

The Land of Israel

3 Oct 2025 + 16 Days



TOUR PRICE
ISRAEL

AUD\$6,500

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

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15 full paying adults, currency
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**3-18 October
2025**

**YOUR TOUR HOSTS
Khim & Eugenie Harris**

With Jesus at Sukkot

Just as Jesus went up to Jerusalem for the seven-day Sukkot or Feast of Tabernacles, 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.

When Jesus attended this Feast, on its last day he 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". Sukkot 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 the light of Yeshua Messiah shone from Israel, to our nation, and into each of our hearts. Immerse yourself in the Land where the Messiah walked, as we ask God to refresh our souls and strengthen our faith.



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Your tour hosts

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Price includes:

- **Accommodation:** half-board (breakfast & dinner) in 3- and 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 lectures/talks
- **Entrance fees:** historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study materials, including a Shoresh Tours Reader.

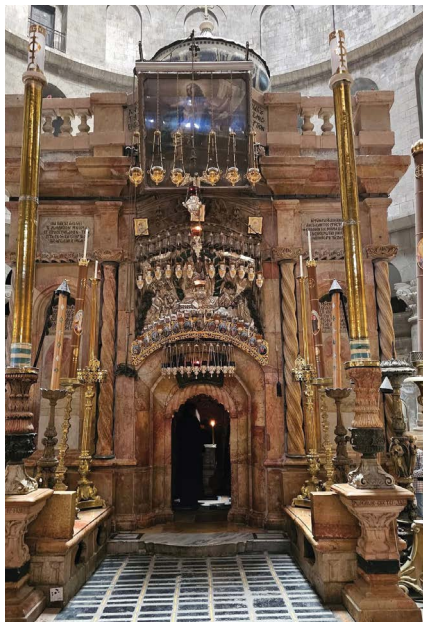
Price excludes:

- 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.

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

Darrelle Dhu, WA



WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. To secure your place, a deposit of \$500 is required into the Shoresh Australia bank account: **Shoresh Australia Management; BSB: 016659; a/c no: 347614298**
2. You will be sent a receipt from Shoresh Australia 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 **4 July 2025**.

Itinerary – With Jesus at Sukkot

DAY 1 FRI 3 OCT Arrival in The Land

We will be met by Shores Tours at Ben Gurion International Airport and transferred to our hotel by bus. On the way, we will visit the **Museum of the Jewish People**. After settling into our hotel, we will learn about CMJ's ministry among the Jewish people at the **Heritage Centre** at Beit Immanuel Guest House. We will then visit the **ancient port of Jaffa** and the location of **Simon the Tanner's house** before dinner at our hotel. *Overnight: Ruth Daniel, Jaffa.*

DAY 2 SAT 4 OCT In the footsteps of Abraham & the ANZACS

We begin our journey by driving through the southern desert region of the **Negev** to attend the **Nachalat Yeshua Messianic Congregation** Shabbat service (10.30am) and meet with its Pastor, Howard Bass. We will visit **Tel Beer Sheva**, where Abraham made a covenant with the pagan King Abimelech well before it became one of the fortified cities of the Kingdom of Judah. Next stop is the site(s) associated with the **ANZAC** forces in the WWI **Battle of Beersheva**, including the famous charge of the Australian Light Horse. Subject to confirmation, we will tour the **ANZAC Memorial Centre**, which commemorates the liberation of the city from the Ottoman Turks in 1917. *Overnight: Leonardo, Beersheva.*

DAY 3 SUN 5 OCT Jerusalem: Centre of the World

We will set off after breakfast for **Jerusalem**, passing through the **Valley of Elah**, the location of the battle between David and Goliath, and stop briefly at **Tel Beth Shemesh**, where the Philistines returned the captured Ark of the Covenant to the Israelites. After settling into our accommodation, we will ascend the **'Tower of David' or Citadel** to get a basic orientation to the geography and history of Jerusalem. We will then take the **Ramparts Walk** to **Lions' Gate**, from where we follow the **Via Dolorosa** (a journey of faith rather than history) to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We then head back for the **Christ Church** Sunday evening service (6.00pm) followed by a late dinner. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 4 MON 6 OCT Sukkot Eve The Judean Wilderness

Our theme today is 'the wilderness' and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. After breakfast we travel by bus to **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. Next stop is **Qumran**, the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel; the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. We will enjoy a **float** in the mineral-rich waters of the **Dead Sea** before making the return ascent to Jerusalem. Our last stop will be the colourful **Mahane Yehuda** open-air market, 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 Sukkot. After dinner we will be officially welcomed by the CMJ team in Jerusalem. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 5 TUE 7 OCT Sukkot 1 The Place of Jerusalem

