

God's Faithfulness

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

May 17–29, 2017

Led by: Rev. Derek Thomason

Optional Pre-Tour 3-Night Extension at Christ Church, Jerusalem
May 14–18, 2017

Add \$359 for free time on your own



Golan Heights

Travel through the land of Israel, from coast, to desert, to mountains and visit the places where important Biblical events took place. Dig deeply into the Scriptures studying their original context and learn of God's faithfulness to His people, in the past, present, and future.

This tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. Learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek to better understand His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives today.



Church of the Beatitudes



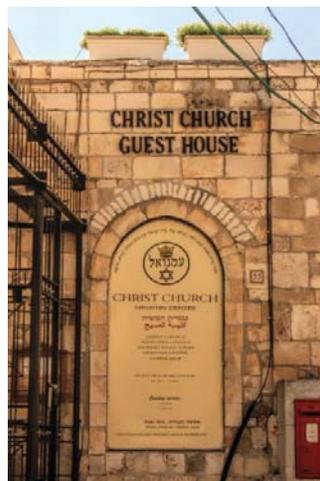
Capernaum Synagogue



Cave #4, Qumran



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



Christ Church Guesthouse



Nazareth Old City



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Wed., May 17 Depart USA

Depart Los Angeles for Tel Aviv, arrive Thursday.

Thu., May 18 Arrival in the Land of Promise

Arrive early this afternoon and meet the guide and bus driver for the tour. Drive to the Leonardo Hotel located in the ancient city of Beersheva in the southern desert region called the Negev. Attend a brief meeting for introductions, orientation, and prayer this evening.

Fri., May 19 The Live of the Patriarchs

Journey through the strategic lowlands up into the Mountains of Judea, to the burial Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, and examine God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Continue in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region of the Negev. Visit a Bedouin museum and examine their nomadic culture which sheds light on the lives of Abraham and the Patriarchs. If time permits, stop at Tel Arad, a major pre-Abrahamic city which later became an Israelite fortress. Travel through the Judean Desert to the Daniel Spa Hotel, located on the Dead Sea, where one may enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea.



Sat., May 20 The Judean Desert – Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Today's theme is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. Begin at Masada, Herod the Great's magnificent desert fortress, and the site of the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. Drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, walk into the nature reserve and to the waterfalls. Be on the lookout for wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. Discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. Stop at Qumran, likely the home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which influenced early Christianity, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel—the Dead Sea Scrolls. Enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. Then, make the final ascent to Jerusalem—the City of the Great King. After dinner, join the Director of Shores on a short stroll for a rooftop panoramic view of the Old City, and share some testimonies. Overnight accommodations are at Christ Church Guesthouse located in the Old City quarter of Jerusalem.

Sun., May 21 Worship at Christ Church & Introduction to Jerusalem

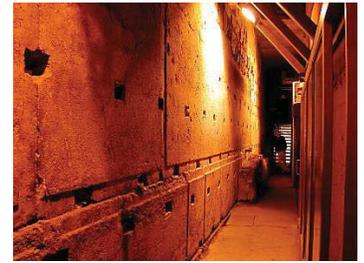
Join with the congregation of Christ Church for the morning worship service. Christ Church is the oldest Protestant church in the Middle East. After lunch, head to the Citadel ("Tower of David") Museum and enjoy breathtaking views overlooking Jerusalem and for an introduction to the fascinating historical geography of the Old City. Return to Christ Church Guesthouse for overnight



Mon., May 22 Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus – The Temple at the Center

Today is devoted to learning about the Jerusalem of Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. Study how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and gain rich insight into many important events recorded in the gospels and book of Acts. Begin early with a trip to the Temple Mount and 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, descend into the subterranean Western

Wall Tunnels to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. Continue through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to see the Herodian Villas, the palatial mansions that were once the homes of the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. End the day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount to discuss Pentecost on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked. Return to Christ Church Guesthouse for overnight.



Tue., May 23 The Restoration of Hope – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today's study focuses on both great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. Examine the systematic annihilation of six million Jews in the Nazi genocide, God coming to earth in the form of a man to save His people from their sins, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. After breakfast, enjoy a tour of the Christ Church Heritage Centre to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. Next, travel to Yad VaShem, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust and examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. Drive to Bethlehem, to 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. Celebrate a Jewish Passover Seder meal this evening to more fully understand the role of the Lamb of God and make the Biblical connections to the "last supper" which Jesus shared with His disciples. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse.

Wed., May 24 Free Day in Jerusalem

Today is free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse.

Thu., May 25 In the Steps of Jesus – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection

The focus today is on sites related to Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem with the goal of understanding 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. Begin 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, walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane. Cross the Kidron Valley and enter the Old City through Stephen's Gate, stopping to examine the remains of the Pool of Bethesda. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Touring ends with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful Garden Tomb. Return to Christ Church Guesthouse for overnight.



Fri., May 26 Samaria: Ancient Israel

Visit the homeland of the Patriarchs, the Israelites under Joshua, and later the Kingdom of Israel today. See Mt. Gerazim (the "Mount of Blessing" from Joshua's time), Mt. Kebir and Alon More, Jacob's Well, and Shiloh, the long-time location of the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. Today's focus is on Christianity's roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to ones understanding of the New Testament. Overnight accommodations are at Maagan Holiday Village along the Sea of Galilee.

Sat., May 27 Around the Sea of Galilee – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Today is spent visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee to picture the daily life and religion in the First Century, and for a better understanding of the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. Begin at Chorazin, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, and study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, and consider the teachings of Jesus on the Kingdom of God. After a short walk downhill, arrive at Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. At lovely Tabgha, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection, enjoy a contemplative time along the shore of the Lake. Visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the “Jesus Boat,” a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. Then, set sail for a boat ride on the Lake to enjoy the views, for a time of worship, prayer and reflection. After dinner, meet with a local believer. Return to Maagan Holiday Village for overnight.



