

CMJ Canada

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

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We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit the places where important Biblical events took place and dig deep into the Scriptures in their original context to learn about God's faithfulness to His people, in the past, present, and future. Our tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek a better understanding of His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives.

Day 1/2: Travel Day(s), Saturday/Sunday 09/10 November Travel from Canada to Israel

Day 3: Monday, November 11, 2024 **LIGHT to the NATIONS**

We arrive early morning at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. We will begin our tour with a prayer at **Dugit Outreach Ministries** in Tel Aviv. Next, we will visit the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the location of Simon the Tanner's house and the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to the people of Ninevah. Time permitting, we will visit **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**, at the center of the Tel Aviv University campus, celebrating and exploring the experiences, accomplishments, and spirit of the Jewish community from biblical times to the present. In the evening we will have time to stroll along the beach or go for a walk in the area. Overnight: Seasons, Netanya, Coast

Day 4: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 **LIGHT TO THE NATIONS - Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah**

Today we travel north up the coast and then eastwards inland to the Galilee, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. We begin our day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome. We then travel up the coast to **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's cities, and according the Book of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. Overnight: Kinar, Sea of Galilee

Day 5: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE - Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Our 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 the day at the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. After a short walk or drive down the hill we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. At lovely **Tabgha**, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection, we will enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake. After lunch we will go to **Magdala** which is located next to an ancient crossroads and where archaeologists found the remains of a first century synagogue. Later in the afternoon we will visit 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 some worship, prayer and reflective time. An evening with worship leader, **Carolyn Hyde** (possible dinner at her house).

Overnight: Kinar, Sea of Galilee

Day 6: Thursday, November 14, 2024

NORTHERN ISRAEL - "Who Do Men Say That I Am?"

Today we explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. We will seek to understand what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. We begin by climbing up to the magnificent **Golan Heights**. In the morning we will visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at **Katzrin**, where we will take another close look at life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Next we will travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** - Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Along the way we will pass **Druze Villages** before coming to a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the **road to Damascus** where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Our final stop is the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel's apostasy. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream and discuss the meaning of "living water" in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching.

Overnight: Kinar, Sea of Galilee

Day 7: Friday, November 15, 2024

THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS

We drive to the city of Arad to the **Fountain of Tears** sculptures created by a Canadian by the name of Rick Wienecke, a work exploring the relationship between Jesus and the victims of the Holocaust. From here we will travel to **Kfar HaNokdim**, a Bedouin site where we will have the opportunity to **ride camels and experience Bedouin hospitality**. We conclude our day at our spa hotel on the Dead Sea. Shabbat candles at hotel.

Overnight: David SPA Hotel, Dead Sea

Day 8: Saturday, November 16, 2024**THE JUDEAN DESERT & JORDAN VALLEY - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness**

We travel early along the shores of the Dead Sea to **Masada**, the most impressive desert palace-fortress built by Herod the Great. In the course of visiting the site we will consider the man Herod and how his personality casts its shadow through the New Testament. Masada is also famous as the last stronghold of the Zealot resistance against Rome. We will discuss their theology and its relevance to our understanding of Jesus' teaching. 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. We will then visit **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. In the late afternoon we will enter **Jerusalem**, the City of the Great King. As we walk through the western gate, the Jaffa Gate, we will pray and worship at **Kanada House**, Canada's tangible presence in God's holy city. After dinner, we can walk to the **Western Wall (the Kotel)** to witness the close of Shabbat.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 9: Sunday, November 17, 2024**JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS - The Temple at the Center**

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. 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 take a trip to the subterranean **Western Wall Tunnels** to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. We complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. We will end the day at 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**.

In the evening, we will have an opportunity to join a worship service at **Christ Church**, the oldest Protestant Church in the Middle East.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem.

Day 10: Monday, November 18, 2024**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 at the **Jerusalem House of Prayer for All Nations**, based on the Mount of Olives, for a time of prayer and worship. We continue to a panoramic

overlook 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 **Stephen's Gate**, stopping to examine the remains of the **Pool of Bethesda**. Depending on the group's interest, we may walk parts of the **Via Dolorosa**, stopping at several of the places mentioned in the Bible, and arrive at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We continue our tour with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**. In the evening we will 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 Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 11: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

SUKKAT HALLEL PRAYER ROOM, BETHLEHEM.

In the morning, we will walk to **Saint Peter in Gallicantu** church, the traditional location of the palace of Caiaphas, the High Priest who convicted Jesus. Accordingly, it is also noted as the site of the apostle Peter's triple denial of Jesus, marked by a rooster crow.

We continue with a visit to **Succat Hallel** to pray over Jerusalem. From here we take the short drive to **Bethlehem**, where we will visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which marks the probable site of the birth of Jesus, and the "**Shepherd's Fields**" where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah. Time and conditions permitting, we will also visit **Hebron** where we will see the tomb of the Patriarchs.

In the evening, we will have a glass of wine at **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people and the miraculous restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. (request Idan)

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 12: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

LEADERS OF ISRAEL & THE RESTORATION OF HOPE - A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today we will visit the **Israel Museum** to see the **Jerusalem Model** in the Second Temple period and the **Shrine of the Book**, showcasing the Dead Sea Scrolls.

We continue to study both great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. We will examine the systematic annihilation of six million Jews in the Nazi genocide, God coming to earth in the form of a man to save His people from their sins, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. We travel to **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.

* Meeting **Rachel Netanel**, a messianic believer, in **Ein Kerem**, a historic mountain village southwest of Jerusalem (based on her availability).

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 13: Thursday, November 21, 2024
SAMARIA: ANCIENT ISRAEL (Conditions permitting)

We start the day with a tour of the **Knesset**, unicameral parliament of Israel and supreme authority of the state (requires a formal dress code).

Then we journey into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, of the Israelites under Joshua, and later the breakaway Kingdom of Israel. Sites visited will likely include **Shiloh, Mt. Gerezim, Mt. Kabir**, and an overview of **Bethel**. We will focus on our roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to our understanding of the New Testament. We may also have an opportunity to meet with a **Samaritan priest**. We have the opportunity to stroll the beach and reflect on our time in Israel.

Overnight: Tal By The Beach, Tel Aviv

Day 14: Friday, November 22, 2024

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

This morning we say goodbye to Israel as we make an early start to the airport to catch our flights home, arriving home the same day.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *Itinerary and accommodations subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Many sites are unpaved. 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.*

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation: Tourist class en suite, shared twin rooms, taxes and portorage
- Transportation: Bus and driver for touring, group transfers to and from airport
- Meals: Breakfast (B) and dinner (D)
- Guide: License Christian/Messianic guide
- Tips: Driver, Guide, Hotels
- Entrance fees: Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials

Not included:

- Airfare: Canada – Tel Aviv return
- Comprehensive travel insurance (mandatory)
- 11 Lunches (L) & snacks (approximately \$20 CAD per day)
- Individual activities on possible free days
- Transfers to and from the airport apart from the main group
- Discretionary gift for guide and driver
- Personal discretionary spending

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