

ISRAEL & JORDAN JOURNEY

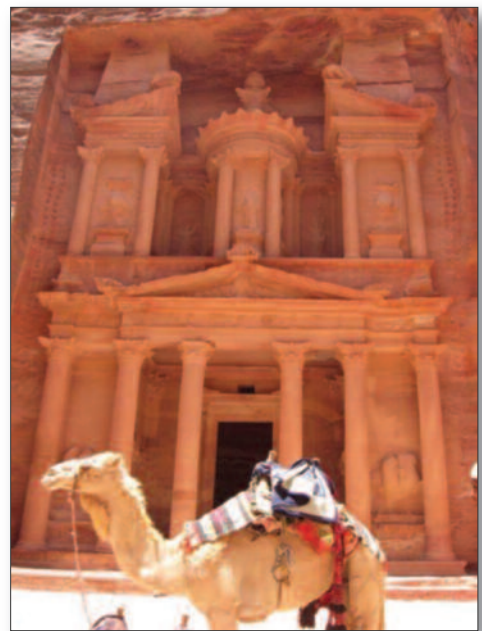
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CAMPBELL RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

“Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and the breadth of it.” (Genesis 13:17)



**CHRISTIAN
JOURNEYS**

WED. 25 FEB.: Departure for Israel

Tonight, we depart from Vancouver on our Air Canada flights to Tel Aviv. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. **(D)**

THU. 26 FEB.: Arrival in Israel

This morning, we arrive in Tel Aviv. Welcome to Israel! Here, we are met and given assistance with clearing customs and baggage formalities before our journey begins. Our first day in The Holy Land has us travel through Jerusalem to the outskirts of Jericho and then crossing over into Jordan where we shall unpack and rest before we begin our journey.

The Dead Sea Spa hotel is located by the shores of the Dead Sea, perfect setting for our first night in Biblical Lands. **(B, D)**

FRI. 27 FEB.: Jordan

This morning, we have free time to enjoy the unique properties of the Dead Sea.

Dead Sea – No visit to the Dead Sea would be complete without experiencing the unique buoyancy of these waters. Cover yourself in therapeutic black mud and float your aches and pains away!

After rejuvenating our bodies, we leave the Dead Sea and enjoy our first full day visiting:

Bethany – Extensive excavations of the surrounding area since 1996 have uncovered many sites. None more significant than the ruins of 'Bethabara.' Many believe this is the original site of John the Baptist's ministry and the location of his baptism of Jesus. (John 1:28)

Mt. Nebo – From here, we can see across into the Promised Land just as Moses did before being laid to rest. On a clear day, we can see the hills of Jerusalem with Jericho in the foreground.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at the Beit Zaman hotel overlooking Petra. **(B, D)**

SAT. 28 FEB.: Petra

After breakfast, we begin our visit of Petra. Petra was chosen as the capital of the Nabateans because it was located in a valley surrounded by sandstone mountains. The main entrance to Petra is called the Siq, with sides as high as 200m. It was here that Christians escaped from the siege of Jerusalem by Titus in the 1st century. This gorge and the temple at the end of it (the Kazneh) were popularized in American culture in the movie Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade.

The Kazneh – Of the 800 carved tombs in Petra, the Kazneh is the most famous. Its name Kazneh means 'treasure' and comes from the Bedouin belief that the Pharaoh chasing the Israelites hid his treasures in the urn at the top of the Kazneh.

Main Street – As many as 30,000 people may have lived in Petra during the 1st century. It is a misconception that Petra was a city only for the dead. A large earthquake in 363 AD destroyed at least half of the city. Petra never recovered from this destruction.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at our hotel, The Regency, in the capital city of Jordan, Amman. **(B, D)**

SUN. 01 MAR.: Crossing into Israel

This morning, we leave Amman and travel to the border crossing with Israel.

Once through border crossing formalities, we meet our guide who will escort us through Israel.

Harod's Spring – It is here that Gideon gathered his men before fighting the Midianites. (Judges 7:1-8)

Bet She'an - The largest of Israel's archeological digs. Even after its initial discovery many years ago, archeologists are today still discovering more ruins from the Roman era when Bet She'an was one of the 10 cities in The Decapolis. This ancient city, although destroyed by an earthquake in the 8th Century, offers a fabulous insight into Roman life and times. After losing the battle to the Philistines, King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls. (1 Samuel 31:10)

Just a short drive from Bet She'an, the city of Tiberius. Located on the shores of the Galilee, this hotel gives us the ability to enjoy the waters of the Sea of Galilee.

Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **(B, D)**

MON. 02 MAR.: Sea of Galilee

After breakfast, we will drive along the east side of the Sea of Galilee and begin our day by visiting:

The Mount of Beatitudes – Sit on the hill where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Looking directly south at the Sea of Galilee, the flower filled gardens offer peace and tranquility. (Matthew 5:1-8)

Bethsaida – Also known as 'The House of The Fisherman', this is the home of Peter, Philip and Andrew and also the place where Jesus fed the five thousand and healed the blind man. Here, we will see recent excavations of this old city. (Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13; John 1:35-42)

Capernaum – The center of Jesus' Galilee Ministry. Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. The Greek Orthodox Church, Franciscan Monastery and Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter make for an interesting kaleidoscope of varying architecture. (Matthew 9:1; 4:13)

Ginossar – Here, we will visit the **Jesus Boat Museum** exhibit. Discovered by accident during the drought of 1986, this fishing boat would have existed at the time of Jesus. Beautifully preserved, it is a timeless reminder of life during that time. The museum has a gift shop with quality items on sale!

Boat Ride – Our day continues with a memorable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

After a truly wonderful day, we return to the beautiful shores of the Sea of Galilee for our dinner and overnight stay. **(B, D)**

TUE. 03 MAR.: Upper Galilee and Golan Heights

A memorable day lies in store as we visit:

Tel Dan – This beautiful Biblical site will allow us a short walk around one of the rivers feeding the Jordan.

Caesarea Philippi – Built at one of the sources of the Jordan River, the city of Panias (named by the Greeks after the goat footed God, Pan) was later renamed by the Romans as Caesarea Philippi. It was here that Jesus revealed to the Disciples His purpose, His Church and where Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah. (Mark 8:27; Matthew 16:13-23)

Nimrod Castle – This stunning Crusader castle offers awe inspiring views of the plains of Lebanon and the upper Galilee.



Golan Heights – From the Peace Outlook vantage point, we can see the full panorama of the Sea of Galilee before our very eyes.

Dinner will be back at our hotel in Tiberius tonight. **(B, D)**

WED. 04 MAR.: Nazareth, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea

After breakfast, we leave the Galilee and head towards Jerusalem. On our way to Jerusalem, we will visit:

Nazareth – Here is where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. Nazareth is also the site of The Annunciation and where the Nazarenes attempted to throw Jesus over the cliff. We will visit *Nazareth Village*, bringing to life a Galilean village and its rural surroundings as it was 2000 years ago. Now a suburb of Nazareth, Cana is the site where Jesus performed his first miracle when he changed water into wine at a wedding. (Luke 1:26-38; 4:16; 4:28-30; John 1:46, 2:1-11; Matthew 2:23)

Megiddo – Hebrew for **Armageddon**, Megiddo was strategically located on the main trading routes between Babylonia and Egypt. Here, King Solomon built a giant fortress and city. With over 20 layers of civilization, Megiddo is a truly fascinating site.

Mount Carmel – Overlooking the city of Haifa with the Mediterranean Sea and Jezreel Valley on either side, we stand where the Prophet Elijah performed his miracle and called upon the fire of God to conquer the Prophets of Baal. (1 Kings 18:18-45; Isaiah 33:9)

Caesarea – The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel, where Pontius Pilate made his base. Here, we will tour the Roman aqueduct, restored theater and crusader city.

From the Mediterranean Sea, we head “up” to Jerusalem. This will be our home for the next five days.

Dinner will be back at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

THU. 05 MAR.: Jerusalem

Our first full day in Jerusalem has us visiting:

Mount of Olives – We begin by viewing Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. Photo opportunities abound at this time with the Golden Dome of the Rock prominent. From here, we shall walk down to The Garden of Gethsemane along the same path as that Jesus took when entering the city on Palm Sunday.

Garden of Gethsemane – The site where Jesus prayed at the Rock of Agony in the Garden. – *“My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”* (Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-14.)

House of Caiaphas – Located under the current St. Peter of Gallicantu church is the traditional site where Jesus was imprisoned.

Mount Zion – Assumed by the Byzantine pilgrims as the original City of David, this piece of land would have existed outside the original city walls.

Upper Room – The traditional site where Jesus instituted a new Passover celebration and the new Covenant in His blood. (Mark 14:15)

Jewish Quarter – Here, we will walk through the Cardo Maxima then onto the Herodian quarter.

Western Wall and Tunnels – After dinner, we shall visit the ‘Wailing Wall, the holiest place of pilgrimage for the Jews. Here, we can observe the Orthodox Jews pray relentlessly along with many Christians. Some of us may wish to leave a hand written note placed in the crevices of the Western Wall.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

FRI. 06 MAR.: Masada, Dead Sea

After breakfast, we drive down from Jerusalem to the shores of the Dead Sea and visit the following:

Masada – This Unesco World Heritage site was once Herod’s mountain top palace and fortress. Here, we ascend to the site by cable car and learn about the last Jewish stand against the Romans and the mass suicide of the 960 Jewish defenders.

