel Museum

In the morning, we will visit 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 prior to and during this period of time. There we will also visit the Children's memorial and discuss the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish Christian relations today. We will end our day at the Israel Museum, where we will view a Model of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus as well as the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DAY 9 FRI 24 SEPT 24

Fourth day of Sukkot – Second Lecture and Beit Immanuel

In the morning, we will have the second lecture on "Holiness and Purity in Ancient Israel" will be delivered. After lunch at Christ Church, we will drive to Beit Immanuel Guest House in Tel Aviv where we will join the Messianic Congregation service. Afternoon bus: Beit Immanuel (6-8pm)

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DAY 10 SAT 25 SEPT

Fifth day of Sukkot 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 reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful Garden Tomb. From there, we take in a panoramic view 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 Dung Gate. Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DAY 11 SUN 26 SEPT

Sixth day of Sukkot – Christ Church Service and City of David

After breakfast, we will join the morning worship service at Christ Church. After service 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. Today, we visit the place where it all began – the City of David. Here, we will walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel to the Pool of Siloam.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DAY 12 MON 27 SEPT

Seventh day of Sukkot - Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, Bethlehem

In the morning, we will visit the church of St. Peter in Gallicantu a possible place of Peter's triple rejection of Jesus (Christine Sakakibara). In the afternoon, we will drive to Bethlehem to visit Shepherds' Fields.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DAY 13 TUE 28 SEPT

Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah: Free Morning & Afternoon Teaching

In the afternoon, we will have a final lecture: "The Relationship between Worship in the Temple, the Church, and The New Jerusalem".

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DAY 14 WED 29 SEPT

Samaria, Ancient Israel & The Galilee

Today we say farewell to Jerusalem and travel north into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, 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 our understanding of the New Testament. In the morning, we visit Tel Shiloh, the long-time location of the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. Time permitting, we may also visit Jacob's Well and Mt. Gerazim (the "Mount of Blessing" from Joshua's time). We will conclude our day at the Galilee Experience to take in the multimedia overview of the history of the Land of Israel. Overnight: Ginnosar Kibutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee

DAY 15 THU 30 SEPT

The Galilee continued

On the shores of the Sea of Galilee, we will explore Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. Here we will enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake. Next we will visit Beit Bracha (with lunch and some free time on the veranda), a CMJ center on the shores of Galilee where we'll hear about the work of the ministry and take part in a review of your pilgrimage. Later in the afternoon we will set sail for a boat ride on the Lake to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. We will conclude our day at inspirational Magdala, where we will see the oldest synagogue excavated in the north. Overnight: Ginnosar Kibutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee

DAY 16 FRI 1 OCT

The itinerary for the day only works with very late afternoon or evening flights. TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: Beit Shean in Israel and ancient cities in Jordan. Possible options for today depending on the flight times: Beit Shean, a city in the Northern District of Israel which has played historically an important role due to its geographical location, at the junction of the Jordan River Valley and the Jezreel Valley. After crossing into Jordan through the Allenby border, time permitting, we will visit the ruins of the ancient city of Pella and possibly Roman ruins of the city of Jerash, the best-preserved Roman ruins outside of Italy. After this, we head to the airport to catch our flight home.

We will have an opportunity to join the annual Sukkot celebration conference organized by the Vision for Israel led by Barry and Batya Segal and join the Jerusalem March of Nations (time and date to be announced closer to the event).

PLEASE NOTE:

- Itinerary and accommodation 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 that may not be possible.



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