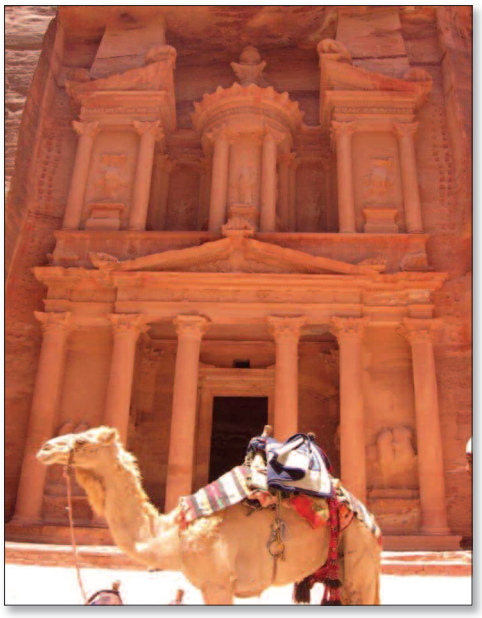
FAITH COMES ALIVE

THE HOLY LANDS JOURNEY

28 May – 11 June, 2027

Hosted by Pastor Chris Quiring

"The LORD will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. Foreigners will join them and unite with the descendants of Jacob." (Isaiah 14:1)



The Treasury at Petra

Sea of Galilee, viewed from the Mount of Beatitudes

Tel Aviv, from the ancient port of Jaffa

Temple Mount, viewed from the Mount of Olives

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DAY 1: FRI. 28 MAY: Depart for Jordan
Today, we depart from Toronto on our overnight flight to Amman, Jordan. 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: SAT. 29 MAY: Jordan
Upon arrival at Amman, we are met by our representative and guide who will assist us with entry visa and luggage formalities.

From here, we have a short drive up to Amman, the Capital of Jordan.

Our overnight will be at the **Bristol Hotel, Amman.** (**B, D**)

DAY 3: SUN. 30 MAY: Jerash, Mt. Nebo, Madaba
After breakfast, we will leave our hotel and spend our first full day visiting:

Jerash – Overshadowed by Petra, the ancient City of Jerash is acknowledged internationally as one of the largest and best- preserved sites of Roman architecture outside of Italy. Here, we shall have lunch before continuing on our journey.

Madaba – The "Mosaic City" of the middle east. Here, we see the wonderful mosaic of the Bible Lands dating back to the 7th century.

Mt. Nebo – From here, we can see across into the Promised Land just as Moses did before being laid to rest. On a clear day, we can see the hills of Jerusalem with Jericho in the foreground. (Deuteronomy 34:1-8)

Later today, we arrive at the **Hayat Zaman Hotel** in Petra. (**B, D**)

DAY 4: MON. 31 MAY: Petra
After breakfast, we begin our visit of Petra. Petra was chosen as the capital of the Nabateans because it was located in a valley surrounded by sandstone mountains. The main entrance to Petra is called the Siq, with sides as high as 200m. It was here that Christians escaped from the siege of Jerusalem by Titus in the 1st century.

This gorge and the temple at the end of it (the Kazneh) were popularized in American culture, in the movie Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade.

The Kazneh – Of the 800 carved tombs in Petra, the Kazneh is the most famous. Its name Kazneh means 'treasure' and comes from the Bedouin belief that the Pharaoh chasing the Israelites hid his treasures in the urn at the top of the Kazneh.

Main Street – As many as 30,000 people may have lived in Petra during the 1st century. It is a misconception that Petra was a city only for the dead. A large earthquake in 363 AD destroyed at least half of the city. Petra never recovered from this destruction.

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

DAY 5: TUE. 01 JUNE: Wadi Rum, Cross into Israel
After breakfast, we journey into the beautiful Jordanian desert wilderness of Wadi Rum (Valley of the Moon).

Whilst in Wadi Rum, we will experience 4 x 4 jeep riding over and around the dunes of this unique and historic topography.

From Wadi Rum, we take the short drive to the Jordan-Israel border crossing by the shores of the Gulf of Aquaba.

Once through customs and immigration formalities, we meet our guide (and long-time friend) Shimon Zemer. From here, we head towards the Judean wilderness through the Negev Desert.

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

DAY 6. WED. 02 JUNE: 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.

(I 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 7. THU. 03 JUNE: Dead Sea Scrolls, Beth She'an
This morning, we shall leave the Dead Sea and head northwards to the Sea of Galilee. En-route, we shall visit:

Qumran – Home to the ancient Essenes. It is here that they wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls almost two thousand years ago. Here, we will visit the excavated sites of Qumran and view the location where The Scrolls were found in 1947.

After Qumran, we head further north and pass **Gilgal** where Saul was proclaimed king. Gilgal became a sacred place because the tribes of Israel first encamped and celebrated Passover there after their miraculous crossing of the Jordan River and before their conquest of the Promised Land.

