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Christians for Israel NZ, supported by Rhema Media, are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to join us on our next journey to the Holy Land. With considerable joint experience in running tours, we have been able to provide outstanding value in a carefully designed itinerary to make your tour the greatest experience possible.

Previous tours have surpassed all expectations with many finding it just too difficult to name a highlight, as there were highlights every day. You have the incredible opportunity to travel the land where Jesus lived and walked. Explore biblical history and layers of civilisation, the ancient to the modern, escorted by our experienced tour leaders and a fantastic Israeli guide with a profound knowledge of the Bible. The trip of a lifetime – come join us!

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 16-DAY TOUR INCLUDE:

- Visit Jesus' hometown of Nazareth;
- Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee;
- Get baptised in the River Jordan;
- Float in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth;
- Ascend the fortress mountain of Masada in the Judean Desert;
- Explore the Old City of Jerusalem and walk in the footsteps of Jesus;
- Walk through the amazing tunnels under the Western Wall;
- Visit a Kibbutz, a collectively organised agricultural settlement, in the upper Galilee;
- Celebrate Communion at the Garden Tomb.

Day 1: Friday 4 November

DEPART AUCKLAND | NEW ZEALAND

- Depart New Zealand on Korean Airlines or Emirates Airlines flight departing Auckland. Transit through Seoul or Dubai.

Day 2: Saturday (*Shabbat*) 5 November

ARRIVE ISRAEL | TEL AVIV | NETANYA

- Depart Seoul or Dubai for Tel Aviv. Arrive into Tel Aviv and transfer to hotel to check-in.
- Late dinner and overnight in Netanya.



Day 3: Sunday 6 November

CAESAREA | MT CARMEL | SEA OF GALILEE

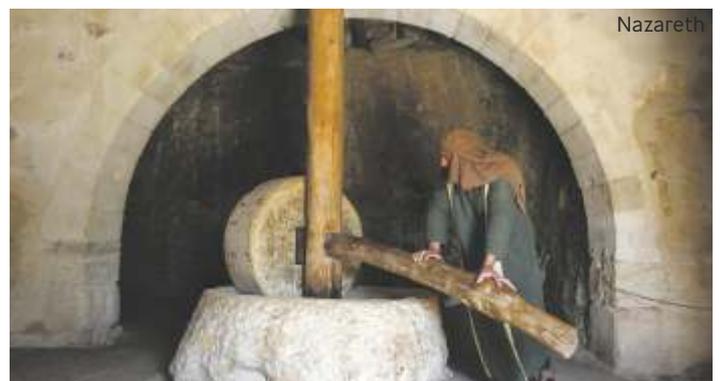
- Breakfast at hotel. Hotel check-out.
- Explore historic Caesarea Maritima, the Roman capital of Judea, where Peter followed God's leading to visit Cornelius (*Acts 10*) and where he proclaimed the gospel to the Romans (*Acts 24-26*).
- 11:00am: Visit to Internment Camp Atlit. Wooden barracks, observation posts and barbed wire are the silent witnesses of what was a British camp for Jewish refugees and survivors of the Nazi rule in Europe, preventing them from entering Mandate Palestine.
- 1:00pm. Israel is a country with diverse ethnical communities. Visit the village of Daliyat el Carmel, where a big and very hospitable community of Druze is living. Experience the Druze culture and taste their specialties over a traditional lunch.
- "So King Ahab sent all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto Mt Carmel. And Elijah came unto the people" (*1 Kings 18:20, 21*). Visit a teaching at the Muchraka on Mt Carmel, where the Prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. A view over the valley of Jizreel.
- Drive to Galilee. Hotel check-in. Dinner and overnight in Galilee.



Day 4: Monday 7 November

TABGHA | CAPERNAUM | MT OF BEATITUDES | JESUS BOAT RIDE

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Visit the Tabgha Church, known as the site of the Miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes.
- “Leaving Nazareth, he (Jesus) went and lived in Capernaum. From that time, he began to preach” (*Matthew 4: 13,17*). Visit the ruins of Capernaum, the home of Jesus as well as the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John and the tax collector Matthew.
- Visit the Mt of Beatitudes, the place where Jesus delivered the famous Sermon on the Mount.
- On the shore of the Sea of Galilee, two brothers who were fishermen from Kibbutz Ginosar saw a mysterious object poking up out of the mud. Not long after that, an ancient vessel saw the light of day for the first time since it sank nearly 2,000 years ago, since the time that Jesus wandered around the Sea of Galilee. Visit the boat, currently called the ‘Jesus Boat’.
- 12:30pm: Decks St. Peter’s fish lunch.
- 2:00pm: The Sea of Galilee is the biggest, sweet-water reservoir of Israel and is known from many Bible stories. Enjoy a boat ride over the sea.
- 3:30pm: Visit Magdala, an ancient village, where according to tradition, Jesus ‘follower Mary Magdalene lived.
- Dinner and overnight at Tiberias on Lake Galilee.



