



The Holy Land - The Life and World of Jesus

Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to invite YOU on a 15-day tour to the Holy Land which I will be hosting next spring, 26 April – 10 May 2009. Enclosed is the information you need.

Why would you consider this?

This tour will **enrich your understanding of the Bible** and **enliven your faith**. Although the ancient Biblical sites will amaze you, it is much more than sightseeing. **Outstanding guides** offer information and spiritual insights that are only possible within the setting of the Holy Land. Not only will you have an incredible sense of **walking in the very footsteps of Jesus**, you'll find **Biblical prophecy coming to life** as you connect with what is happening in the Land today. You also will have an opportunity to meet people living and ministering in Israel and hear their stories.

A compelling land

Many fall in love with the Holy Land and find it draws them irresistibly – again and again. This will be my sixth visit. My deep love for the Holy Land comes out of my love for the Word of God – Incarnate and written - and His amazing plans and purposes for His people throughout the ages. I find the Scriptures come to life in a new way when you are there, experiencing the historic places. You even begin to understand the significance of obscure details hidden in Bible passages.

Recently, **the leaders of worldwide Anglicanism chose to meet in Jerusalem**. They reasoned that, by going back to our roots, they would be better able to envision our future. Now you have an opportunity to experience the Holy Land – again or for the first time. COME, be BLESSED!

Knowledgeable guides

Our tour is with Shoresh, a ministry of **Christ Church** – the oldest Protestant Christian Church in the Holy Land. Shoresh means “roots” in Hebrew. The gifted Shoresh tour leaders will enhance your understanding of Jesus' life and ministry as you explore His geographic, historic and cultural context.

Best value

Shoresh is offering us a terrific price for a tour of this quality and length. Please see the attached Information page for pricing detail.

Recommendations:

“Alexander College (Shoresh Tours) is a very powerful tool that gives the Church a means to go back to our Jewish roots. I recommend it for all clergy and others in Christian ministry.”

The Most Rev. Henry Orombi, Archbishop of Uganda.

“I am most blessed to have participated in three Shoresh Tours. The staff can open the Scriptures in unique ways that have the potential to change lives, even whole congregations. It is the next best thing to having lived in the 1st century.”

Rt. Rev. John Buchanan

“I would like to send at least one person or two on every trip so that we can form a team in my diocese to help bring new life and approach to the Bible and faith in our church. My personal faith, which was not shallow when I came, has been deepened and strengthened”

Bishop Nathan Kyamanywa- Uganda

Some additional notes

The Holy Land is a very interesting place to visit any time of the year with its rich juxtaposition of ancient and modern culture. But spring is a particularly beautiful and pleasant time to visit.

Our tour group will be limited to a maximum of 30 people.

Israel welcomes visitors and has an excellent safety record – as GAFCON pilgrims discovered. I have found safety simply is not a problem for visitors.

Christian Journeys, a Canadian organization, is handling all our bookings. Please direct questions about specifics of the bookings and logistical details to Christian Journey. If you would like to talk with me, as your host, about the itinerary, I can be reached at 250-478-3460 (Victoria, B.C.) or by email at shayton@telus.net. As host, I'm there to take care of you, lead our times of prayer and worship and work with the guides.

Please consider joining us in this exciting journey together!

To Him be the Glory!

In Christ,

The Rev. Sharon Hayton

Rector, St Mary's – an Anglican Network
in Canada parish in Victoria, BC





'THE LIFE AND WORLD OF JESUS'

Hosted by:

The Rev. Sharon Hayton
26th April – 10th May, 2009

ITINERARY

We will trace the life of Jesus from his home in Galilee to Jerusalem, giving particular attention to the influence of Jewish thought and culture of the period on the origins of Christianity. Our goal is a better understanding of Jesus' ministry, his place among the Jewish people, and the application of his teachings for today.