We will take the **Ramparts Walk** to the **Dung Gate** and make our way to Judaism's most holy site, the **Western Wall**, where the celebrations for the first day of Sukkot will be in full flow. After spending the afternoon exploring the **Jewish Quarter**, we will tour the CMJ **Heritage Centre** and **Christ Church**, from where its Rector, The Revd David Pileggi, will deliver his **first lecture**, 'The Place of Jerusalem'. We will then 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 Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 6 WED 8 OCT Sukkot 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 the Temple by Solomon, but how the Temple priesthood and sacrificial system foreshadowed the ministry of Jesus. We will then walk 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 walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** to the **Pool of Siloam**, then back up through the excavations under what would have been a processional road to the Temple, re-emerging near 'Robinson's Arch' at the Western Wall. After dinner, David Pileggi will give his **second lecture**, on 'Holiness and Purity in Ancient Israel'. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 7 THU 9 OCT Sukkot 3 Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus

Today will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in Jesus' day, when the Temple and Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish life. We will learn about **Temple rituals** and the many important events recorded in the Bible that took place here. An early start will take us up to the **Temple Mount**, where we will consider some of Jesus' actions there, as well as the claims of Islam. We will continue to the **Western Wall Tunnels**, to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. Then we will head back along the **Eastern Wall**, past the **Golden Gate** to the **Southern Steps**, where we will discuss Pentecost. Next stop is the **Davidson Centre** excavations and the **Herodian Villas** that were home to the Sadducees. Here we will study Jesus' attitude toward the priesthood. After dinner, Mike Niebur, **evangelist to both Jews and Muslims**, will give a talk on 'One New Man'. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 8 FRI 10 OCT Sukkot 4 Jesus' Last Week

We will start our day with a visit to the church of **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, a possible place of Peter's triple rejection of Jesus. Then we will 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 His resurrection meant to the Jewish people of the First Century. From there, we take in a panoramic view of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**, regarded by many as the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After viewing a tomb from the time of Jesus, we will visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**, then cross the **Kidron Valley** and enter the Old City through the **Zion Gate** and the **Armenian Quarter**. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*



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DAY 9 SAT 11 OCT Sukkot 5 Shabbat

There are no planned activities on this Day of Rest for the Jewish people. In the afternoon you can join the Tour Hosts for an optional walk along the **Palm Sunday Route** to **Bethany**, hometown of Jesus' friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus. On the way we will visit **Bethphage**, where Jesus sent his disciples to fetch a colt for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. After dinner we will hear from CMJ Israel Director about the work of CMJ. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 10 SUN 12 OCT Sukkot 6 The Story of the Jewish People

After attending the **Christ Church** Sunday morning service (9.30am) 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. Our next stop is 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 head to the **Shepherd's Fields** outside historic **Bethlehem**, birthplace of David and our Lord Jesus. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 11 MON 13 OCT Sukkot 7 Jordan & Jericho

Today we will take a break from Sukkot 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 bathers and a towel, as there will be at least one opportunity for a **swim**. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 12 TUE 14 OCT Simchat Tora 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.

We will return via the Valley of Bethesda in the **Muslim Quarter** to visit the location of the **Bethesda Pool**, where Jesus healed a paralytic man. We will check out the beautiful acoustics of the **Church of St Anne** by singing 'a few of our favourite songs'. The rest of the day will be spent in the Jewish Quarter, where we will be caught up in **Simchat Torah** (singing and dancing with the Torah), eat rolled food (representing Torah scrolls); and maybe catch some circle dancing at the Western Wall. After dinner, David Pileggi will deliver his **final lecture**, on 'The Relationship between Worship in the Temple, the Church and The New Jerusalem'. *Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem.*

DAY 13 WED 15 OCT Samaria and the Galilee

Today we say farewell to 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 we will examine the impressive excavations of its Roman period, when it was one of the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis. After crossing the **Jordan River**, when we will discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus, we will visit the ruins of El-Kurso monastery and the probable location of **Gergesa**, where Jesus healed the demoniac. After settling into our accommodation, there will be time for a **swim** before we meet up with a **local believer** over dinner. *Overnight: Kinar, Galilee.*

DAY 14 THUR 16 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. After passing by the remains of the ancient city of **Bethsaida**, we will start at **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 to sing, pray and reflect.

Then 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**. Other sites will include 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 FRI 17 OCT Nazareth

Our second last day will be spent visiting the region around **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home. We will experience life in a typical rural village at the time of Jesus, being immersed in the living model of Nazareth Village. After visiting **Cana**, where Jesus turned the water into wine, we will follow the route of the ancient **Via Maris to Megiddo**, (Armageddon of the New Testament) where we will examine the different strains of Apocalyptic thinking which flourished at that time. *Overnight: Nazareth*

DAY 16 SAT 18 OCT North Israel and departure

After our final breakfast together, we will join our brothers and sisters at the **Kehilat HaCarmel Messianic Congregation** Shabbat service (11.00am) near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal on **Mount Carmel** and from where there is a spectacular view over the North of Israel. We will then have an opportunity to review the past fortnight, and to pray for each other, after lunch at a **winery restaurant**. Our last stop before the Airport is the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of Caesarea Maritima, the site of the conversion of Cornelius.

- Khim will lead devotions before breakfast at 7.30am on most days
- The tour will include three lectures by David Pileggi and talks by four other specially selected speakers.
- 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 that may not be possible.