

## ISRAEL THE LAND OF THE BIBLE TOUR LED BY GIDEON AND IRENE LEVYTAM



"Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you"

Genesis 13:17



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#### **DAY 1 – THURSDAY APRIL 12**

#### **DEPARTURE FROM TORONTO**

Meet your hosts Gideon & Irene Levytam, and board your flight to Tel Aviv, relax onboard EL AL Israel Airlines with superb service. Departs Toronto at 8:45 pm.

#### DAY 2 - FRIDAY APRIL 13

#### ARRIVE TEL AVIV. ISRAEL

Arrive in Tel Aviv at 3:00 pm. Travel from the airport through the old city of Jaffa. Visit Simon the Tanner's House (Acts 10). Spend the night in Jerusalem. (D)

#### DAY 3 - SATURDAY APRIL 14

#### MASADA - QUMRAN - DEAD SEA

Spend the day out in the Judean desert stopping at Masada, an incredible mountain top fortress built by King Herod in 30 BC. Later, it became the last stronghold for a group of Jewish zealots whose tragic story has become a symbol of perseverance, faith and ambition. The well-preserved remains are accessed by cable car and offer an incredible view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Visit Qumran, a site close to where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found on your way to the Dead Sea where you can end the day "floating" in the salty, therapeutic waters. Spend the night in Jerusalem. (B, D)

#### **DAY 4 – SUNDAY APRIL 15**

#### **JERUSALEM: THE NEW CITY**

Get a magnificent panoramic view of the city from the Mount of Olives before heading over to the Church of the Agony and the Garden of Gethsemane to where our Lord Jesus went after the Last Supper. Next, visit the Israel Museum, which is home to the famous Dead Sea Scrolls and the model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple period. Brace yourself for a powerful journey through the Holocaust with a visit to Yad Vashem, a massive complex and museum dedicated to the memory of Holocaust victims. In the afternoon you will visit Ein Karem, where John the Baptizer was born. Visit the market of Machane Yehuda to experience the flavors, aromas, colors and the traders' interaction with the crowds, at the largest open market in Israel. (B, D)

#### DAY 5 - MONDAY APRIL 16

#### JERUSALEM: THE OLD CITY

Begin your journey through Jerusalem's Old City. Visit the City of David and Davidson Centre. Walk in the Jewish Quarter and stop at the Temple Institute. Visit the famous Western Wall or, "Wailing Wall". Then we will go through the western wall tunnel continuing to the Via Dolorosa, past various Stations where our Lord Jesus the Messiah carried the cross. Next, head to Mount Zion to visit the room believed to be the site of the Last Supper and the Tomb of King David, which is housed in an incredible thousand-year old building. (B, D)





#### **DAY 6 – TUESDAY APRIL 17**

#### **EMMAUS - BETH-SHEMESH - GARDEN TOMB**

We will start the day viewing the fields of Boaz in Bethlehem from Jerusalem. We will continue to visit Emmaus (Luke 24), outside of Jerusalem. Then we will visit the city of Beth-Shemesh located on the border of Judah and Dan, two of the twelve tribes of Israel (Joshua 21). We will continue to visit the valley of Ella, where David and Goliath had their conflict. After lunch we will return to Jerusalem to visit the Garden Tomb. We will have a time of reflection of the Lord Jesus, the risen Messiah with reading of scripture and prayer. There will be time to shop in the bookstore before we board the bus and return to the hotel. (B, D)

#### **DAY 7 – WEDNESDAY APRIL 18**

#### **BEIT SHE'AN - NAZARETH - GALILEE**

Today we will travel back in time as we pass the desert oasis of Jericho, the oldest city in the world, on your way to another ancient city, Beit She'an where the remains of the first King of Israel, Saul was placed. Here we will visit an impressive ruin like the Roman theatre and bathhouse before making our way to Nazareth, where our Lord Jesus spent his childhood and youth. Visit Mary's well and then while in Nazareth we will enjoy an experience of a first century open air museum that reconstructs village life in Galilee in the time of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Spend the night at a kibbutz hotel in Tiberius. (B, D)

