

# **Israel & The Roots of our Faith**

**23 Sept - 4 Oct 2024**

## **Tour Leaders**

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## **Tour by**

**Heritage Resources**

**Shoresh Study Tours**

## **Tour Includes**

**government licensed tour guide  
all entrance fees, tips & portorage  
accommodation at hotels & hostels  
all breakfasts & dinners  
study materials, kit (hat, bag & map)**

## **Not Included**

**flights to & from Israel  
lunches, snacks/coffees  
hotel transfers in Israel to/from airport  
any other services not mentioned  
travel insurance (mandatory)**

**AUD \$4,900\***

**Deposit: AUD \$500**

**\* Based on twin share**

**\* Subject to min. 30 participants**

**\* Subject to change (FX & fuel surcharges)**

**\* Single supplement AUD \$1,500**

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**Day 1: Monday 23rd:** Tour participants to meet mid-morning at Beit Immanuel in Jaffa (old Tel Aviv). We will have an introduction and overview of the tour, and then venture into the Old City for lunch and a short walk through the streets through to the site of Simon the Tanner's house. Following this, we will get on the bus and head north along the coast to the ancient seaport project city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in the 1st century, and was the largest artificial harbor in the world. Overnight in the Galilee

**Day 2: Tuesday 24th:** Today we will travel north to Israel's border with Lebanon at the base of Mt Hermon and enjoy the nature along the springs that form the upper Jordan River. We will spend time considering the extent of Jesus' ministry in this northern part of the Land, and enjoy other sites such as Tel Dan, Baniyas (Caesarea Philippi) and hear both Old and New Testament stories that took place in that area. We will also have overviews over Syria, and will contemplate Paul's 'Road to Damascus' experience. In the afternoon, time permitting, we hope to stop at some battle sites from the 1973 Yom Kippur War between Israel and Syria, and hear stories of the battles that took place there. Overnight in the Galilee

**Day 3: Wednesday 25th:** Our 'Jesus Day' around the Sea of Galilee. We will start at Katzrin Talmudic Village, and receive teaching on the deeper teachings of Jesus and Paul in relation to Covenant and in perspective of it's Hebraic context. We will also be visiting Capernaum and the Mt of Beatitudes, as well as enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (with a time of praise, worship and dancing!) Overnight in the Galilee

**Day 4: Thursday 26th:** Today we leave the Galilee region and journey south. Our first stop will be Semack, a site captured by the Light Horse in 1918. From here we will go to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. A stop at Nazareth Village, where we will have the opportunity to participate in a live exhibition of what life was like in Jesus' time. From there, time permitting, we will stop and have an overview at Megiddo. Overnight Jerusalem

**Day 5: Friday 27th:** Day will start at the Israel Museum, the largest cultural institution in the Middle East. We will view a model of the 2nd Temple built by King Solomon, as well as the Dead Sea Scrolls, which were found in 1947. Then onto Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, and spend time remembering the human tragedy and pain which preceded the birth of the modern nation of Israel. Time permitting, we will drive through the Jerusalem hills and stop at Ein Kerem, the traditional home of John the Baptist. Overnight Jerusalem

**Day 6: Saturday 28th:** Free day (with options of going to Church or other activities). After dinner, we will go to a Light Show at the Tower of David Citadel. Overnight in Jerusalem

**Day 7: Sunday 29th:** Attend a morning service at Christ Church, an evangelical Anglican congregation that worships in the historic church inside the Old City (optional). From midday onwards, we will visit archaeological sites from Jesus' day, one of these being a wealthy high priest's home (possibly house of Caiaphas), the Cardo and others. From here we will walk part of the traditional Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the prize of orthodox Christianity. Our afternoon will conclude with a time of reflection in the Garden Tomb. Overnight in Jerusalem

**Day 8: Monday 30th:** We will begin our day at the Southern Wall Excavations, where some key New Testament passages are easily reconstructed. From there we will venture to the City of David, and consider some of the archaeological remains from the period of the Davidic monarchy, and will cool ourselves in the 'gentle flowing waters of the Shiloah' - also known as Hezekiah's Tunnel. We will spend some time at the famous Western Wall, which is an open air synagogue for the modern Jewish community, before going through the Western Wall Tunnels, an underground tunnel exposing the full length of the Wall. After lunch we will make our way to the Garden of Gethsemane and reflect the events which occurred there, before heading up to the Mount of Olives and have a beautiful overview of Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem

**Day 9: Tuesday 1st:** We will travel south & start off at Qumran, the site where they found the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947. Then Ein Gedi, for an enjoyable hike, and also see where David hid from King Saul (*1 Samuel 24*). Then it's to Masada, an imposing fortress palace, built by Herod the Great (options to hike up or take the cable car!). Then we can look forward to applying some therapeutic mud and enjoy a float on the Dead Sea! Overnight at the Dead Sea

**Day 10: Wednesday 2nd:** After a mid-morning departure, our first stop will be "Fountain of Tears", a powerful exhibition best described as a dialog of suffering between the Holocaust and the Crucifixion. We will then continue south to the ancient city of Beersheba and explore the Negev region and have an in-depth look into the life of Abraham by discussing the many aspects of life during his day. We will spend some time focusing on the ANZACs, and highlight the importance of the 1917 Battle of Beersheba, a battle in which the Australian Light Horse and New Zealand Mounted Rifles fought. We will visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery and Park of the Australian Soldier. Overnight in the outskirts of Beersheba

**Day 11: Thursday 3rd:** We will venture to the Israeli Air Force Museum for our first site of the day. From here, we will head north en route to Tel Aviv through the Shphelah region (lower Judean foothills) and will see important battle sites such as between David and Goliath, Samson and others in the Elah Valley. We will stop at the Ayalon Bullet Factory, and time permitting at the Israel Independence Hall and learn how the State of Israel was established. Overnight Tel Aviv

**Day 12: Friday 4th:** Tour officially ends

### **Travel Insurance**

It is necessary to be covered by a comprehensive travel insurance policy (trip cancellation & travel health)

### **Sign Up**

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