The Roots of Faith



April 6 – April 19, 2027
Led by Pastor John Hardie

We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit the places where important Biblical events took place. We will dig deeply into the Scriptures in their original context to learn about God's faithfulness to His people in the past, present, and future. Our tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek a better understanding of His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives.

SHORESH STUDY TOURS
a ministry of CMJ Israel

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IMPORTANT

ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE DECEMBER 9, 2026

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE FEBRUARY 4, 2027

$4,474 - Land Price
For individual airfare please email tours@mvti.us.

$750 – Land Deposit
(Direct Deposit or Check)

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):
$776.25 – Land Deposit
Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.
Land price is based on a group of 15 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

***Not Included**: Airfare, 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: **$1498** (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+
$4500	**$191**	**$262**	**$399**	**$503**	**$609**	**$800**

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

ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, April 6, 2027
DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2: Wednesday, April 7
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.
After dinner we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer.
Overnight: Kfar Hamacabiah, Tel Aviv

Day 3: Thursday, April 8
IN THE DESERT WITH THE PATRIARCHS
We begin our journey in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region called the **Negev** in the Bible (a name it still carries today). Here we visit **Tel Beersheva**, one of the most impressive and ancient fortified cities of the Kingdom of Judah. Along our way we will examine the Bedouin culture to shed light on the lives of Abraham and the Patriarchs. We will visit the ancient caravan city of **Avdat** to discover how the ancient Nabateans made the desert bloom. We conclude our day traveling through the **Wilderness of Paran** to a spectacular view over the **Ramon Crater** where we discuss the importance of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt in Jewish religious thinking and its influence on Jesus and the Gospels.
Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Negev

Day 4: Friday, April 9
OUT OF EGYPT INTO THE WILDERNESS
Here we consider the true location of Mount Sinai and study the geology of the area. This morning we will be traveling through the **Wilderness of Zin** where Moses struck the rock in disobedience. We will take a short hike to a beautiful oasis in the **Zin Canyon**. We will then visit the **grave or home of David Ben Gurion**, founder of Israel, at **Sde Boker**. As Ben Gurion is often called a prophet, we will take time to discuss the nature of biblical prophecy and the role of a prophet in the biblical period and today. Time permitting, we will visit **Tel Arad**, a pre-Abrahamic major city and later an Israelite fortress. We will have a short **camel ride** before dinner at our accommodation in Bedouin-style tents or relax in the spa at our **Dead Sea** hotel.



Overnight: David Hotel, Dead Sea

Day 5: Saturday, April 10

THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness



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. Our last site 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.

Overnight: David Hotel, Dead Sea

Day 6: Sunday, April 11

THE JORDAN VALLEY – "In the World But Not of It"

Today we leave the desert and journey north up the spectacular **Syrian African Rift Valley** to the Sea of 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. Passing by the region of **Jericho** – the oldest and lowest city on earth, we come to the **Jordan River**, where 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.* Conditions permitting, we will have dip in the beautiful spring fed pools at **Sachne**, near the base of **Mt. Gilboa**. Our final stop of the day will be 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. From here we continue to our hotel near the **Sea of Galilee.**

Overnight: Maagan Hotel, Sea of Galilee



Day 7: Monday, April 12

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. Today we will visit 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 most of His ministry. Other sites may include **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. At the newly excavated **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdala, we will visit the remains of an ancient synagogue from the time of Jesus or the lovely **Tabgha**, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection. 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: Maagan Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 8: Tuesday, April 13

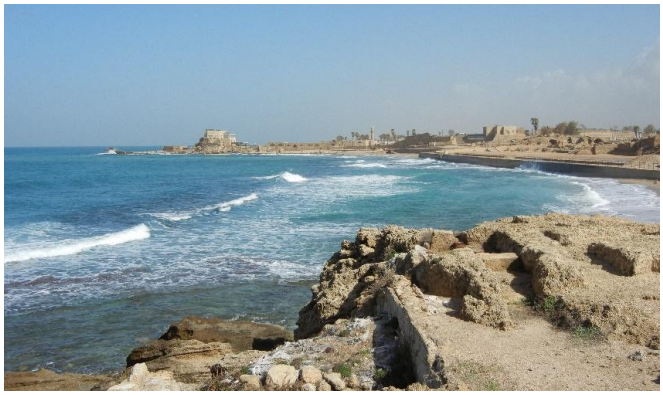
NORTHERN ISRAEL – "Who Do Men Say That I Am?"

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**. In the morning 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. We will travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Along the way we will pass **Druze Villages** before coming to a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the **road to Damascus** where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Our next 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. Time permitting, we will visit **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah.

Overnight: Maagan Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 9: Wednesday, April 14

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



Today we travel west and then down the coast, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. Our first visit of the day will be ancient **Nazareth,** Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. 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. We then travel to **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We complete our day at 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. At the end of the day, we will make the final ascent to **Jerusalem** – the City of the Great King. After dinner, a member of the CMJ Israel leadership team will lead us on a short stroll to a rooftop panorama of the Old City.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 10: Thursday, April 15

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 and time permitting will visit 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 Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 11: Friday, April 16

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. *Shoresh will provide a list of interesting options for those who want to explore on their own.*

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 12: Saturday, April 17

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 our tour with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 13: Sunday, April 18

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. 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 will expand our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a **Jewish Passover Seder meal** together, making Biblical connections to the "last supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 14: Monday, April 19

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Please register online via e-registration.

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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.***