#### **DAY 8 - THURSDAY APRIL 19**

#### **GOLAN HEIGHTS - CAPERNAUM - TIBERIAS**

Make your way to the Golan Heights to visit the Druze villages and old Syrian bunkers. We will visit the Banias - Caesarea Philippi where Simon Peter declared that the Lord Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. You will see that Israel is not all desert, as the lush green surroundings mark the source of the Jordan River. Continue along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, where the Lord Jesus began his teachings and you can sit within the ruins of the ancient synagogue as well as visit the octagonal church building built over Simon Peter's house. Next, go to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. We will visit the Mount of Beatitudes where the Lord Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount." Later on we will sail on a boat across the Sea of Galilee to experience the tranquility and scenery where little has changed during the past 2000 years. Travel through the bustling city of Tiberias before returning to our hotel for the night. (B, D)

#### DAY 9 – FRIDAY APRIL 20

#### ACRE - HAIFA - CAESAREA

The day begins with a series of contrasts in the city of Acre, known in Hebrew as Akko. This is a city that was given to the tribe of Asher (Judges 1:31). There is where East meets West and new and old come together in beautiful harmony. The apostle Paul at the end of his third missionary journey visited this city of Akko also known as Ptolemais (Acts 21:7). Visit the medieval sights built by the Knights Templar before continuing to Haifa where we will see a spectacular view from Mount Carmel of the valley of Jezreel. We will then visit Caesarea, the Roman capital and the largest port in the Mediterranean. Here you will see the Roman Theatre, the aqueducts, and the Crusader City. End the day at the hotel in the city of Tel Aviv-Jaffa. (B, D)

#### DAY 10 - SATURDAY APRIL 21

#### **TEL AVIV**

Today after breakfast and checkout from our hotel, we will have a free day, each person can do as he or she wish to do. We will be able to spend our last day in the Tel - Aviv beach for a relaxing time. Later on we will go out for a farewell dinner in Jaffa, after dinner we will head to the Ben Gurion airport for a late departure from Israel. (B, D)

#### DAY 11 - SUNDAY APRIL 22

Bid farewell to Israel, with memories that will live in your heart forever. Early morning departure from Tel Aviv (12:50 am). Arriving in Toronto at 6:15 am.



Tel Aviv – Galilee – Caesarea – Mt Carmel – Acre
Nazareth - Tiberius – Capernaum – Bethsaida
Mt of Beatitudes (Sermon on the Mount) – Beth-Shemesh
Jordan River – Dead Sea – Qumran – Masada – Jerusalem
Mt. of Olives – Garden of Gethsemane – City of David
Western Wall – Mount Zion – Via Dolorosa – Pool of Bethesda
Shepherds Field – Israel Museum and much more!

### \$3699 CAD \*

### ITINERARY AND ACCOMMODATIONS



- Roundtrip flights on El Al Airlines non-stop from Toronto to Tel Aviv
- 1 Night Tel Aviv, Grand Beach Hotel
- 2 Nights Tiberius, Ohalo Manor
- 5 Nights Jerusalem, Ramada Hotel
- All ground transfers in Israel (1 piece of luggage per person)
- Licensed English speaking Tour Guide
- Daily Bible teaching from your host Gideon Levytam
- Buffet Breakfasts and evening Dinners daily at the Hotels
- All entrance fees
- All taxes
- \*Prices are per person based on double occupancy (add \$725 CAD for Single Supplement) / Triple occupancy rate is \$3,679 CAD per person
- Deposit: \$500 CAD per person (refundable until February 1, 2018 a \$100 CAD pp cancellation fee applies)
- Final Payment: Full payment is due February 1, 2018
- Passports are required for international travel
- Flights and itinerary subject to change without notice

#### Not included in Tour Price:

- Gratuities: Tips to Tour Guide, Driver, Waiters and Bellboys (suggested per person per day: Guide \$6 USD, Driver \$3 USD, Dining Room Staff \$3 USD, Bellboys \$3 USD).
- Lunches

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