

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2016

Join us and follow in the Footsteps of Jesus

12
Days

Fully
Escorted

3-16 Oct 2016



Main Photo: The Sea of Galilee



Tour Price: \$6980* Per Person
Twin Share (Single room supplement \$1275*)

Your tour hosts:

Graeme Lienert APM



Mr Graeme Lienert, APM, Assistant Commissioner of Police (retired). Frequent traveller to Israel and neighbouring countries. Since retiring from the WA Police Force, Graeme has led many tour groups to Israel. He has established over the years invaluable local knowledge that will enhance your Holy Land Tour. **If you would like to know more about Graeme Lienert's escorted tours please call 0419 909 909, email egtravel@icloud.com or visit www.graemeliert.com**

Gale Mashiach



A Tour Manager and registered Guide with Israel's Ministry of Tourism, Gale has been leading groups of Pilgrims throughout the Holy Land for many years. She is internationally recognised for her knowledge of local issues and is well acquainted with the history of modern and biblical Israel. Gale travels widely, to share her understanding of the Holy Land and what it means to Pilgrims.

Tour Inclusions

- Return economy class airfare from Australian mainland capital cities
- Meet and assist on arrival to Amman, Jordan and transfer to Israel
- Visa for Jordan
- 10 full days of sightseeing as per itinerary
- Specialist Israeli tour guide Gale (English and Hebrew)
- Accommodation 3-4 star hotels with meals (Breakfast, Dinner as indicated BD)
- Luxury air conditioned motor coach throughout
- Entrance fees - historical sites, museums, parks, Masada cable car, boat-ride
- Tipping and gratuities
- Pilgrim certificate, map, hat and back pack

Tour Exclusions

- Travel Insurance - mandatory, if you are not choosing option offered by Olive Tree Travel - a copy of your policy is required
- Drinks with meals
- Lunches
- Individual activities on free days
- Individual airport transfers apart from the group
- Any other service not mentioned

Itinerary - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 3 - 16 Oct 2016

Monday Oct 3. 2016 - Depart Australia to the Holy Land

Day 1: Tuesday Oct 4. - Amman - Jerusalem

Arrive Amman – Travel by Bus to King Hussein (Allenby) Border crossing, Welcome to Israel! Meet, assist and transfer by special A/C Bus to our Hotel in Jerusalem. Check in - Overnight Jerusalem (D)

Day 2: Wednesday Oct 5. Mount of Olives – Gethsemane – Bethlehem – Church of the Nativity – Shepherds Field

We begin the day driving to the top of Mount of Olives for a majestic view of ancient and modern Jerusalem the centre of the Biblical world. We walk down Palm Sunday Road, via the Chapel of Dominus Flevit and visit the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed on the night of his betrayal (Lk 22:40-46). We continue to Bethlehem to see the church of the Nativity (Mt 2:1). We continue to Shepherds Field where the Angel of the Lord proclaimed the birth of our Saviour (Lk 2:8-29) - Overnight Jerusalem (BD)

Day 3: Thursday Oct 6. - Western Wall – Temple Mount - Room of the Last Supper - Hezekiah's Tunnel

Today we tour the Old City to visit the Western Wall, the Holy Shrine of the Jewish people, and view Temple Mount (Gen 22). We follow the pathway of Stations of the Cross to the Church of The Holy Sepulcher, and continue to Mt. Zion to the Room of the Last Supper (Mk 14:12-26). We visit the City of David, and walk through Hezekiah Tunnel (2 Kgs 20:20) to the Pool of Siloam (Jn 9:7-11) - Overnight Jerusalem (BD)

Day 4: Friday Oct. 7 - Ein Kerem - Yad Vashem - Museum (Dead Sea Scrolls) - Jerusalem Markets - Free time

After breakfast we drive to Ein Kerem, the birthplace of John the Baptist, son of Zacharias and Elizabeth (Lk 1:5-17). We visit Yad Vashem, a moving memorial for the victims of the Holocaust. We drive to the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. We continue to the Mehane Yehuda Markets on the eve of the Sabbath, and experience the vibrancy of modern Jerusalem as of past times - Overnight Jerusalem (BD)

Day 5: Saturday Oct. 8 - Masada – Dead Sea

After breakfast we depart from Jerusalem, driving through the Judean Desert to visit the Mount of the Fortress of Masada, the site of the last Jewish rebellion against the Romans in 73 A.D. Ascend and descend by cable car. We take the opportunity to bathe in the waters of the Dead Sea – the lowest point on the face of the earth. Return to Jerusalem passing by Qumran the site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls - Overnight Jerusalem (BD)

