

# THE HOLY LAND

ESCORTED TOUR TO ISRAEL

HOSTED BY PASTOR BOB & PATRICIA JOHNSTON

OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



**Day 1 - Tuesday, October 29th - TORONTO/TEL AVIV.** Depart Toronto International Airport on a direct flight to Tel Aviv.

**Day 2 - Wednesday, October 30th - TEL AVIV/ JAFFA.** Arrive at Ben Gurion airport, where our tour guide will meet you. We start by traveling to Jaffa, which affords us a breathtaking view of the city of Tel Aviv. At this picturesque port city of winding alleys, art galleries and crafts boutiques, King Solomon had the cedars of Lebanon rafted for the building of the First Temple in Jerusalem. You will view the spot of the House of Simon the Tanner (Acts 10:6). After this tour we go to our hotel for check-in and the rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy Tel Aviv. (D) Overnight Tel Aviv at hotel Leonardo City Towers

**Day 3 - Thursday, October 31st - CAESAREA/MT. CARMEL/MEGIDDO.** We drive north along the Plain of Sharon, the Mediterranean and the old coastal road - the Via Maris that linked Egypt and Babylon as we journey towards Galilee. We pass by Caesarea, the incredible fortress city built by King Herod the Great. Here, Pontius Pilate had his base; Cornelius lived and was baptized (Acts 10); Paul embarked to Tarsus (Acts 9:30) and Philip preached (Acts 8:40). We continue north towards Haifa and ascend Mt. Carmel, the site where the prophet Elijah fought the 400 false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:30). We will stop for an incredible panoramic view of Haifa. We turn inland and proceed to Megiddo, one of King Solomon's walled fortified cities (1 Kings 9:15; 10:26), with ruins of 20 levels of civilization. From here the Books of Daniel and Revelation will come alive as we read about the final Battle of Armageddon, while viewing the Plains of Jezreel. Continue to Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee. (B/D) Overnight at Sea of Galilee at hotel Leonardo Club

**Day 4 - Friday, November 1st - JESUS MINISTRY IN THE GALILEE.** After breakfast, we will start our day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Ginossar where we will see the ancient boat from the time of Jesus displayed at the Kibbutz Museum (first the ancient boat then sailing in the Sea of Galilee). Continue to Capernaum, the Centre of Jesus' Galilean ministry and the site of many of his miracles. We will see the remains of Peter's house and the synagogue site where Jesus taught and worshipped. Drive to Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. Continue to the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered what is perhaps the most famous sermon ever preached - "The Sermon On The Mount" (Matt.5). We will drive north of the Golan Heights and visit Baniyas, one of the sources of the Jordan River and the site of ancient "Caesarea Philippi", where Peter made the confession of faith in Christ (Matt; 16:16). Return to Tiberias via the east side of the Sea of Galilee, stopping at Kursi to see the place where the demons entered the swine and the whole herd rushed into the Sea of Galilee. (B/D) Overnight at Sea of Galilee at hotel Leonardo Club

**Day 5 - Saturday, November 2nd - ROAD TO JERUSALEM.** We start the day with a visit to Yardenit, the Baptismal Centre on the Jordan River. Then drive to Nazareth, the boyhood town of Jesus, to visit Nazareth Village, an open-air museum depicting a village from the time of Jesus. We continue southward to Beit Shean, where we will walk through the incredible excavations of the largest ongoing archaeological dig in the land of Israel with its Roman theatre, colonnaded Roman streets, mosaics and Roman bathhouses. It is also the city where the body of King Saul and his sons were nailed to the walls by the Philistines (1 Samuel 31:10). We then drive through the lush Jordan Valley, where the desert now blooms with flowers and vegetation of every description (Isaiah 35:1-2). Ascend up the Judean Wilderness to the Golden City of Jerusalem. (B/D) Overnight in Jerusalem at hotel Royal Jerusalem



**Day 6 - Sunday, November 3rd - JERUSALEM/BETHLEHEM.** Drive to the Israel Museum and visit the Shrine of the Book housing the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest manuscripts of the Bible ever found. Visit the model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple period as it used to look at the time of Jesus. Continue to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust commemorating the six million Jews who perished. Visit & walk through the newly opened Museum, visit the Children's Memorial, walk along the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles, commemorating those who risked their lives to save the Jewish lives. End the day in Bethlehem in the afternoon where we will see the church of Nativity, the oldest church in the world and birthplace of Jesus, and visit the Shepherds Fields. Return to your hotel. (B/D) **Overnight in Jerusalem at hotel Royal Jerusalem**

**Day 7 - Monday, November 4th - OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM.** We start the day at the Mount of Olives, for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane and the church of All Nations. Then we visit the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest spot and explore the tunnels to see the excavations from the time of the Second Temple period.

From here, we proceed by bus across the Kidron Valley, past the tombs of Absalom, Zechariah and James and proceed to Mt. Zion to visit the traditional site of the Upper Room (room of the last supper), King David's Tomb and the Church of St. Peter's in Gallicantu, built on top of the High Priest Caiphas' house. We walk to the Zion Gate and enter the Old City of Jerusalem and proceed through the Armenian Quarter to the Jewish Quarter. There we visit the newly excavated City of David including the Pool of Siloam and Hezekiah Tunnel. Walk along the Roman/Byzantine Street called the "Cardo" to the Davidson Center and visit the archaeological park of the excavations along the Western and the Southern walls of the Temple Mount of Jerusalem.

