

The Life & World of Jesus



April 15 – April 26. 2020

We will trace the life of Jesus from his home in Galilee to Jerusalem, giving particular attention to the First Century Jewish context in which Jesus lived. Our goal is a better understanding of Jesus' ministry and a better application of His teachings for us today.



IMPORTANT

ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE JANUARY 7, 2020

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2020

\$4,196 - Land and Air Price From ATL (does not include Petra)

\$750 - Land and Air Deposit (due at registration)

(Direct Deposit or Check)

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):

\$776.25 - Land Deposit

Petra Tour – **Optional**

Cost of optional tour to Petra is **\$375** per person based on double occupancy.

Minimum of 15 people needed for the optional tour.

Airfare Group block from Atlanta is secured with Turkish Airlines. Those wanting to go to Petra will have to book air individually since group block works for everyone flying on the same itinerary.

Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

****Land price is based on a group of 20 people or more****

Booking: Prices are good for **three weeks from the date they are quoted**. If not confirmed by the tour leader within three weeks, prices may have to be updated. In general, hotel prices cannot be guaranteed more than 6 months in advance. Shoresh reserves the right to amend prices of tours without prior notice in case of devaluations of the dollar, or in case of receiving new updated contract rates from suppliers

- Accommodation - Half-board (breakfast & dinner) in en-suite shared twin rooms, taxes & portage.
- Transportation - Bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport.
- Guide - Licensed Christian/Messianic guide.
- Tips - Driver, Guide, Hotels.
- Guest speakers - (if specified).
- Entrance fees - Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials.
- Services of US Travel Agent – Mission Valley Travel
- Airfare

***Not Included:** Visas, Travel Insurance (mandatory, rates listed below); lunches & snacks; individual activities on free days; individual transfers to/from the airport apart from the main group; wheelchairs; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending.

Single Supplement: **\$702** (additional single room cost, limited availability)

Approximate Travel Insurance Pricing for US residents:

Trip Cost (Covers Up To)	Age Up to 30	Age 31-59	Age 60-70	Age 71-75	Age 76-79	Age 80+
\$3000	\$109	\$151	\$200	\$265	\$323	\$439

***Travel Insurance Quote is APPROXIMATE.
Individual pricing is available upon request.***

ITINERARY

Day 1 Wednesday, April 15, 2020

DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2 Thursday, April 16

ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. Depending on flight arrival time, we will either travel directly to Jerusalem or stop at a point of interest along the way.

After checking in at the Christ Church Guesthouse we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer. Following dinner the Director of Shoresh will lead us on a short stroll to a **rooftop panorama of the Old City**.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Jerusalem



Day 3 Friday, April 17

THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today we study both a great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. We will 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, we will enjoy a tour of the **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. Next, we travel to **Yad VaShem**, the Israel Memorial Museum to the



Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. From here we take the short drive to **Bethlehem**, where we will 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. This evening we celebrate the

beginning of the Shabbat with an explanation of the traditional Shabbat dinner.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 4 Saturday, April 18

IN THE STEPS OF JESUS – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection

Today we focus on sites related to the Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Our goal is to understand 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. We begin our day 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**, we will walk down the Mount of Olives to **Gethsemane**. Next, we cross the **Kidron Valley** and enter the Old City through **Stephen's Gate**, stopping to examine the remains of the **Pool of Bethesda**. From here we walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We end the day with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House Jerusalem

Day 5 Sunday, April 19

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. The Christ Church holds services starting at 9:30 and the group is welcome to attend. Christ Church is a low-liturgy Anglican service following a liturgy. The service includes contemporary hymns and worship, a sermon and concludes with communion. (There is no incense or other rituals found in high-liturgy Anglican services.) Shoresh can provide tours of the Tower of David in the afternoon which is located just across the street from Christ Church. Also, there is an evening light show at the Tower of David. *Shoresh will provide a list of other interesting options for those who want to explore on their own.* Overnight: Christ Church Guest House Jerusalem

Day 6 Monday, April 20

JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS – The Temple at the Center

Today will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. We will study how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and generally enrich our insight into many important events in the gospels and book of Acts. An early start will take us up to the **Temple Mount** (conditions permitting), where we'll 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, we will take a trip to the subterranean **Western Wall Tunnels** to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. We then make our way through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City to see the **Herodian Villas**, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. We complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House Jerusalem