Day 6: Sunday Oct. 9 – Redeemer Church – Jericho – Galilee

Following breakfast we check out of our hotel, attend service at the Redeemer Church in the Old City, then continue to Jericho, the first town conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6:1-24). Ascend by cable car to the Mount of Temptation, where the Devil tempted Jesus (Mt 4:8). Continue along the Jordan Valley to the Galilee, passing by Mt Gilboa where King Saul and his sons met their death (1 Sam 31). Overnight Tiberius (BD)

Day 7: Monday Oct. 10 - The Pilgrim Shrines – Sea of Galilee

Today, we sail on the Sea of Galilee. We follow in the footsteps of Jesus, exploring the biblical sites of the Galilee, where many miracles of Jesus occurred. We visit Tabgha, the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes (Mk 6:30-44), the Mount of The Beatitudes (Mt 5:7) and Capernaum, the ancient Town of Jesus. At Ginosar we see the 'Jesus boat' a restored fishing boat of the kind in use some 2,000 years ago. Overnight Tiberius. (BD).

Day 8: Tuesday Oct. 11 - Tiberius – Cana – Nazareth

We drive to Cana to visit the Wedding Church, where Jesus performed his first public miracle of changing water into wine (Jn 2:1-11), then continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation where the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to give birth to Jesus (Lk 1:26-33). We visit the Mount of the Precipice (Mount of Leap) then return to the Galilee. Overnight Tiberius. (BD)

Day 9: Wednesday Oct. 12 – Meditation at the Sea of Galilee

YOM KIPPUR – DAY OF ATONEMENT

A day by The Galilee – where Jesus walked, performed miracles, and gathered his disciples (Mt 4:18-22). Free time to enjoy and relax in the hotel gardens, swim in the pool or step into the sweet water of Lake Galilee. This day is commemorated by the Jewish people as the day when the entire nation confess their sins and ask for forgiveness and cleansing - A Day of Atonement - to put right with God (Lv 16:29-34) (Heb 9:11-14). Overnight Tiberius (BD).

Day 10: Thursday Oct. 13 - Haifa – Tel Aviv – Jaffa

We check out of our hotel and travel to Mount Carmel where we take in the breathtaking views of Haifa where we see the exquisite gardens dominated by the golden dome of the Bahai Shrine. We visit the Haifa Messianic Church (Evangelical) and continue along the Mediterranean coast passing by Caesarea Maritima, built by Herod. This became the seat of government for Roman governors including Pontius Pilate, who sat in judgment on the trial of Jesus and sentenced him to be crucified (Jn 19:12-16) Overnight Tel Aviv (BD).

Day 11: Friday Oct. 14 Tel Aviv – Jaffa (Yafo)

Our day begins in the vibrant city of Tel Aviv. We drive to the nearby town of Jaffa, an historical and biblical port on the Mediterranean coast and visit the House of Simon the Tanner where Peter had his vision (Acts 10:1-22) and St Peter's Church (Acts 9:36-43). We visit Saron the home of the Templars, then continue to Carmel Markets. Free time, shop, swim, walk alongside the Mediterranean Sea or sit at a café and enjoy Middle Eastern fare. Our tour guide will be available to help with suggestions. Farewell dinner - Overnight Tel Aviv (BD).

Day 12: Saturday Oct. 15 - Tel Aviv

Following breakfast, we prepare for travel to Amman. We travel by bus through the Judean mountains, to the Allenby Border crossing. We pass through Immigration into Jordan, for transfer to Amman airport for our homeward bound Flight (B).

Day 13: Sunday Oct. 16 Arrive home with spiritual fulfillment and memories to last a lifetime.

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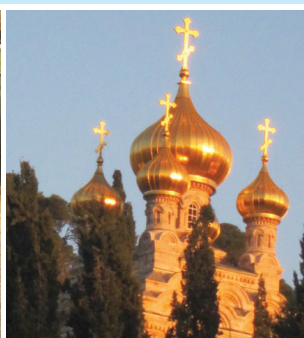
THE ARAVA & PETRA – 3 DAYS

AND / OR

THE 7 CHURCHES - 5 DAYS IN TURKEY

*Price is subject to a minimum of 20 full paying adults, currency fluctuation, and increase in Airline Ticket/Departure Taxes - conditions apply .

*Please note if you are not travelling with a companion and a suitable same gender roommate is not available, you will need to pay the single room supplement.



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