Jericho – We drive past Old Testament **Jericho**, where the walls came tumbling down. In the New Testament, Jericho is close to where Jesus healed Bartimaeus.

Bet She'an – The largest of Israel's archeological digs. This ancient city, although destroyed by an earthquake in the 8th 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. (Judges 4:7-8)

After another fascinating day, we make our way to the Sea of Galilee. Our home for the next three nights! Located by the shores of the Sea of Galilee, **The Magdala Hotel, Tiberius** is the perfect location to experience the Galilee. (**B, D**)

DAY 8: FRI. 04 JUNE: Caesarea Philippi, Upper Galilee
After breakfast, we spend our day in the upper Galilee. Driving northward, our day includes the following:

Hazor – Once one of the largest cities in all of Canaan! The multi layered Tel of Hazor is a fascinating site that offers intrigue and insight into five thousand years of civilization. It was here that Deborah and Barak fought against Sisera. Captured by Joshua and raised to the ground, this city was eventually rebuilt by Solomon in the 10th century BC. (Joshua 11:10-14; Judges 4:2; I Kings 9:15)

Tel Dan – This national park and archeological site offer a blend of Israel's natural beauty and Biblical history!

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 have the opportunity to view Israel from both Mt. Bental and 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 9: SAT. 05 JUNE: Sea of Galilee
After another Israeli buffet breakfast, our full touring day involves visits to:

Magdala – Located within a few hundred yards from our hotel, 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). We will take the scenic walk down the mount to the shores of the Galilee and Capernaum.

Capernaum – The center of Jesus' Galilee Ministry. 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. Here, we will enjoy private worship and intercession by the shores of the Galilee. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21; 16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

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. The museum has a gift shop with quality items on sale!

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

Tonight, dinner will be at our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (**B, D**)

DAY 10: SUN. 06 JUNE: Galilee to Jerusalem
Today, we leave the Galilee and head towards the Mediterranean Sea but not before we visit:

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)

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)

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 was here, that Cornelius the Centurion called for Simon Peter and where the first Gentiles were baptized. (Acts 10. 34-44.)

Our day ends, by travelling "up to" Jerusalem. Home for the remainder of our journey! We will stay at the **Ramada Hotel.** Dinner is at our hotel tonight. (**B, D**)

DAY 11: MON. 07 JUNE: Bethlehem, Jerusalem Museums
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**.

From Bethlehem, we take the short journey to the west of Jerusalem and visit.:

Yad Vashem – Israel's national monument, memorial and museum to the Holocaust.

Scale Model of Jerusalem – This fabulous reconstruction of the old city of Jerusalem gives us a chance to better understand the importance of the second temple and the city during Herodian times.

Shrine of the Book Museum – Here, we can see many original fragments of the Dead Sea scrolls plus a replica of the great Isaiah scroll.

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

DAY 12: TUE. 08 JUNE: Jerusalem
Our first full day in Jerusalem includes the following:

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

Western Wall Tunnels – After dinner, we will visit Wailing Wall. The holiest place of pilgrimage for the Jews! Here, we can observe the Orthodox Jews as they pray relentlessly along with many Christians.

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.

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

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

DAY 13: WED. 09 JUNE: Jerusalem
This morning, we remain in the Old City and take the morning to meander through the Muslim, Jewish, Armenian and Christian Quarters, visiting:

Via Dolorosa – The one-mile long route through the Old City of Jerusalem from the point of condemnation by Pontius Pilate to Golgotha, Calvary Hill.

Holy Sepulcher Church – The Catholic tradition of stations X- X1V on the Via Dolorosa. This is the Catholic tradition site of the Crucifixion of Jesus and where he was laid to rest.

This afternoon, we give you free time to enjoy the Old City. Some may wish to peruse the markets and shops. Others may wish to relax and walk through the streets steeped in centuries of history.

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

DAY 14: THU. 10 JUNE: Jerusalem
Our last day of journeying is a truly memorable one as we visit:

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.

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

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 15: FRI. 11 JUNE: Journey Home

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

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

INCLUDED

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

Hotels: **Bristol Hotel, Amman**

Hayat Zaman Hotel, Petra

David Resort, Dead Sea

Magdala Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Ramada 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

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$260 (collected at time of balance payment.).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport not expiring before 11 Dec, 2027. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel. Your Jordanian entry visa is arranged by Christian Journeys. 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 28 Feb 2027 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.

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15 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

JOURNEY LAND COST:	**$5799CAD**
GROUP AIR COST (**):	**$1799CAD**
TOTAL COST:	**$7598CAD**

(Based on 30 paid passengers. Reduction of $400 per person, if we reach 40 travelers)

**** The group air cost is projected at time of printing and will be confirmed by the end of June**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $1999CAD

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.

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