Day 5: Tuesday 8 November

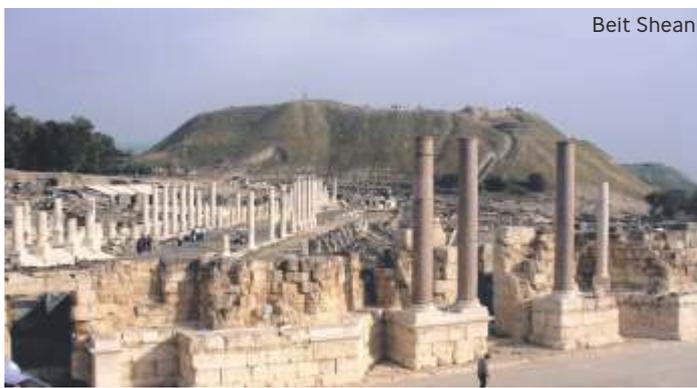
KIBBUTZ MALKIYA | NAZARETH | MT ARBEL

- Breakfast at hotel.
 - 9:00am: Visit Kibbutz Malkiya, a collectively organised agricultural settlement, in the upper Galilee. Meet a Kibbutznik who will tell about life along the Lebanese border, some kilometres away from the area where Hezbollah, a militant Islamic movement, is in power.
 - 11:30am: Lunch at Mapal Saar.
 - 2:00pm: A visit to Nazareth Village, a hands-on experience that transports guests to life on a Jewish village in the Galilee two thousand years ago.
 - Nazareth, the city where the angel Gabriel told Mary that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the place where Jesus spent his childhood and youth. A visit to the Old City of Nazareth, with the church of Annunciation.
 - “Leaving Nazareth, he (Jesus) went and lived in Capernaum. From that time he began to preach” (*Matthew 4: 13,17*). Look out from Mt Arbel, on the road from Nazareth to Capernaum. A sheer cliff rising majestically above the Sea of Galilee with a magnificent view of the Golan Heights and Mt Hermon.
 - Dinner and overnight at Tiberias on Lake Galilee.
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Day 6: Wednesday 9 November

BEIT SHEAN | JORDAN RIVER

- Breakfast at hotel. Hotel check-out.
- Visit the Baptismal site Yardenit.
- A walk through Beit Shean is a walk through time: the city has a history of over 5000 years. From the death of Israelite king Saul in Old Testament times to the earthquake in Jesus' time, different archeological sites are spread over the city.
- Picnic lunch.
- "Then Jesus came from Galilee down to the Jordan to be baptised" (*Matthew 3:13*). Visit to Qasr el Yahud, the traditional site where John the Baptist baptised and where Joshua entered the Promised Land with the Jewish people.
- Hotel check-in. Dinner and overnight at the Dead Sea.



Day 7: Thursday 10 November

EIN GEDI SPRINGS | QUMRAN | MASADA | DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Ein Gedi is an oasis in the desert and a green Garden of Eden in the wilderness. Visit the Ein Gedi Springs, situated on the shore of the Dead Sea - the lowest place on earth - at the feet of majestic mountains and cliffs.
- Visit to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. A fascinating look into the Jewish 'world in Jesus time offering a framework to understand Jesus' message and the practices of the early church.
- 11:30am: Lunch at Qumran.
- Visit to Masada, situated on the top of a mountain overlooking the desert panorama to the west and the Dead Sea to the east. The thrilling story of the site reveals the courage of the Jewish defenders of Masada and their battle against the conquering Romans.
- Swim and float in the Dead Sea, bathing yourself in the mineral rich water and mud.
- Dinner and overnight at the Dead Sea.



