



# Israel and Jordan Tour

*A Shores Study Tours Itinerary*

*May 3 - 15, 2022*

*Tour hosted by Rev. Chris Tebbutt  
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*In the steps of the ancient people of Israel and Jesus the Messiah, we'll travel from the Sinai wanderings, through the heartland of Israel, and up north to the source of the Jordan River. The whole of the Land will become our spiritual classroom as we seek to understand God's message to His people, both in those ancient days and our own.*

## **Day 1 Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

### **ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE**

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. From here we will travel to our hotel on the edge of the Zin Wilderness. Later we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer. Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beersheva, Negev Desert

## **Day 2 Wednesday, May 4**

### **OUT OF EGYPT INTO THE WILDERNESS**



This morning we will be traveling through the **Wilderness of Zin** where Moses struck the rock in disobedience. We will visit the ancient caravan city of **Avdat** to discover how the ancient Nabateans made the desert bloom. We will take a short hike to a beautiful oasis in the **Zin Canyon**. Our last stop will be the **Fountain of Tears** sculptures, a work exploring the relationship between Jesus and the victims of the Holocaust. We will end the day in time to relax in the spa at our **Dead Sea** hotel.

Overnight: David Spa Hotel, Dead Sea

## **Day 3 Thursday, May 5**

### **THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness**

Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We begin our day at **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. From Masada we drive north to the **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. After a time at the Baptismal site near Jericho, we will drive north to our hotel at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. For the next three nights we will be staying right on the shores of the Sea of Galilee at the site where the famous 'Jesus Boat' was discovered



Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

## **Day 4 Friday, May 6.**

### **LIGHT TO THE NATIONS - Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah**

Today we travel west and then down the coast, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. Our first visit of the day will be the convent of the **Sisters of Nazareth** for a visit of ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to

**Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We complete 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. At the end of the day we drive back to Kibbutz Ginosar with the opportunity to enjoy a dip in the fresh waters of the Sea of Galilee before dinner".

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

### Day 5 Saturday, May 7

#### **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 **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Our next stop will be 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. We will have the opportunity to purchase a 'St Peter's fish' lunch at one of the fish restaurants on the Sea. 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. 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. After dinner we will meet with a local believer.



Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

### Day 6 Sunday, May 8. SAMARIA

#### **SAMARIA: ANCIENT ISRAEL**

Today we journey into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, of the Israelites under Joshua, and later the breakaway Kingdom of Israel. Sites visited may include: **Mt. Gerazim** (the "Mount of Blessing" from Joshua's time), and **Shiloh** (long-time location of the Tabernacle and the ark of the covenant). We will focus on our roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to our understanding of the New Testament. In the late afternoon we will enter Jerusalem, the City of the Great King. After dinner we will be treated to a short stroll for a **rooftop panorama of the Old City** and talk with the Director of Shores Study Tours.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

### Day 7 Monday, May 9

#### **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** (conditions permitting), 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 then make our way through

the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City to see the **Herodian Villas**, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at 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. This 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 8 Tuesday, May 10**

#### **MORNING IN BETHLEHEM, AFTERNOON OPTIONS**

In the morning, 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. This afternoon we will have the option of visiting the City of David, the place where it all begun and to take a walk through Hezekiah’s tunnel to the Pool of Shiloam. The other option is to 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. In the evening we hope to be able to take in the ‘Night Spectacular’ at the Tower of David Museum opposite Christchurch, an unforgettable and truly spectacular presentation of Jewish history.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

### **Day 9 Wednesday, May 11**

#### **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 with 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**. From here we walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We end our tour with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus’ burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**. This evening we will walk to a local Armenian restaurant to enjoy a time of food and fellowship together for our last evening in Israel.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

### **Day 10 Thursday, May 12**

For those **not** travelling to Jordan- Morning departure

We say farewell to Jerusalem and descend through the mountains of Judea to catch the flight home from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv



## For those travelling on to Jordan

### NORTHERN JORDAN & THE DESERT HIGHWAY



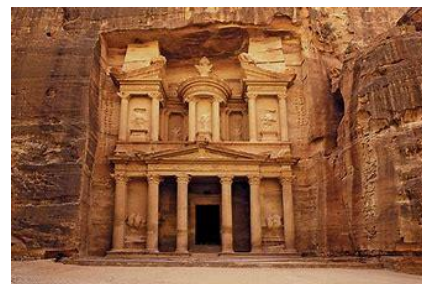
After an early breakfast, we will cross the border at Allenby Bridge and begin our journey in northern Jordan. We will travel to Wadi Rum, undoubtedly one of the most beautiful deserts in the world. Later in the afternoon we will arrive at our hotel near the entrance to the mysterious rose-red city of Petra. We are staying at the beautiful Hyatt Zeman holiday village.

Overnight: Hyatt Zeman, Petra

#### Day 11 Friday, May 13

##### DESERT TRADERS

Today is devoted to exploring Petra, where we'll discuss the mysteries of the Nabataean traders and their strategic location along the silk and spice trade routes between the east and west. We enter the city through the Siq, a narrow slit in the mountains, with walls towering 80 meters on each side. We will spend the whole day walking around the twists and turns of this magnificent gorge city, including the famous Treasury tomb from the first century.



On returning to our hotel why not try a Hammam (a traditional Turkish bath) to relax at the end of the day?

Overnight: Hyatt Zeman, Petra

#### Day 12 Saturday, May 14

##### THE DESERT HIGHWAY II.

Saying goodbye to Petra, we turn north up the Desert Highway parallel to the Israelites' route when they made their wilderness journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. We will drive to **Madaba**, known as the City of Mosaics dating to the Byzantine and Umayyad eras and home to the famous 6th century mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. We will have a brief stop at Mt. Nebo, burial site of Moses overlooking the Jordan Valley. We will travel to the ruins of Pella, where early Messianic Jews fled during the war with Rome in the First Century. Our final night in the Holy Land is at the spectacular 5 star Movenpick Hotel on the eastern shores of the Dead Sea - its beautiful gardens and unrivalled spa facilities will make for a relaxing and memorable last night in Jordan

Overnight: Movenpick, Dead Sea, JORDAN

#### Day 12 Sunday, May 15

"TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH" - Morning departure

We say farewell to **Jordan** and return back over the border via the **Allenby Bridge**, descending through the mountains of Judea to the coast. Time permitting, we may visit the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to warn the people of Nineveh and location of Simon the Tanner's house for lunch and a stroll round the ancient port. From there it is just a short ride from **Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv**

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:**

- *Most days on this itinerary involve a regular amount of walking and/or climbing. Therefore this trip cannot generally accommodate those who have significant difficulty with climbing stairs or walking a half a mile at a time. Please be in contact with the trip leaders if you have any concerns about this.*
- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *It is mandatory for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical costs or trip cancellations.*



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