



JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

**11TH – 24TH
SEPTEMBER 2026**

LED BY
**THE REVEREND DR
SCHALK & MARLENE
PIENAAR**

14
DAYS

PACKAGE PRICE:
per person (twin share)

**OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM
SUPPLEMENT:**

AUD\$9,490*
\$2,595*

**FULLY
ESCORTED**

*Subject to change. Conditions apply. Price estimate is based on minimum number of 25 participants. Actual price can be confirmed in October 2025.

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A “Warm Welcome” as you consider the possibility of travelling with us to the Holy Land. Why a pilgrimage to the Holy Land? Here’s a few thoughts:

- Most pilgrims find that sharing Communion on the Sea of Galilee, kneeling at the garden of Gethsemane, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at the Garden Tomb, and rejoicing in the gift of Pentecost at Mt Zion (amongst so many other experiences) strengthen our faith and encourages us on our own life journeys.
- We’ll have an opportunity to renew our marriage vows in Cana, as well as our Baptism vows in the Jordan River.
- Our prayer life and understanding of the Bible will be deepened.

What about the unsettledness in Israel at this time?

- We are hopeful that September 2026 will be a more settled time in Israel. However, we closely follow the advice of the Australian Government’s travel advisories and local Israeli authorities.
- We need to book early if we are to secure the best hotels at reasonable rates. This makes for a fuller pilgrimage experience.

Schalk & Marlene have led 11 groups to Israel through the years starting in 1987. They are hopeful that their 12th group in Sep 2026 will be as peace-filled as the previous groups. And so, we share in an ancient prayer of longing: “Next year in Jerusalem.”



NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Rev Schalk, Marlene, the team from Olive Tree Travel or simply [CLICK HERE](#)
2. To secure your place, a deposit of \$500 per person due is due by Friday, 31st October 2025.
3. Final payment will be due in mid July 2026.

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DAY 1 FRIDAY 11 SEP

DEPART BRISBANE

Depart Brisbane this evening on your Emirates flight this evening bound for Dubai.

DAY 2 SATURDAY 12 SEP

ARRIVAL TEL AVIV, CAESAREA, NAZARETH

Arrive into Dubai this morning and transfer to your connecting Emirates flight bound for Tel Aviv. Arrive into Tel Aviv, where you will meet your waiting guide and driver. Travel along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. See the Roman Amphitheatre and aqueduct. Continue to Nazareth for dinner & overnight.

DAY 3 SUNDAY 13 SEP

NAZARETH, MT CARMEL, MEGIDDO

After breakfast, visit Nazareth and enter the Church of the Annunciation. Proceed to the Synagogue Church. Mt Carmel and enjoy a wonderful view across the Mediterranean Sea, River Kishon and Haifa Harbor and see the cave where Elijah took refuge in his contest with the prophets of Baal. Head to Megiddo to visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system. Return to your hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 MONDAY 14 SEP

CANA, NAZARETH VILLAGE, MT TABOR, YARDENIT BAPTISMAL SITE

After breakfast, drive to Cana, scene of the first miracle at the wedding and couples may renew their wedding vows. Proceed to Nazareth Village. This is an excavated village dating from around 1 AD. The excavations have carefully renovated the synagogue and houses to give a unique insight into village life and agriculture, as it would have been at the time of Jesus. This afternoon you will visit Mt Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Ascend by local taxi minivans. End the day at Yardenit, the Baptismal site on the River Jordan and experience the tranquility and spiritual beauty of the waters in which Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Dinner and overnight at your hotel on the Sea of Galilee.

DAY 5 TUESDAY 15 SEP

SEA OF GALILEE, CAPERNAUM, TABGHA, MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, MAGDALA

After breakfast and check out, we drive to the Sea of Galilee and visit Yigal Alon Museum to see the Ancient 1st Century "Jesus Boat" found on the shores of the Galilee. Enjoy a morning boat ride and communion service on the Sea of Galilee. Onto Capernaum to visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue and Peter's home. Then travel on to Mensa Christi, where Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me"? Then explore the site of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha and the Mount of the Beatitudes overlooking the Sea. End the day with a visit to Magdala Centre. Check in to your Kibbutz Hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 WEDNESDAY 16 SEP

TZFAD, CAESAREA PHILIPPI, GOLAN HEIGHTS, TEL DAN, TIBERIAS

After breakfast, head north to visit the Mystical city of Tzfad (Safad), which has been a center of Jewish learning for centuries. Proceed up to the Golan Heights to Caesarea Philippi. See the Baniyas Springs and waterfall, where Jesus was recognized as the Messiah by his disciples. Tour the Golan Heights with its valleys, grazing land and snow-capped mountains. End the day with a visit to Tel Dan, an impressive archaeological site with unique remains of the Canaanite and Israelite cities and a Biblical High Place. Return for dinner and overnight at your hotel on the Sea of Galilee.