Sun., May 28 Northern Israel – “Who Do Men Say That I Am?”

Explore Northern Israel today, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. Discover what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. Climb up to the magnificent Golan Heights. Visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at Katzrin, and study New Testament era life and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Travel along the lower slopes of Mount Hermon—Israel’s highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Stop at Caesarea Philippi, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Pass by Druze Villages before arriving at Mt. Bental, a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the road to Damascus where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Stop at the Dan Nature Reserve, to see the incredible archaeological remains of the OT city of Dan, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and there consider ancient Israel’s apostasy. Enjoy a pleasant walk along a stream and discuss the meaning of “living water” as used in the Hebrew Scriptures and in Jesus’ teachings. Return to the Maagan Holiday Village for overnight.

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Mon., May 29 Light to the Nations – Jews, Gentiles and the Messiah

Visit a number of Biblical sites that testify to God’s faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future today. Stop at ancient Nazareth, Jesus’ boyhood home and place of His early ministry. Continue along the route of the ancient Via Maris to Megiddo, one of King Solomon’s cities, and according to the Book of Revelation the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. Continue to Mount Carmel, for a spectacular view over the northern part of Israel, and near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. End the day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of Caesarea Maritima, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome. Continue to the airport for a late night flight home.



Tue., May 30 To the Ends of the Earth

Arrive in Los Angeles early this morning.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.
- Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable all tour members to fully participate at every site, but in some cases that may not be possible.
- Rev. Thomason will be in Jerusalem during the pre-tour extension and available to those utilizing the extension.

Tour Price (based on departure from Los Angeles, CA and two persons sharing a double room). Pricing is quoted based on payment by check. Credit card payments will incur a 4% service fee. On-line registrations utilizing credit card payment will automatically be charged the 4% fee.

Air & Land Price: \$3,995

Land Only Price: \$2,617

Single Room Supplement: \$669

Optional Pre-Tour 3-Night Extension: \$359

Travel Protection Insurance (per person, non-refundable):

\$239 for coverage up to \$3,000

\$316 for coverage up to \$4,000

\$397 for coverage up to \$5,000

Pay insurance premium at time of deposit.

Deposit (due at time of registration*): A \$500 deposit per person (plus insurance premium, if applicable) is required to secure registration. Space is limited and reflects special group rates.

* Registrations and deposits are due prior to **January 17, 2017**. Late registrations or deposits received after this date will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

Tour Features and Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

Air Transportation: Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change until ticketed. Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.

Seat Assignments: Raptim Humanitarian Travel notes specific seat assignments as requested by tour members and submits them to the airline. However, the airline makes the actual assignments; there is no guarantee that all requests will be honored. Any changes should be requested at check-in by the traveler. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility, or note under "Airline Seat Request" when registering.

Accommodations: Based on two or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.

Meals: In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily.

Transfers and Baggage: Group transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.

Sightseeing and Entrance Fees: Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

Tips and Taxes: Service charges and taxes on accommodations and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for lunches and personal services are not included.

Not Included: Lunches and lunch tips, beverages with dinners, passport fee, the travel protection plan, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to departure city and return is not included.

Deposit and Payment: Reservations can be secured with a deposit payment of \$500 per person which is due prior to January 17, 2017. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due March 18, 2017.

Passenger Initiated Cancellation Conditions: The cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by Raptim Humanitarian Travel minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposit funds.

- From date of deposit to and including February 6, 2017: \$175 per person service fee applies
- From February 7 to and including March 18, 2017: Full deposit (\$500 per person) plus any unrecoverable fees apply
- After March 18, 2017: No refund

Cancellation policies apply when cancellation occurs for any reason. There is no refund for any unused services or portion of the tour package.

Host and/or Shores Initiated Cancellation Conditions: The tour host and/or Shores would only consider cancelling a tour if government warnings or airline cancellations necessitate cancellation.

- When the tour is cancelled by the tour host, a \$100 per person service fee will apply.
- When tour is cancelled by SHORES a \$250 per person service fee will apply.

Protect Your Investment: Group travel protection coverage is available to cover medical expenses (first-pay coverage), medical evacuation & repatriation, trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage and personal effects loss, and baggage delay. A pre-existing condition exclusion waiver is available if coverage is purchased up to and including time of final payment. Further information can be found on the Insurance tab of the tour registration website or by contacting your Raptim consultant.

Passport, Visa & Health Requirements: A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining or renewing a U.S. passport can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html>. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid beyond November 13, 2017. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting the appropriate consulates. No inoculations are required, but please check with your physician for his recommendation.

Rates & Fares Information: Rates are based on a minimum of 21 persons traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

Deviations: Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through Raptim Travel), we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur at any time.

Tour Operator Itinerary Changes: The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

Traveler Safety: In the ever-changing world situation, Raptim recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>.

Disabilities: Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

Responsibility

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Prices and schedules appearing in this brochure are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice. The tour operator reserve the right to modify the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air or other schedules. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not aboard their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of tours and/or the passenger.

Reservation Form
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Complete and mail this form, with your deposit of \$500 per person and insurance premium (checks payable to Raptim Humanitarian Travel) to Raptim Humanitarian Travel, 116 Lake Street., Ephrata, PA 17522 or complete the credit card payment information below.

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I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Raptim Humanitarian Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, and fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases. Raptim Humanitarian Travel has offered the option of purchasing travel insurance, and I take full responsibility for my decision to purchase or not.

Signature: _____
 Checking the box above and signature are both required in the processing of the registration of this tour.