Day 1: Sunday 26th April

DEPARTURE

Today we check-in for our non-stop, overnight flight from Toronto to Tel Aviv. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided. **(B,D)** **B = BREAKFAST, D = DINNER**

Day 2: Monday 27th April

ISRAEL ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Israel we proceed through customs and immigration formalities before meeting our guide and driver. Our hotel is only a short drive away, so we can check-in, relax and enjoy a 'welcome to Israel dinner.'**(B,D)**

Day 3: Tuesday 28th April

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

We will visit Beit Immanuel and meet with Pedro Santos who is the resident evangelist and guide for the Heritage Centre at Beit Immanuel. In the afternoon we visit the ancient seaport of Jaffa where Jonah sailed from and Peter had his vision about the Gentiles. We end our day at Caesarea, site of the conversion of Cornelius, where we consider the tension between Jews and Gentiles during the New Testament period. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

Day 4: Wednesday 29th April

THE JEZREEL VALLEY

Our first stop of the day is the Carmel ridge, where we visit Muhraqa, site of the confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. At nearby Megiddo (Armageddon of the New Testament), we examine the different strains of Apocalyptic thinking which flourished at that time. On the way to Tiberias we visit Nazareth, the site of the early phase of Jesus' life and ministry. Once at the Galilee we shall check-in to our hotel, home for the next four nights. **(B,D)**

Day 5: Thursday 30th April

COME FOLLOW ME

Today we focus on some of the different aspects of Jesus' ministry in region of Galilee - the Jewish background to his teachings, the Sabbath healings etc - as well as the various religious parties and their importance for understanding the synoptic Gospels. In connection with these themes we visit Chorazin, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, the Tabgha area and take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. **(B,D)**



Day 6: Friday 1st May

FREE DAY IN GALILEE

This day is set aside for relaxing in the beautiful Galilee. Options for shopping or nearby hikes with direction from the guide. **(B,D)**

Day 7: Saturday 2nd May

UP A HIGH MOUNTAIN

Today we explore the upper regions of Israel to the foot of Israel's tallest mountain. We climb up onto the Golan Heights to visit an ancient village at Katzrin where we see how people lived in the first century. After travelling along the Israeli-Syrian cease-fire lines, we come to Caesarea Philippi. It was here that Peter confessed Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Then we continue to the nearby nature reserve of Dan. During a walk through the reserve, we will discuss biblical imagery such as living water and visit the Old Testament city of Dan. If time permits, we will go up on the lower slopes of Mt Hermon to discuss the transfiguration and stop briefly at a Crusader castle there. **(B,D)**

Day 8: Sunday 3rd May

FIRE AND WATER

We travel south to Jerusalem and on our way, we stop at various sites in the Jordan Valley including Tel Jezreel, the winter palace of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel and the Biblical city of Beth Shean to examine the recent excavations of its Roman-Byzantine period when it was the location of Scythopolis, one of ten cities of the Decapolis. On our way to Jerusalem we hope to stop at the Jordan River and, if conditions permit, the town of Jericho. Finish day with a Shabbat dinner at Christ Church, home for the remainder of the journey. (B,D)

Day 9: Monday 4th May

RACHEL WEEPS

Begin the day with morning worship at Christ Church. Directly after lunch, we will begin to examine the connection between Jesus and the Jewish people with a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial museum, including the Childrens' Memorial. We will then go on to Bethlehem the birthplace of Jesus (conditions permitting). Here we will discuss the prophetic background and meaning of Jesus' birth. (B,D)



Day 10: Tuesday 5th May

JERUSALEM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

We conduct a survey of Jerusalem from the days of King David to Babylonian exile. Particular emphasis will be placed on the historical background of the time period of the kings, the message of the prophets, and the religious leadership in Jerusalem. We begin the day at the First Temple model and spend the rest of the day in the city of David. Conditions permitting we will walk through Hezekiah's tunnel. (B,D)



Day 11: Wednesday 6th May

FREE DAY & HERITAGE CENTER

Today we have time for rest, shopping, visiting local museums, or for the energetic, a walk on the old city walls of Jerusalem. Today we also have the option to tour the Heritage Center at Christ Church to learn about the ministry of CMJ since the 1800's and also to learn about this site and the archaeological treasures found below. (B,D)