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DAY 7 THURSDAY 17 SEP

JORDAN VALLEY, JERICHO, QUMRAN, MASADA, DEAD SEA

This morning finds you travelling through the Jordan Valley south to Jericho. Visit Jericho to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world. View the Mt of Temptation. See the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Continue to drive south along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the Destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD. Ascend Masada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Finish the day at your hotel beside the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8 FRIDAY 18 SEP

DEAD SEA, BETHLEHEM, JERUSALEM

A relaxing start to the day with a dip in the salty waters of the lowest inland Sea on earth. Proceed up the Judean hills to the holy City of Jerusalem. Enjoy an overview from Mt Olives and then proceed with a visit to Bethlehem to the Nativity Church, the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Drive to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9 SATURDAY 19 SEP

MT OLIVES, GETHSEMANE, ISRAEL MUSEUM

This morning commence the day on the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension and the Pater Noster Church, and view the Palm Sunday Road. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. Afternoon visit to view the scale model of Jerusalem as it was at the time of Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner & overnight.

DAY 10 SUNDAY 20 SEP

FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM EVE OF KIPPUR

Today is a day to enjoy at your leisure. Stroll to the Old City, Meet back at the hotel this evening for dinner and overnight.

DAY 11 MONDAY 21 SEP

OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM, MT ZION, GARDEN TOMB YOM KIPPUR (WALKING TOUR)

Begin the day with a Communion Service at the Garden Tomb. Enter the Old City. See the Pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water, and St. Anne's Church, the traditional birthplace of Jesus' mother. Visit the Convent of the Sisters of Zion and pass the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa ending at the Church of The Holy Sepulchre. Leave the Old City through the souk (bazaar). Visit the Tomb of the Kings on Mount Zion and visit the tomb of David, the Upper Room and the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu and the home of Caiaphas. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 12 TUESDAY 22 SEP

CITY OF DAVID, TEMPLE MOUNT, JEWISH QUARTER

Start the day with a communion service in the Garden Tomb, to reflect on the Resurrection. Then visit the City of David excavations to enjoy an interesting walk to the Siloam Pools and through Hezekiah's Tunnels. View the Temple Mount and have a close observation of the mosques. Walk through the Jewish Quarter and visit the Palatial Herodian Mansion and Burnt House, which form part of the Wohl Museum. Visit the Davidson Centre and the Western Wall. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 13 WEDNESDAY 23 SEP

VALLEY OF ELAH, JOPPA DEPARTURE

Enjoy a leisurely morning & check out at 11am or time last minute shopping. Depart Jerusalem and visit the

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Valley of Elah, where the battle between David & Goliath took place. Drive to Tel Aviv and visit the ancient port town of Joppa (Jaffa) before transferring to Ben Gurion Airport for our Emirates Airlines flight this evening for Dubai. Arrive into Dubai and transfer to our connecting Emirates flight back to Brisbane.

DAY 14 THURSDAY 24 SEP

ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive into Brisbane today with beautiful memories of a fantastic trip!

Itinerary is subject to change

PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Return estimated economy class airfares to/from Brisbane to Tel Aviv with Emirates Airlines.
- All airport & departure taxes
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 11 nights in hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily, all meals at hotels unless otherwise specified.
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Headsets

ALL PRICES EXCLUDE:

- Drinks with meals
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel insurance
- Lunches
- Israel Online Visa - approximately AUD\$12

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (OR SIMILAR):

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| • Sept 12 - 14 | Ramada - Nazareth | 2 nights |
| • Sept 14 -17 | Nof Ginosar – Sea of Galilee | 3 nights |
| • Sept 17 – 18 | David - Dead Sea | 1 night |
| • Sept 18 – 23 | Notre Dame - Jerusalem | 5 nights |



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