Day 7 Tuesday, April 21

THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

We check out of the Christ Church Guest House in the morning ending our stay in Jerusalem. Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We begin our day at **Masada**, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. From Masada we drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, we can walk into the nature reserve and possibly to the waterfalls. We may see some wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. We will also discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. We will finish our afternoon by enjoying a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the **Dead Sea**. Overnight: Leonardo Dead Sea



Day 8 Wednesday, April 22

THE JORDAN VALLEY – “In the World But Not of It”



Today we head towards the Galilee. We will study the cultural tensions that existed at the time of Jesus, both between Greco-Roman culture and Jewish culture (and later the early church), and also between the Jewish religious establishment of the day and various spiritual reformers. Our first visit of the day will be **Qumran**, likely the home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which may have influenced early Christianity, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever

made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls. At the **Jordan River**, we will discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus. *If the tour leader wants to do baptisms, the group can visit a baptismal site on the Jordan River.* From here we continue up the Jordan Valley to the arid Judean Wilderness, passing by the region of **Jericho** – the oldest and lowest city on earth. Our next stop is the Biblical city of **Beit Shean** to examine the visually impressive excavations of its Roman-Byzantine period when it was one the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis. Conditions permitting, we will have dip in the beautiful spring fed pools at **Sachne**, near the base of **Mt. Gilboa**.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

Day 9 Thursday, April 23

NORTHERN ISRAEL – “Who Do Men Say That I Am?”

Today we explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. We will seek to understand what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. We begin by climbing up to the magnificent **Golan Heights**. We will visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at **Katzrin**, where we will take another close look at life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Next we will travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel’s highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Along the way we will pass **Druze Villages** before coming to **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. Our final stop is the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel’s apostasy. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream and discuss the meaning of “living water” in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus’ teaching. Overnight: Nof Ginosar Sea of Galilee

Day 10 Friday, April 24

AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Our day will be spent visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee as we try to picture daily life and religion in the First Century, and seek to better understand the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. We will start the day at **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Our next stop will be the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus’ teachings. After a short walk or drive down the hill we will 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, we will enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake. Later in the afternoon we will visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the “**Jesus Boat**”, a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. From here we will set sail for a **boat ride on the Lake** to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. After dinner we will meet with a local believer.



Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

Day 11 Saturday, April 25

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS – Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah

Today we begin our day at ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. We then travel up the coast to **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's cities, and according the Book of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. Finally we visit the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome. Overnight: HaSharon Hotel Herzylia

Day 12 Sunday, April 26

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Depending on flight departure time, there are several options for this day. Once we know the departure time we can arrange for a stop or two between the hotel and the airport depending on its appropriateness.

Optional (for an additional **\$375** per person, minimum of 15 participants):

Close your trip to Israel and the Middle East with a tour of Petra. Located in the nation of Jordan you will cross the border into Jordan spending the night while exploring the sites and sounds of Petra. Settled centuries before the birth of Christ, references to the ancient city now known as Petra can be found through out the Old Testament. Petra has captured the imaginations of many with its buildings built into the side of mountains in present day Jordan.

A visit to Petra and overnight stay in Jordan is the perfect way to end your Shoresh Study Tour before returning home through Ben-Gurion airport in Tel Aviv.

AIR ITINERARY

Date	Departure/Arrival	Flight #	Times
Wed 15 April	Atlanta - Istanbul	TK 032	10:35 PM - 04:40 PM (+1)
Thu 16 April	Istanbul - Tel Aviv Yafo	TK 788	05:55 PM - 08:05 PM
Sun 26 April	Tel Aviv Yafo - Istanbul	TK 785	09:55 AM - 12:20 PM
Sun 26 April	Istanbul - Atlanta	TK 031	02:05 PM - 07:40 PM

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- *Most days on this itinerary involve a regular amount of walking and/or climbing. Therefore, this trip cannot generally accommodate those who have significant difficulty with climbing stairs or walking a half a mile at a time. Please be in contact with the trip leaders if you have any concerns about this.*
- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *It is **mandatory** for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical costs or trip cancellations.*

Please register online via e-registration.

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/LMI-2020>

NOTE: If you absolutely do not have internet access and/or feel unsafe submitting an online form, you may send us your registration via US-mail by downloading the form at the below URL (Your tour leader may assist you with downloading and printing this form if internet access is limited).

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/mail-in-registration>

****Important* Mail-in submissions may delay the process of registration. It is imperative that you do so as soon as possible should you chose this route.***