Day 12: Thursday 7th May

THE DESERT AS A REFUGE

The Judean Wilderness as the site of religious and political refuge is the focus of today's programme. After an early start we visit the site of the fortress of Masada, used by Herod the Great and later a Zealot stronghold. In the area of Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul, we take time to swim in the Dead Sea. We then go on to visit the Ein Gedi nature reserve where we can stroll through the beautiful reserve or cool off under the waterfall! (B,D)

Day 13: Friday 8th May

JERUSALEM IN JESUS' TIME

Today we explore Jerusalem of the Herodian period immediately prior to and during the life of Jesus. In connection with our teaching material, we visit the Herodian Estates in the Jewish Quarter, the area of the Temple Mount, the Western Wall, Ophel Gardens, Southern Wall excavations or other sites in the Jewish Quarter. (B,D)



Day 14: Saturday 9th May

IN THE STEPS OF JESUS

The day begins with a brief teaching on the historical framework for the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life. After viewing the Old City from the top of the Mount of Olives we will walk down to Dominus Flevit, the site that commemorates Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem. Afterwards we continue to the Garden of Gethsemane, and then visit the Holy Sepulchre. We will celebrate communion at the Garden Tomb. This evening we celebrate a Passover meal very much like the one Jesus shared with his disciples during the last supper. After dinner we depart for the airport and our flight home. (B,D)

Day 15: Sunday 10th May

HOMEWARD BOUND

It is now time for us to return home. Our overnight, non-stop, flight will bring us back to Toronto for the morning. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided. (B)

Itinerary subject to change

For further information please contact: CHRISTIAN JOURNEYS, Telephone: 1 877 465 3442, Fax: 1 866 826 2135, Email: info@Christian-Journeys.com, Address: 107 Lakeshore Drive. North Bay. ON. P1A 2A5

Although we have left, the Holy Land shall never leave us!

HOLY LAND JOURNEY

April 26 – May 10, 2009

INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Toronto. Fares from other cities available upon request.

Hotels: First class hotels in Israel and Christ Church Guest House in Jerusalem.

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily with tea and coffee.

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour guide, will accompany the group and work with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group.

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.

COST: 15 DAY TOUR PROGRAM

Toronto departure price: \$ 3125

Single supplement: \$ 495

Please add 3% surcharge if paying by credit card.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary.)

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently \$290.

Comprehensive Travel Insurance (if you do not have adequate existing coverage):

Age, up to and including 59:	\$225
60 – 64:	\$269
65 – 69:	\$295
70 +	rates available on request.

Gratuities: Equivalent to \$130 (USD).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel.

Inoculation: Not a current requirement.

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 \$400 plus insurance is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment and are 100% non-refundable.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties. Conditions apply so please ask for more details.

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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APRIL 26 – 10 MAY, 2009

BOOKING FORM

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TRAVELLING COMPANION INFORMATION

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Please enclose your deposit cheque payment of \$400 plus insurance, made out to Christian Journeys. If paying by credit card please complete the following; (Please note that a 3% surcharge applies for credit card payments.)

CREDIT CARD: VI..MC..AX.. CARD #:.....EXP:.....

IMPORTANT NOTE: Christian Journeys has partnered with third party suppliers to compose this tour program. None of the third parties, such as airlines, hotels, coach companies and guides are employees of our company. If, for any reason beyond our control, we cannot supply a portion of the itinerary due to the actions of a third party, we will replace that component with comparable or superior services. Comprehensive Travel Insurance is strongly recommended and is made available to all passengers. Tour deposits are non-refundable with full payment 60 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees vary from 59 days to 14 days prior to departure. Within 30 days the non-refundable amount is 100%.

Shoresh assumes no responsibility or liability resulting out of injury, loss, accident or amendments in itinerary, delay or changes in transportation due to schedules or any other cause.

I have read and understand the booking conditions of this tour. SIGNATURE:..... DATE:.....

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