

Israel

THE HOLY LAND

A Christian Pilgrimage
with Anglican Tours Australia
21 Days - Feb/March 2013



Sea of Galilee

A TRUE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

ISRAEL - THE HOLY LAND - February 2013.

This 21 day tour being organised by “Anglican Tours Australia” is a great spiritual awareness for any Christian wanting to experience their roots.

This experience is a must for any Christian serious about their faith and will make the bible really come alive, and especially during Holy Week each year.

It is also an amazing experience for non Christians from a history point of view

Further information can be found on our special web site at <http://www.anglicantours.com.au>

THIS IS CURRENTLY A ‘DRAFT ITINERARY’ TO BE CONFIRMED WHEN WE HAVE AIRLINE TIMES.

Day 1 – Feb 24 – Leave Sunday via the International Airport for Israel (People will leave from different capital cities around Australia and meet up along the route. Adelaide need to come to Melbourne first)

Day 2 – Feb 25 - Arrival - On arrival at 6.35am visit **Neot Kedumim** for breakfast, a nature park with plants trees and artefacts referenced by the Bible. Drive to **Old Jaffa** and walk around. Explore **Neve Zedek**, the earliest neighbourhoods of Tel Aviv. Drive to the hotel. Overnight: Tel Aviv



Day 3 – Feb 26 - Visit the pre-48 secret underground ammunition factory – the **Ayalon Institute** – in Rehovot followed by an orientation drive around Tel Aviv; and onto the **craft markets of Nahalat Benyamin** and the colourful ambience of **Sheinkin Street**. Overnight: Tel Aviv

Day 4 – Feb 27 - Depart Tel Aviv for **Caesarea Maritima**, where Paul was imprisoned for 2 years and Peter converted 3000. Visit the **Carmelite Monastery** at the Muhraka, where Elijah smote the false prophets – Drive through the Druze villages of Dalya and Usfiya. / Descend on the eastern side of Mt. Carmel and, time permitting, visit **Bet Shearim**, the necropolis of the Rabbis in the 2nd and 3rd centuries. End the day with a view of the **Bahai Gardens** and the northern coastline of Israel. Overnight Haifa.



Caesarea uncovered



Showing ancient methods



Carmelite Monastery



Elijah
defeats the
prophets of
Baal



Bahai Gardens Haifa

Day 5 – Feb 28 - Drive to **Akko (Acre)**, see the prison where the British hanged members of the underground; visit the **Knights of St. John Castle**, walk through the shuk to the harbor and the medieval Genoese marketplace. Continue to Rosh HaNikra to walk through Israel’s “blue grotto”. Drive across the mountainous north to **Safed**, home to an artist colony and one-time center of **Kabbalah**. Overnight Kibbutz Ginosar on the Sea of Galilee. Rosh HaNikra

Day 6 – Mar 1 - See the remains of a boat from the time of Jesus. Experience an early morning **sail across the Sea of Galilee**. Visit the **Mt. of Beatitudes**.



1st Century Boat

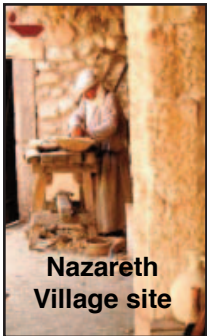
where we will celebrate Mass, **Tabgha, Capernaum**, Fish lunch before or after depending on time. Continue around the lake, stopping at **Kursi** and the **Yardenit Baptismal Site**, before returning to Ginosar. Optional evening visit (after dinner, at participants’ expense) to Tiberias hot spring. Over Night Sea of Gaillee

Day 7 – Mar 2 - Visit **Biblical Dan** and **Caesarea-Phillippi**. Drive up the Golan stopping at **Tel Facher** which fell to the Golani Brigade’s Barak Battalion in the Six Day War. At Kibbutz El Rom see a short movie about the 1973 tank battle on the Golan and visit the battle site at Mt Odem – Return to Ginosar.



Jordan Baptism site

Day 8 – Mar 3 - Drive via **Cana** to **Zippori** (Sepphoris) to see the capital of the Galilee before Tiberias was founded and the hub around which villages such as Nazareth revolved. Continue to **Nazareth Village** where you can relive the Nazareth from the time of Jesus. Time permitting, visit Church of the Annunciation. At the foot of **Mt. Gilboa** visit the 6th century synagogue of Bet Alfa. Stop for a welcome to Jerusalem on Mt. Scopus before settling in. Overnight: Jerusalem



Nazareth Village site

Day 9 – Mar 4 - Start with a spectacular view of Jerusalem from the **Mt. of Olives** - Walk down the Palm Sunday Road, visit the **Chapel of Dominus Flevit** and the **Church of all Nations** at the **Garden of Gethsemane** – Afternoon visit to **Bethlehem** commencing with Lunch there –Visit the Holy Sites including the **Shepherds Field, Shepherds Church, Church of the Nativity** with Birth cave. Visit at Jonny’s Souvenir Shop in Manger St (Jonny Canavati. 02-274-4008)



Nazareth Village Site

DAY 10 – Mar 5 -Today we view the model of the Second Temple and the **Dead Sea scrolls** at the Israel Museum. Continue past the **Israel Knesset** and visit the **Supreme Court** to the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial**. Visit **Ein Karem** and the birthplace of John the Baptist. Finish your visit to Jerusalem with a walk down Ben Yehuda St. and town center or the outdoor market at Machaneh Yehudah Overnight: Jerusalem



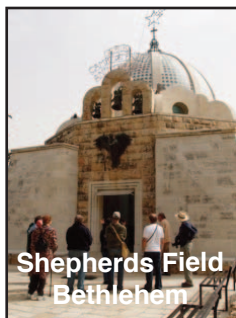
Chapel of Tears Dominus Flevit



Mount of Olives



Garden of Gethsemane



Shepherds Field Bethlehem

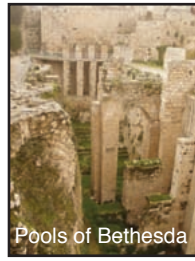


Welcome Jerusalem Ceremony



Stable Site

Day 11 – Mar 6 - Early morning visit (to avoid a very long wait in line) to the **Temple Mount**; exit at the northern end and then visit the **Pools of Bethesda**, the **Sisters of Zion crypt** and walk the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Walk through to **Damascus Gate** and Solomon's Quarries (also known as Zedekiah's cave) before ending at **Garden Tomb** about 3pm to celebrate Mass.



