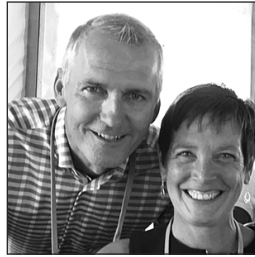


# THE HOLY LAND BIBLE JOURNEY

18 - 29 October 2026



*Pastor Rob & Coby Hogendoorn, Forest City Community Church*

*“And now here we are, standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.” (Psalm 122:2)*



*Tel Aviv, from the ancient port of Jaffa*



*Sea of Galilee, viewed from the Mount of Beatitudes*



*Boat Ride and Fellowship on the Sea of Galilee*



*Temple Mount, viewed from the Mount of Olives*



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## **DAY 1: SUN. 18 OCTOBER: Depart for Tel Aviv**

Today, we depart from Toronto on our overnight flight 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)**

## **DAY 2: MON. 19 OCTOBER: Tel Aviv arrival**

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, we are met by our Israeli Tour guide, who will assist us with luggage formalities. Boarding our luxury touring coach, we relax and enjoy the journey to the Judean Desert and the Dead Sea.

**Valley of Elah** – This is the traditional site of the encounter between David & Goliath. The brook of Elah still exists to this day. (1 Samuel 17:1-58)

**Tel Arad**- Constructed during the time of King David and Solomon, this Canaanite city gives us a perfect example of a Judean Temple, with inner courtyards and a place for the Holy of Holies. Archeologists have found evidence of offerings brought by the people of Judea to the temple.

From Tel Arad, we travel towards our hotel located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Tonight, we will have our ‘welcome dinner’ in anticipation of a memorable journey. **(B, D)**

Dinner and overnight stay will be by the shores of the Dead Sea, at the Enjoy Hotel. **(B, D)**

## **DAY 3. TUE. 20 OCTOBER: Masada, Dead Sea**

After breakfast, we stay in the Judean wilderness and follow the shores of The Dead Sea to visit:

**Masada** – This UNESCO World Heritage site was once Herod’s mountaintop 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. (1 Samuel 24, Song of Solomon 1:14; Ezekiel 47:10)

The remainder of the afternoon will be left open for you 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!

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

## **DAY 4: WED. 21 OCTOBER: Dead Sea Scrolls**

Today, we leave the Dead Sea and head towards the Upper Galilee. En-route, we shall visit:

**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.

**Bethany by the Jordan**- Here, we stand by the banks of the River Jordan, where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. (Matthew 3: 13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1 29-34.)

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Yardenit**- In this river, where Jesus was Baptized, you have the opportunity to be Baptized or have your Baptismal vows reaffirmed.

From Yardenit, we take the short drive to the shores of the Galilee.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at our hotel, situated on the grounds of Kibbutz Ginosar, Sea of Galilee. Located by the shores of the Sea of Galilee, a perfect setting for the next three nights! **(B, D)**

## **DAY 5: THU. 22 OCTOBER: Sea of Galilee and Boat Ride**

After our Israeli buffet breakfast, our day involves visits to the heart of Jesus’ ministry.

**Magdala**- Located within one kilometer from our kibbutz, we have one of the latest Biblical excavation digs. We have the chance to visit what has been unearthed so far for the ancient seaside town of Magdala. (Luke 8:1-3)

**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)

**Capernaum** -The center of Jesus’ Galilee! 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)

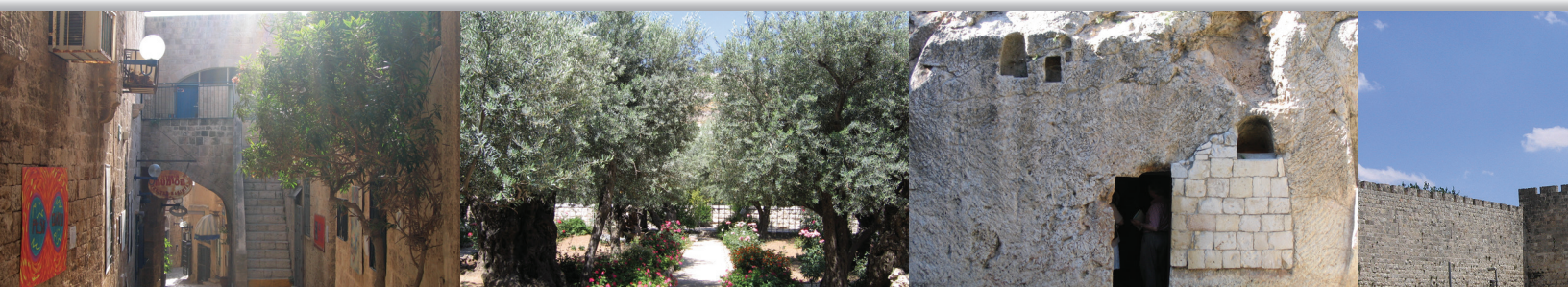
**Tabgha** - Located at the foot of the Mt. of Beatitudes, this is the site of the Miracle of The Loaves and the Fishes. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21, 16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

**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 1:35-43)

**Ginosar** – 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.

**Sea of Galilee Boat Ride** - We end our day with a memorable time, in our private boat on the Sea of Galilee.

After a truly memorable day, we return to our hotel for dinner. **(B, D)**



## DAY 6: FRI. 23 OCTOBER: Upper Galilee, Golan Heights

Today, we travel in, and around, the beautiful upper Galilee region, visiting:

**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)

**Golan Heights** – Today, we view Israel from The Golan Heights. This parcel of land plays a significant role in the security of those living in the Jordan Valley and Upper Galilee .

