

# JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

9-19th December 2019

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Dear friends,

I invite you to travel with me to Israel, to the Core Sites to reimagine the Core Stuff. I base my life on this Core Stuff - God, the Bible, the Problem, prophesy, Christ's birth, life, atonement, resurrection, ascension, Pentecost, and his promises for now and forever - because these events really happened in time and space. I can't take you back in time, but I can take you to the spaces. We can see history as we walk amongst remains from Jesus' time, sail on Galilee, pray in Capernaum's synagogue, and visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Gethsemane, just to name a few. I gained first hand stories, standing where the Bible heroes stood, separated only by time, seeing the scale and proximity. It added new color to what I read in the Bible. Discover new perspectives, deeper understandings, and whatever God will do with that - that's the true adventure of it! See the Core Stuff afresh from the Core Sites. Geoff

## DAY 1: Monday 9 December

### DEPART AUSTRALIA

Depart Australia today on your Thai Airways Flight bound for Tel Aviv, then transfer to your El Al Israel Airlines Flight to Tel Aviv.

## DAY 2: Tuesday 10 December

### ARRIVAL INTO TEL AVIV

Arrive to Tel Aviv airport on flight TBA. Meet and assist. Start your tour of the Holy Land at the Neot Kedumim Biblical Reserve and enjoy a "biblical" breakfast. Continue to Jaffa, the oldest port in the world. [St Peter's Church & Simon the Tanner] Drive through Tel Aviv and check in to your hotel. Overnight: Tel Aviv

## DAY 3: Wednesday 11 December

### COASTAL PLAIN

Drive north along the Coastal Plain. Stop at Caesarea Maritima to see the harbor city built by Herod the Great. Continue to Nazareth Village, a unique reconstruction of a first century village on an actual ancient agricultural site. On for a short visit to Nazareth and the holy sites. See the magnificent mosaics at Sepphoris including the 'Mona Lisa of the Galilee. Onto our hotel on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight: Galilee

## DAY 4: Thursday 12 December

### SEA OF GALILEE

Enjoy a cruise across the Sea of Galilee in a traditional wooden sailing boat, and visit the 'Jesus Boat' museum. Explore Capernaum and see the ancient synagogue where Jesus preached. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the Multiplication took place. Ascend to the top of the Mt. of Beatitudes, where you can relive the Sermon on the Mount. Visit Kursi, the site of the miracle of the swine. Drive to the top of the Arbel cliff overlooking the Sea of Galilee for a breathtaking view of the area. End the day with a tour of Magdala. Overnight: Galilee

## DAY 5: Friday 13 December

### JORDAN VALLEY

Drive through the fertile Jordan Valley onto Jericho. Drive to Wadi Qelt. Visit the actual site of the baptism at Qaser El Yehud. Continue to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Stop for a float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Overnight: Dead Sea



## DAY 6: Saturday 14 December

### JERUSALEM OLD CITY

Start the day with a spectacular view of Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road and visit the Church of all Nations at the Garden of Gethsemane. Onto the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, pass through Ecce Homo Arch, the Lithostrotos and the Crypt of Sisters of Sion, and on to the Via Dolorosa and visit each Station of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the Room of the Last Supper. See the dungeon where Jesus was imprisoned at the Gallicantu. Finish your touring today with a communion at the Garden Tomb. Overnight: Jerusalem

## DAY 7: Sunday 15 December

### JERUSALEM NEW CITY

Enter the City of David, the very roots of Jerusalem, where archeology confirms the Bible: an in-depth examination of seminal Biblical texts in the midst of one of the most fascinating archaeological sites in the world. Here we will explore the underground tunnels, Hezekiah's Cave and pools of Siloam. Exit through Davidson Center where we will see the Southern Wall. Onto the New City and visit the Israel Museum to see a model of Jerusalem & the Dead Sea Scrolls. In the afternoon experience a moving visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial - a vast, landscaped complex with a visitors centre, a museum and a dozen memorials scattered over 45 acres of the Mount of Remembrance. One of the most striking monuments at Yad Vashem is the Children's Memorial, a dark, hollowed-out underground cavern where countless candles are reflected endlessly in a series of mirrors, lending the impression of millions of glistening stars. Overnight: Jerusalem

Optional: Visit Zedekiah's Cave — also called Solomon's Quarries — is a 5-acre (20,000 m<sup>2</sup>) underground meleke limestone quarry that runs the length of five city blocks under the Muslim Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem.

## DAY 8: Monday 16 December

### BETHLEHEM

Morning at leisure for shopping. Drive to Bethlehem for a visit to the Shepherds Fields, Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Drive to Moza to see the Roman road excavations. Drive to Abu



Gosh, the biblical Kiryat Ye'arim, from where King David brought the Holy Shrine back to Jerusalem, for a view of the terrain from Jerusalem to Emaeus. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner at a Middle Eastern restaurant. Overnight: Jerusalem

#### DAY 10: Tuesday 17 December

##### DEPARTURE

Check out from the hotel and drive to Ben Gurion Airport for your return flight home.

#### DAY 11: Wednesday 18 December

##### IN FLIGHT

#### DAY 12: Thursday 19 December

##### ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive back into Australia with wonderful memories of your trip!

## ESTIMATED PACKAGE PRICE:

AUD \$5,190\* per person (twin sharing) Single supplement: AUD\$675

\*Price is based on minimum of 20 paying participants.  
Conditions apply. Subject to change.



### HOTELS TO BE USED (or similar)

Tel Aviv	Bnei Dan Guest House (1 night)
Sea of Galilee	Retal Tiberias/Prima Galil/ Prima Too (2 nights)
Dead Sea	Masada Guest House (1 night)
Jerusalem	Rabin Guest House/ Prima Park/Rimonim (3 nights)

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class airfares from Perth – Bangkok - Tel Aviv with Thai and El Al Airlines
- All airport and departure taxes
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation including daily buffet breakfasts & dinners throughout
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of local professional English speaking guide throughout the tour
- 1 Biblical breakfast and 6 lunches enroute
- Airport meet and assistance and transfers and transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to museums and all sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities throughout

### PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Beverages with meals
- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Single supplement
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room service etc.
- Any services not listed in 'Price Includes' above

### WHAT TO DO NEXT:

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Geoff Westlake or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place on the trip, a deposit of \$350 per person is required by 26th November 2018 (unless sold out prior).
3. Full payment is required by 27 September 2019.

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