



### *A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary*

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**3-15 October 2025**

*We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit the places where important Biblical events took place and dig deep 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.*

**Day 1:** Travel from Canada to Israel.

**Day 2: Friday, October 3, 2025**

**ARRIVAL TO ISRAEL**

Overnight: TLV, Ruth Daniel

**Day 3: Saturday, October 4, 2025**

**LIGHT to the NATIONS**

We will begin with a short prayer meeting at **Dugit Outreach Ministries** in Tel Aviv. Next, we will visit the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the location of Simon the Tanner's house and the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to the people of Ninevah. We will visit **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**, at the center of the Tel Aviv University campus, celebrating and exploring the experiences, accomplishments, and spirit of the Jewish community from biblical times to the present. We will finish 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. In the evening we will have time to stroll along the beach or go for a walk in the area. Overnight: Seasons, Netanya, Coast

**Day 4: Sunday, October 5, 2025**

Today we travel north up the coast and then eastwards inland to the Galilee, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. 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. After we will visit **Nazareth Village**, an open-air museum in Nazareth, Israel, that reconstructs and reenacts village life in the Galilee in the time of Jesus. We will enjoy a biblical lunch at Nazareth Village and possibly meet with an Arab believer. 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. Overnight: Kinar, Galilee

**Day 5: Monday, October 6, 2025 (Erev Sukkot).**

**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 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. After lunch we will go to **Magdala** which is located next to an ancient crossroads and where archaeologists found the remains of a first century synagogue. 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. An evening with worship leader, **Carolyn Hyde** to celebrate Erev Sukkot under their Sukkah (dinner at her house).

Overnight: Kinar, Galilee

**Day 6: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 (Sukkot, Day 1)**

**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**. 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 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: Ein Gedi SPA, Dead Sea

**Day 7: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (Sukkot, Day 2)**

**EIN GEDI SPA & MASADA**

In the morning we will have time for the **Ein Gedi SPA**. We travel early along the shores of the Dead Sea to **Masada**, the most impressive desert palace-fortress built by Herod the Great. In the course of visiting the site we will consider the man Herod and how his personality casts its shadow through the New Testament. Masada is also famous as the last stronghold of the Zealot resistance against Rome. We will discuss their theology and its relevance to our understanding of Jesus' teaching. Near Masada, we will look for sulfur balls from Sodom, and have time for a float in the Dead Sea.

Overnight: Ein Gedi SPA, Dead Sea

**Day 8: Thursday, October 9, 2025 (Sukkot, Day 3)**

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 have time for baptisms at the **Qasr Al Yahud Baptismal Site**. We will also discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. In the early afternoon we will enter **Jerusalem**, the City of the Great King to participate in the *Sukkot March of Nations*.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

**Day 9: Friday, October 10, 2025 (Sukkot, Day 4)**

**SAMARIA: ANCIENT ISRAEL (Conditions permitting)**

Today we journey into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, of the Israelites under Joshua, and later the breakaway Kingdom of Israel. Sites visited will likely include **Shiloh**, **Mt. Gerezim**, **Mt. Kabir**, and an overview of **Bethel**. We will focus on our roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to our understanding of the New Testament. We may also have an opportunity to meet with a **Samaritan priest** *and/or with David Ruben (former mayor of modern Shiloh) at Tel Shiloh*. Time permitting, we will also visit **Elon Moreh site**, possibly a site where God promised Abraham that he would give the Land of Israel to his descendants (Genesis 12:7). We will finish the touring day in the Old City's Jewish quarter to observe shabbat worship and prayers at the Western Wall. We will walk back to the Guest House for dinner.

In the evening, we will have a glass of Wine at **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people and the miraculous restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. (Request Idan, share about shabbat). Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

**Day 10: Saturday, October 11, 2025 (Sukkot, Day 5)**

**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 will begin at **Saint Peter in Gallicantu** church, the traditional location of the palace of Caiaphas, the High Priest who convicted Jesus. Accordingly, it is also noted as the site of the apostle Peter's triple denial of Jesus, marked by a rooster crow. Time permitting, we may visit the Upper Room. We continue our tour with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**. We will make our way to **Gethsemane** and then up to a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. 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**. Depending on the group's interest, we may walk parts of the **Via Dolorosa**, stopping at several of the places mentioned in the Bible, and arrive at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus.

In the evening we will expand our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a shortened **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 11: Sunday, October 12, 2025 (Sukkot, Day 6)**

**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**, 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 complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. We will end the day at the place where it all began – the **City of David**. Here we will learn about King David's conquest of the Jebusite city, and walk through Hezekiah's **Tunnel to the Pool of Siloam**. (*Bring water shoes and small flashlight/phone.*)

In the evening, we will have an opportunity to join a worship service at **Christ Church**, the oldest Protestant Church in the Middle East.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem.

**Day 12: Monday, October 13, 2025 (Sukkot, Day 7)**

We will have a free morning for shopping or other activities.

Today we will visit the town of **Abu Ghosh** where the Ark of the Covenant rested for 20 years. Then we will meet with **Rachel Netanel**, a messianic believer, in **Ein Kerem**, a historic mountain village southwest of Jerusalem (based on her availability).

In the evening we will have an opportunity to see **Simchat Tora** celebrations in the Old City.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

**Day 13: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 (Simchat Tora)**

**SUCCAT HALLEL PRAYER ROOM, HEBRON.**

On our last day, we will visit **Succat Hallel** (24/7 prayer house) to pray over Jerusalem. Subject to availability, we will also visit the "Friends of Zion" museum. After, we will take a short drive to **Hebron** where we will see the tomb of the Patriarchs.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

**Day 14: Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

**TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

This morning we say goodbye to Israel to catch your flight home.

**LAND ONLY TOUR PRICE: USD \$3749 (Approx. CAD\$5248)**

- Price is based on a minimum of 20 tour participants. A larger group will result in a decrease in price at the time of final payment. Fluctuation in the CAD/USD rate will also result in a price change. Payment can only be made via e-transfer or direct deposit.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- *Itinerary and accommodations subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Many sites are unpaved. Every effort will be made to enable all tour members to fully participate at every site, but in some cases that may not be possible.*

**TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation: Tourist class en suite, shared twin rooms, taxes and portorage
- Transportation: Bus and driver for touring
- Meals: Breakfast (B) and dinner (D)
- Guide: License Christian/Messianic guide
- Tips: Driver, Guide, Hotels
- Entrance fees: Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Comprehensive travel insurance (mandatory)
- 11 Lunches (L) & snacks (approximately \$20 CAD per day)
- Individual activities on free days
- Transfers to and from the airport
- Discretionary gift for guide and driver
- Personal discretionary spending

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