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

## DAY 7: SAT. 24 OCTOBER: Nazareth, Megiddo, Mt. Carmel

After breakfast, we leave the Upper Galilee and head towards the Mediterranean coast, but not before visiting:

**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. 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, John 1:46; 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. (Judges 1:27; 5:19; 1 Kings 4:12; 9:15, II Chronicles 35:22; Zechariah 12:12, Revelation 16:16)

**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. (I Kings 2; 15:4; 25; Isaiah 33:9; Zechariah 12:12)

After another fascinating day, we arrive at the Mediterranean Sea and the City of Netanya for our stay. The Leonardo Plaza is our hotel for this evening. **(B, D)**

## DAY 8: SUN. 25 OCTOBER: Caesarea, Jaffa, Emmaus

This morning, we head we head “up to” Jerusalem. En-route, we shall visit:

**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. It is here that Cornelius the Centurion calls for the man Simon who is called Peter. (Acts 10)

**Jaffa** – One of the oldest towns in Israel and considered one of the oldest ports in the world! Cedars of Lebanon, sent by King Hiram of Tyre (destined for Solomon’s Temple) were unloaded at Jaffa. It is here

that Peter brought Tabitha back from the dead and, when in the home of Simon the Tanner, he prophesied the vision of the pure and impure animals.

(II Chronicles 2:15; Jonah 1:3-17; Acts 9:36-42.)

**Emmaus**- It is here that Jesus appears after his death and resurrection before two of his disciples. (Luke 24:32)

After another fascinating day, we arrive at The Olive Tree Hotel Jerusalem. Home for the remainder of the journey! **(B, D)**

## DAY 9: MON. 26 OCTOBER: Jerusalem

Our first full day in Jerusalem includes the following:

**Mount of Olives**- We begin our day 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. (II Kings 2:10; Matthew 26:17-35; Mark 14:12-25)

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

**Yad Vashem** - Israel’s national monument, memorial and museum to the Holocaust.

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

## DAY 10: TUE. 27 OCTOBER: Jerusalem

After breakfast, we will visit the Old City following:

**Temple Mount** – Pending access to the site, we will see the al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock

**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.

**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.

**Western Wall and Tunnels**- Also called The Wailing Wall. The holiest place of pilgrimage for the Jews. Here, we can observe the Orthodox Jews pray relentlessly along with many Christians.

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

**Holy Sepulcher Church** - Stations X- XIV on The Via Dolorosa.

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



## DAY 11: WED. 28 OCTOBER: Jerusalem

This morning, we drive through the new City of Jerusalem enroute to Bethlehem.

Upon arrival at **Bethlehem**, we shall visit the **Church of the Nativity** and **Shepherd's Field**.

**Emmaus**- It is here that Jesus appears after his death and resurrection before two of his disciples. (Luke 24:32)

Once back in Jerusalem, we shall visit;

**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. (John 19:41)

Tonight is our 'Farewell dinner'. A wonderful time to share and reflect on a truly inspirational journey.

**(B, D)**

## DAY 12: THU. 29 OCTOBER: Journey Home

Early this morning, we depart for Tel Aviv Airport and our morning departure to Toronto. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided throughout the return journey. **(B, L)**

### INCLUDED

**Air travel:** Round trip from Toronto (pricing from other cities available.)

**Hotels:** Enjoy Resort, Dead Sea  
Kibbutz Ginosar Hotel, Sea of Galilee  
Leonardo Hotel, Netanya  
Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem

**Meals:** Full breakfast and dinner daily, with tea and coffee (hotels may charge for beverages 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 Guides will accompany the group and work with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group. Shimon Zemer is our Israeli guide and long-time friend.

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

**Embarkation package:** An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

**Air Transportation Taxes:** Included in group airfare rate

**Bottled water:** 2 daily, per person.

**Whisper sets:** Remote listening devices

### NOT INCLUDED

**Lunches** (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

**Travel Insurance:** Christian Journeys requires that you must have – "out of country" – emergency medical insurance equivalent to (or greater than) \$250,000. We have many insurance policy options to offer which include cancellation and interruption coverage. Please contact our office for policy details and premiums.

**Gratuities:** Equivalent to USD\$200 (collected at time of balance payment.).

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Passport:** Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport not expiring before 29 April, 2027. Canadian passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel. An online pre-arrival ETIAS process is required prior to arrival.

**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 deposit of \$500.00 is required along with the registration form. All cancellations charges are described on the registration form. Any cancellation prior to 18 July 2026 will incur a \$300 cancellation fee per person.

**Fuel surcharges:** The air transportation costs fluctuate. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing 90 days prior to departure.

**Currency surcharge:** Christian Journeys reserves the right to introduce a currency surcharge. If applicable, this would be assessed 90 days prior to departure. An increase greater than 7% of the base journey cost would allow participants to cancel without a penalty.

**General Health:** All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

### JOURNEY PRICING

<b>JOURNEY LAND COST:</b>	<b>\$4699CAD</b>
<b>GROUP AIR COST:</b>	<b>\$1898CAD</b>
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<b>\$6597CAD</b>

**(Based on 30 paid passengers)**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1599CAD**

**Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.**



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