Ein Gedi – This national park and oasis hosts the caves of David’s Gorge where David hid from Saul and his army. Wade in the pool where David and his army refreshed themselves in the *“Springs of Living Water.”* (1 Samuel 24; Song of Solomon 1:14; Ezekiel 47:10)

Qumran – It is here that the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Here, we will visit the excavated sites of Qumran and view the location where The Scrolls were found in 1947.

From the Dead Sea, we head back “up” to Jerusalem.

Dinner will be back at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

SAT. 07 MAR.: Jerusalem

On our last full day, we shall drive through the new city of Jerusalem to view the Knesset, plus the Menora. Then we will visit:

City of David – We will be guided through the site and new excavations of the city of David. You will have the opportunity to walk through Hezekiah’s tunnel and re-surface at the pool of Siloam.

Davidson Centre – This new facility uses state-of-the-art technology to bring the Temple Mount to life. This will give us a better understanding of the magnitude of Herod’s construction versus what we see today.

Church of St. Anne – Located by the pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the cripple. (John 5:1-9)

Prior to the Garden Tomb visit, we shall have an extended lunch hour in the Christian Quarter, giving you the opportunity to make those last minute purchases.

Garden Tomb – Preserved by The Garden Tomb Association, these beautiful gardens surround the traditional site of The Garden Tomb. Many believe that this was the actual garden of Joseph of Arimathea. Here, we will enjoy Communion and a private service. (John 19:41)

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

SUN. 08 MAR.: Bethlehem

A morning visit to the outskirts of Jerusalem and the ‘city of bread.’

Bethlehem – Where we shall visit: Manger Square, the Church of the Nativity, Star of Bethlehem and Shepherd’s Fields.

Herodium – Located south from Jerusalem, this was one of Herod’s favorite palaces and fortresses. Herodium is the location of the recently discovered site of Herod’s tomb. From this vantage point, we can look across the Dead Sea to Mt. Nebo.

This evening, we shall enjoy Fellowship with local Christians as we attend service at King of Kings church in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

Tonight, we enjoy our ‘Farewell Dinner!’ A wonderful time to reflect and share with others, before packing our bags and journeying home. **(B, D)**



MON. 09 MAR.: Depart for home

Alas! we must return home. This morning, we arrive at Ben Gurion airport and check-in for our return flights back to Vancouver via Toronto. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided. **(B, L)**

B - Breakfast L - Lunch D - Dinner

The itinerary is subject to alteration by your group leadership.

INCLUDED

Air travel: Air Canada from Vancouver.

Hotels:

Dead Sea Spa Hotel, Jordan
Beit Zaman hotel, Petra
Caesar Hotel, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee
Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem.

Meals: Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily with refreshments, tea and coffee in the morning. Some hotels do not supply coffee with dinner.

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour Managers will accompany the group.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Bottled water: (2 per person per day)

Departure taxes: Currently Cad \$687

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD\$140

Border crossings/visa fee: USD55.00

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed onemonth prior to departure.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches. (Unless mentioned in the itinerary.)

Delux Travel Insurance:

Age, up to and including 59: \$275.00
60 – 64: \$339.00
65 – 69 \$413.00
70 years of age and upwards. Please contact our office for policy premium options.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport which does not expire before 09 Sep 2015. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel. Jordan visa required.

Currency surcharge: Christian Journeys reserves the right to introduce a currency surcharge. If applicable, this would be assessed 90 days prior to departure.

Fuel surcharge: At time of print, the airline still implements a fuel surcharge on all of its flights. We anticipate that such surcharges will fluctuate between the time of printing the information and the departure. These will be re-assessed 90 days prior to departure. The current fuel surcharge is approx \$590 and is included in the Departure Tax amount of \$687.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A non-refundable deposit of \$400, plus insurance, is required with the signed booking form. Cancellation fees within, 60 days of departure, will be assessed at 100% non refundable.

Travel Insurance: The Delux Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' coverage to protect you against all monies paid, except the insurance premium.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety.

13 DAY JOURNEY PROGRAM

VANCOUVER PRICE: \$4495CAD
(Based on 20 paid passengers)
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 799CAD

**LAND ONLY – DEDUCT CAD\$1445 FROM FINAL BILLING,
IF YOU DO NOT REQUIRE THE GROUP FLIGHTS.**



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