We continue our walk along the Via Dolorosa to see the Pools of Bethesda, St. Anne's Church of the Flagellation & Pilate's Judgment Hall. We pass through the colorful bazaars, alleyways & market places and reach the Church of the Holy Sepulcher for a brief visit. (B/D) **Overnight in Jerusalem at hotel Royal Jerusalem**

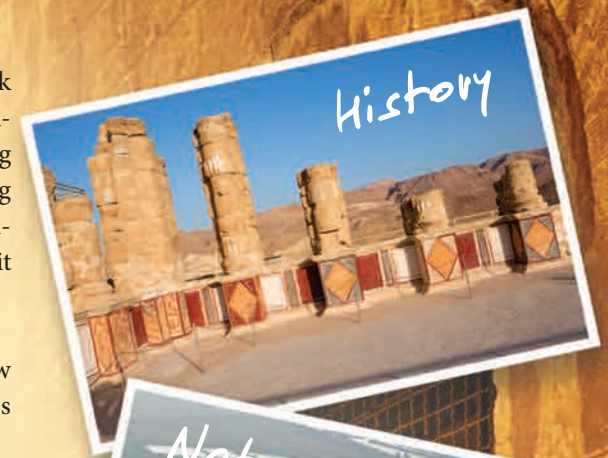
**Day 8 - Tuesday, November 5th - QUMRAN/MASADA/DEAD SEA.** After breakfast start the day with a visit to the Gordon/Garden Tomb. Afterwards we drive to the lowest point on Earth, the Dead Sea, that lies over 1300 feet below sea level. On the way we stop at the Genesis Land to enjoy a camel ride, & special Bedouin hospitality in Abraham's tent.

We will stop at Qumran, the cave where a young shepherd boy discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947, the oldest scriptures of the Bible ever found. You will see where the Essenes, who wrote these scrolls, lived and worked. Continue south to Masada, where we will take a cable car to the summit of the magnificent fortress built by King Herod the great and the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots. Visit the Historic ruins and see the palaces bathhouses, swimming pool, and the oldest synagogue in the world on this mountain in the middle of the desert. After descending this mountain by cable car, we travel to the shores of the Dead Sea where you will have time to take a float in the saltiest body of water in world. Return to Jerusalem.

(B/L/D) **Overnight in Jerusalem at hotel Royal Jerusalem**

**Day 9 - Wednesday, November 6th - JERUSALEM/FAREWELL DINNER.** After breakfast, enjoy a day of leisure; perhaps revisit the Old City for exploring the bazaars or the new city for shopping along Jaffa Road & Ben Yehuda St. Visit many of the Museums that Jerusalem has to offer that you did not see on the tour. We will have a farewell dinner in a Middle Eastern restaurant before transferring to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight to Toronto. (B/D)

**Day 10 - Thursday, November 7th - ISRAEL/CANADA**  
Depart Tel-Aviv, arrive in Toronto.





Your hosts:  
Pastor Bob & Patricia Johnston



Your co-hosts:  
Pastor Ben & Dianne Johnston

Dear Friends,

Israel is the land of the Bible, land of Faith, the Holy Land. For a person of faith whose beliefs are rooted in the Bible, there is no place on earth like the Holy Land.

During the time of Roman rule in the Middle East, about 2000 years ago, an event took place that was to shape human history forever. This momentous event was the birth of Jesus. The New Testament Gospels teach us that Mary gave birth to Jesus in Bethlehem, wrapped him in cloth and "laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). Jesus grew to manhood in Nazareth, lived and moved among the people of Galilee and Jerusalem. He gained recognition as a teacher, prophet and miracle worker. Jesus, the Son of God was crucified, buried and resurrected, giving birth to Christianity. His life and teachings have affected millions of people around the world, and changed the course of history. Nowhere else on earth do the events of Jesus' life come alive as here, in Israel, the Holy Land.

I invite you to come with Patricia and I to Israel. Together we will walk the places Jesus walked and pray in the places He preached and prayed. It is our hope that this tour will exceed expectations as it brings the Bible to life.

Due to limited space, I urge you to send your reservation in soon.

Shalom,  
Pastor Bob

## TOUR PRICE: \$ 3,200 CAD

Base fare \$2510 CAD plus \$690 CAD tax & fuel surcharges  
Single supplement 820 CAD / 3rd person reduction 150 CAD

**INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:** Direct international flights \* Meeting and assistance on arrival at Ben Gurion Airport \* Porterage at airport and hotels \* 7 full days transportation in air-conditioned vehicle - as per attached itinerary \* Transfers on departure \* 7 days of sightseeing with English speaking guide \* Entrance fees as per itinerary \* 7 nights hotel accommodation at above-mentioned hotels on a HB basis (breakfast and dinner daily) \* 1 lunch \* Farewell dinner in a Middle Eastern restaurant \*

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses of a personal nature \* Meals throughout the entire tour other than mentioned \* Tips to driver, guide, hotel and restaurant staff \* Optional baptism at Yardenit \* Travel / medical insurance \* Any other item not mentioned above

- \* Deposit is \$300.00 CAD per person, non-refundable
- \* Final payment non-refundable due 60 days to departure
- \* Prices are subject to change without prior notice and cannot be guaranteed until booked, deposit paid and confirmed
- \* Rates are per person based on double occupancy

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