Day 8: Friday 11 November

BE'ER SHEVA | JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at hotel. Hotel check-out.
- Be'er Sheva, the capital of the Negev Desert, has a history going back all the way to Abraham. A visit to Biblical Be'er Sheva. The site contains the ruins of a walled city from the Israelite monarchic period. Due to the meaningful archeological finds there, the site is under UNESCO protection.
- 11:00am: Learn about the soldiers of the ANZAC forces that conquered Be'er Sheva, in the ANZAC Memorial Center.
- Traditional Bedouin lunch. Stop-by Sderot, for an understanding of some of the challenges and triumphs faced by local residents over the past years of intermittent attacks from Gaza.
- Up to Jerusalem. Hotel check-in.
- "So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy" (*Genesis 2:3*). *Shabbat*, the 7th day of the week and a resting day, is a day apart. Join in *Shabbat* prayers with thousands of others at the Western Wall.
- Enjoy a traditional *Shabbat* dinner and learn about the deep traditions of *Shabbat*.
- Overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 9: Saturday (*Shabbat*) 12 November

MT OF OLIVES | BETHESDA | VIA DOLOROSA | GARDEN TOMB

- Breakfast at hotel.
- "And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city" (*Ezekiel 11:23*). Drive to the tip of the Mt of Olives, known as the site from where Jesus ascended to heaven after his resurrection. Panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem from Mt of Olives and descend to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed on the night of his betrayal.
- A visit to Bethesda, where Jesus healed a lame man. Visit to St. Anna Church, a 12th century church built on the site of the Bethesda pool.
- Walk the Via Dolorosa, the way that Jesus went before he was crucified, ending in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on the site where the crucifixion of Jesus on Golgotha is marked.
- 12:00pm: Armenian lunch at Bulghourji.
- 2:30pm: Visit the Garden Tomb. This ancient cemetery is a moving site in which to recall the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Spend time in these peaceful garden surroundings in prayer, song, fellowship and communion.
- Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 10: Sunday 13 November

TEL SHILOH | MT GERIZIM | ARIEL

- Breakfast at hotel. Pick-up by special armoured bus.
- 10:00am: Tel Shiloh was a religious center for the Israelites even before Jerusalem: it was the place where the children of Israel brought the Tabernacle to. Visit the exposition 'Until Shilo Comes', visit the ancient excavations of the Biblical city Shilo and explore the place where the Tabernacle stood for 369 years.
- 12:15pm: Lunch at Good Samaritan restaurant.
- Lookout on Biblical Samaria from Mt Gerizim. A tour through the archeological findings of the Samaritan temple on top of Mt Gerizim. View the stunning Tabernacle Replica in Eshel HaShomron, Ariel.
- 4:00pm: Meet local communities at Karnei HaShomron in Samaria with Sondra Baras of Christian Friends of Israeli Communities (CFOIC), an organisation that supports projects in the Biblical Heartland (Judea and Samaria).
- Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 11: Monday 14 November

BETHLEHEM | GUSH ETZION | JERUSALEM

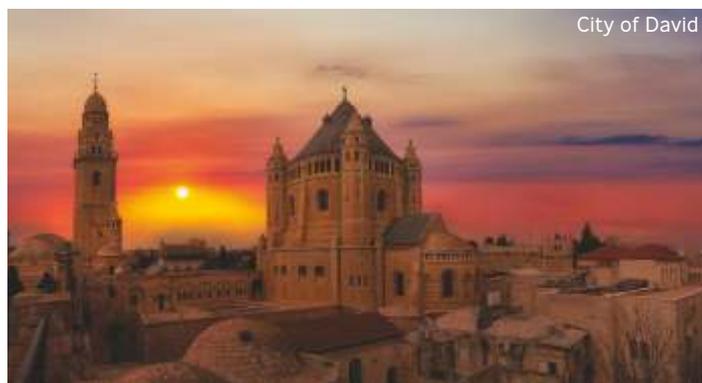
- Breakfast at hotel. Pick-up by special armoured bus.
- Visit to Bethlehem – the city where King David and Jesus were born.
- 10:00am: Meet with Ps Steven Khoury and visit his church.
- Caves where shepherds “kept watch over their flock”, according to Luke’s gospel, still abound in the area east of Bethlehem. Visit to the Shepherd Fields, where possibly the angel announced Jesus’ birth.
- 12:00pm: Lunch at Gush Etzion Winery.
- 1:00pm: Visit the Gush Etzion Museum, to discover the biblical, historical and strategic significance of Gush Etzion.
- Visit to Hebron, one of the four holy cities in Israel. Walk in the footsteps of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joshua and King David. Visit the Tomb of Machpelah, where the patriarchs and matriarchs of the people of Israel are buried.
- Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 12: Tuesday 15 November

CITY OF DAVID | WESTERN WALL | JERUSALEM OLD CITY

- Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:20AM: Visit to the Biblical 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.
- From the pool of Siloam, walk through a newly discovered tunnel from the Second Temple period that leads to the Davidson Center with excavations of the Herodian Temple, as it stood prior to its destruction by Roman troops in the year 70CE.
- 12:00pm: Light falafel lunch at Tala Hummus.
- Visit the colourful markets of Jerusalem's Old City, and the Cardo: an ancient Roman site now filled with shops brimming with Middle Eastern artistry.
- 6:40pm: After twenty years of digging and despite enormous difficulties, the Western Wall tunnels were excavated. The project unearthed many archeological finds which can only be described as remarkable.
- Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 13: Wednesday 16 November