Day 12– Mar 7 - Begin with a visit to **David's City** - see the movie of Jerusalem from its inception (some 4,000 years back) until the time of Solomon. Walk underground down the hill to the **Gihon Spring**; continue via the now-dry Canaanite water channel to (those who wish can walk - in water up to their knees or higher - through the 550m. long tunnel built by Hezekiah, joining the wimps at) the **Pool of Siloam**. From here we return via Herod's drainage channel below his street, 700 meters to emerge under Robinson's Arch onto the street from the time of the Temple. There we will visit the Davidson Center, the steps that led to the Temple, followed by a visit to the Western Wall. On Mt Zion visit the **Last Supper Room** and the prison of Christ at **St. Peter et Gallicuntu** – enter the Jewish Quarter and walk the **Cardo**. Visit the Burnt House.



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Day 13: – Mar 8 - Free day in Jerusalem

Day 14: – Mar 9 - Drive down to **Emmaus** where the resurrected Jesus appeared to Leontidas and Cleopas. Continue to the **Latrun Tank Memorial** and **mini-Israel**. Continue via Bet Shemesh (where the ark of the Covenant returned and the Ela Valley (where David slew Goliath) to **Bet Guvrin** (the Biblical Maresha conquered by Joshua) where we explore the myriad bell-shaped caves and the wonderfully preserved Roman Amphitheatre. Return to Jerusalem



Day 15 – Mar 10 - Depart Jerusalem via the Inn of the Good Samaritan to visit the **caves of Qumran, En Gedi and Masada** which we

ascend by cable car but descend on foot via the Roman ramp where the bus meets us; drive to **Kfar HaNokdim**, where you ride camels for ½ hour in the desert before returning to settle in your Bedouin tent (the whole group in one large tent – while your guide seeks out his private cabin) and enjoy a **Bedouin hafla** for dinner (perhaps followed by Bedouin music)



Bedouin Accommodation

Day 16 – Mar 11 - Explore **Tel Arad**; visit a local Arab falah (peasant) village. Continue to **Tel Sheva**; Make our way to our Dead Sea hotel to get to the hotel early to enjoy the salty waters of the **Dead Sea** and any other delights the hotel may offer. Overnight: Dead Sea



Qumran Cave where Dead Sea Scrolls were found



Masada

Day 17 – Mar 12 - Part Free Day at the Dead Sea. At 12:00 noon we head down the Arava Valley for Timna (lunch on the way) to see the rock formations and ancient mines and Temples. Visit a **re-creation of the Tabernacle** in the **Sinai desert** and overnight Eilat

Day 18 – Mar 13 - Eilat: Visit Giora's Eilat Stone factory, continue with an orientation drive around Eilat, and visit the underwater observatory.



Day 19 – Mar 14 - Free to enjoy the sea (early visit to the bird-watching centre, scuba or snorkel at the coral beach and/or the dolphin reef, parasail, ride in a glass-bottomed boat, or just lie in the sun on the northern beach) and /or the desert – arrange a camel ride up Wadi Shlomo, take a jeep ride - fly to Tel Aviv airport to catch your 11pm plane home.

Day 21 – March 17th - (We lose a day with the date line) and arrive back in Australia around lunch time.

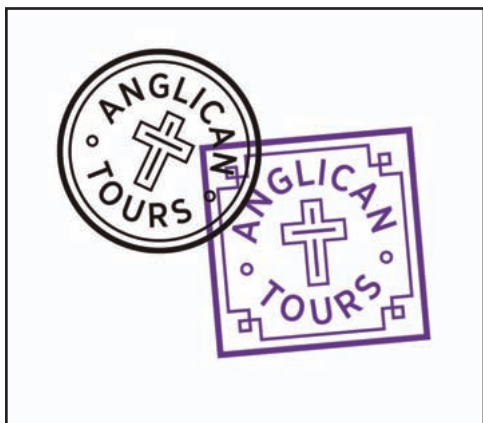
Those travelling from Brisbane, Sydney or Perth will fly home direct from Bangkok. Those travelling to Adelaide will go via Melbourne.



The Wailing Wall in
Jerusalem



The Shepherd's caves that they
used to protect their sheep



Cost is \$6450

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class airfares from Melbourne / Sydney / Brisbane / Perth (Adelaide need to come to Melbourne)– Bangkok – Tel Aviv with Thai Airways and El Al Israel Airlines
- One way domestic flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv
- 17 nights' hotel accommodation in 3.5 - 4 star hotels including all buffet breakfasts and dinners
- Meeting assistance and portorage at the airport
- Airport transfers as per the itinerary
- Air Conditioned coach for touring and transfers
- Excellent English speaking guide for all touring - Mr Jeff Abel
- Entrance fees for the mentioned sites
- Tips & gratuities throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Airport and departure taxes
- Drinks with meals
- Lunches
- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Single supplement - \$1550
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room service etc.
- Any services not listed in 'Price Includes' above

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