YAD VASHEM | JERICHO

- Breakfast at hotel.
 - Visit to the Israel Museum which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest Biblical manuscripts in the world, as well as rare early medieval Biblical manuscripts. Next to is the Model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple period, which reconstructs the city as it was prior to its destruction by the Romans in 66CE, and looked like at the time of Jesus.
 - 9:45am: Visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Center including the Avenue of the Righteous and Children's Memorial.
 - 1:30pm: Lunch at Green Valley Restaurant in Jericho, of Seeds of Hope.
 - "Again, the devil took him (Jesus) to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me" (*Matthew 4:8*). A visit to the Mt of Temptation in Jericho.
 - Visit the ancient Byzantine Shalom Al Yisrael Synagogue in Jericho.
 - Dinner at Ramat Rachel.
 - 7:30pm: The Walls of the David Citadel serve as stage for a nighttime show that tells the history of Jerusalem, through a celebration of lights, images and sounds. An introduction to Jerusalem in the Sound and Light Show.
 - Overnight in Jerusalem.
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Day 14: Thursday 17 November

ELAH VALLEY | JAFFA | DEPARTURE

- Breakfast at hotel. Hotel check-out.
- Drive through the Elah Valley, also called the Valley of the Terebinth, the place where David fought with Goliath.
- 11:00am: In the fire of the Independence War, a small group of young adults produced 2.5 million bullets in a secret underground factory. The bullets changed the course of the Independence War. Discover the miracles of the emerging State of Israel in the Ayalon Institute.
- Packed lunch
- Jonah's journey, Tabitha's restoration to life, and Peter's conversion of the Gentiles all began in Jaffa. A visit to the Old Center of Jaffa with its harbour. Tour through Jaffa's narrow alleyways and enjoy the view over the sea.
- 5:00pm: Farewell dinner in Jaffa at Abrage.
- Transfer to airport at 6:30pm. Depart Tel Aviv for Auckland.



Day 15: Friday 18 November

TRANSIT SEOUL OR DUBAI

- In transit.

Day 16: Saturday 19 November

ARRIVAL AUCKLAND | NEW ZEALAND

- Arrive into Auckland with wonderful memories of your journey.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE TO ISRAEL

NZD \$8490*

per person twin share
Single supplement: NZD \$1795*

* Conditions apply. Subject to change.
Pricing based on a minimum of 20 passengers.

HOTELS (proposed or similar)

TBA	- Seoul or Dubai	1 night
Residence Hotel	- Netanya	1 night
Leonardo Hotel	- Tiberias	3 nights
Hod Hamidbar Hotel	- Dead Sea	2 nights
Ramat Rachel Kibbutz Hotel	- Jerusalem	6 nights

ISRAEL PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class fares from Auckland – Seoul or Dubai – Tel Aviv with Korean Airlines or Emirates Airlines.
- All airport and departure taxes (subject to change).
- 12 nights' hotel accommodation including breakfasts & dinners throughout at hotels with a special Biblical farewell dinner at Jaffa.
- Daily lunches (combination of local light lunches and packed lunches).
- St Peters fish lunch on Sea of Galilee.
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of local professional English speaking guide throughout the tour.
- Airport meet & assistance, transfers & transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach.
- Whisperer headsets.
- Entrance fees to museums and all sights as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Keshet Study Guide Books.
- Tips, gratuities and portage throughout.

ISRAEL PACKAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Beverages with meals
- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in 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

NOTE: Passengers from New Zealand will have to make their own travel arrangements to Auckland as the fares don't permit domestic connections from Christchurch, Wellington etc.

TESTIMONIES

"I loved the people in our group and it was a trip of a lifetime, the experience was out of this world and I am still praising the Lord for the opportunity to see the land He chose for His people Israel."

"I would like to congratulate all involved in the setting up of this tour. We were looked after superbly from beginning to end."

"A trip and experience of a lifetime."

"Thank you so much for this opportunity. I would not have contemplated going unless it was with a group of Kiwis. Everyone was well looked after and your care of us all was exceptional. I am still floating along many weeks later and having trouble settling back into life and work at home as I feel so connected to Israel and its people. Give me an opportunity to go back — I would go in a heartbeat... thank you once again for introducing me to Israel."

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