

# HOLY LAND TOUR 2025

Hosted by Rob McKee

April 1-11, 2025



INTERNATIONAL  
HERITAGE TOURS





## **Day 1 – Tuesday, April 1: OTTAWA/TORONTO**

Departure from Ottawa on Air Canada departing to Toronto at 11:00am. Arriving in Toronto at 12:20pm. Connect in Toronto's Pearson International Airport on Air Canada flying non-stop from Toronto to Tel Aviv departing at 4:20pm from Terminal 1.

## **Day 2 – Wednesday, April 2: TEL AVIV/NETANYA**

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv at 10:00am where we will be met by our Israeli guide who will accompany us during our entire stay in Israel. Drive to the coastal city of Netanya on the Mediterranean Sea.

**Dinner and overnight at Vert Lagoon Hotel, Netanya.**

## **Day 3 – Thursday, April 3: CAESAREA/MT CARMEL/MEGIDDO/NAZARETH VILLAGE**

We drive north along the Plain of Sharon, the Mediterranean and the old coastal road- the Via Maris which linked Egypt and Babylon as we journey towards Galilee. We stop at **Caesarea** the incredible fortress city built by King Herod the Great. Here, Pontius Pilate had his base; where Cornelius lived and was baptized (Acts 10); where Paul embarked to Tarsus (Acts 9:30) and where Philip preached (Acts 8:40). Visit the Roman Theatre, the Hippodrome, and the Crusader City. We then travel north towards Haifa and ascend **Mt. Carmel** the site where the prophet Elijah fought the 400 false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:30). We will stop for an incredible panoramic view of **Haifa**. We continue to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's walled fortified cities (1 Kings 9:15; 10:26), with ruins of 20 levels of civilization. From here, the Books of Daniel and Revelation will come alive as we read about the final Battle of Armageddon while viewing the Plains of Jezreel. We finish the day at the Sea of Galilee. We depart to **Nazareth**, the boyhood town of Jesus and visit **Nazareth Village** depicting a village from the time of Jesus. Continue to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. **Dinner and overnight at Gai Beach Hotel, Tiberias**

## **Day 4 – Friday, April 4: JESUS' MINISTRY IN THE GALILEE**

We start the day at the **Primacy of Peter** the traditional site where Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection. Continue to **Tel Dan** one of the most important sites for the archaeological and historical recovery of ancient Israel. The city of Dan represented the northern border of the biblical Kingdom of Israel. Continue to Baniyas, one of the sources of the Jordan River and the site of ancient "**Caesarea Philippi**", where Peter made the confession of faith in Drive to **Mount Bental** on the Golan Heights. During the Yom Kippur War in 1973, one of Israel's largest tank battles took place at the foot of Mount Bental. The fierce battle earned the area below Mount Bental the name Valley of Tears. In 1974 a demilitarized zone was established between Syria and Israel and monitored by the UN. Finish the day at Visit the newly excavated town of **Magdala** the town of Mary of Magdalena. Renowned for its first-century synagogue and significant discoveries, such as the Magdala Stone, that attract scholars and tourists interested in its historical and biblical importance.

**Dinner and overnight at Gai Beach Hotel, Tiberias**

## **Day 5 – Saturday, April 5: JESUS' MINISTRY IN THE GALILEE**

After breakfast we begin the day with a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee. Visit **Capernaum**, the centre of Jesus' Galilean ministry and the site of many of his miracles We will see the remains of Peter's house and the synagogue site where Jesus taught and worshipped Drive to **Tabgha** and visit the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. Continue to the **Mt. of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered what is perhaps the most famous sermon ever preached – "The Sermon On The Mount". We will have a **St. Peter's Fish lunch** on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. After lunch visit the majestic views from the top of **Mount Arbel** The beautiful landscapes of Israel's tranquil region, you can see the Horns of Hittin where Saladin defeated the Crusaders in 1187. Dug into the slopes of Mount Arbel are caves which were the hideouts for the Jews who fought against the Greeks and Romans.

**Dinner and overnight at the Gai Beach Hotel, Tiberias.**

"COME AND SEE." John 1:39





## **Day 6- Sunday, April 6: GALILEE/JORDAN VALLEY/QUMRAN/JERUSALEM**

We depart Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee to **Beit Shean**, where we will walk through the incredible excavations of the largest ongoing archaeological dig in the land of Israel with its Roman theatre, colonnaded Roman streets, mosaics and Roman bathhouses. It is also the city where the body of King Saul and his sons were nailed to the walls by the Philistines). We then drive through the lush Jordan Valley, where the desert now blooms with flowers and vegetation of every description to visit **Argaman Gilgal**. It is likely that this site was erected by the Israelites, led by Joshua, and was their first camp after crossing the Jordan. Stop at **Qasr El Yahud** the traditional **Baptismal site** on the Jordan River. Continue south along the shores of the Dead Sea to **Qumran** for a visit where a young shepherd boy discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 in the cave, which you will see. These scrolls are the oldest scriptures of the Bible ever found. Drive up the Judean Wilderness to the Holy City of Jerusalem.

**Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

## **Day 7 –Monday, April 7: CITY OF DAVID/SHILOH**

We start the day at the **City of David** Excavations to see remains of Jerusalem from the time of King David. See the **Hezekiah Tunnel** and the **Pool of Siloam**. Continue to the **Davidson Center** to visit the Southern Wall excavations. Drive to **Shiloh**, the ancient biblical city which was the first capital of Israel in the period of the Judges and the residence of the tabernacle. The city existed almost consecutively from the Israeli period up to the middle ages due to its sanctity and status. Return to Jerusalem. **Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem.**

## **Day 8 – Tuesday, April 8: JERUSALEM/ BETHLEHEM**

We start the day at the top of the **Mt. of Olives**, for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Tracing the footsteps of Jesus, we will stroll down the Palm Sunday Route on the Mount of Olives to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the Church of All Nations. Continue to **Mt Zion** to visit the traditional site of the **Upper Room** (Room of the Last Supper), King David's Tomb and the **Church of St. Peter's in Gallicantu**, built on top of the High Priest Caiaphas' house. Finish the day with a drive to **Bethlehem** and visit the Church of the Nativity before returning to Jerusalem where you will have time for personal shopping in the Old City.

**Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem.**

## **Day 9- Wednesday, April 9: JERUSALEM**

We walk through Jaffa Gate to enter the Old City of Jerusalem through this gate and walk through the Armenian Quarter to the **Jewish Quarter** and the **Western Wall**, Judaism's holiest spot. Visit the Temple Mount to view the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. We walk through the **Western Wall Tunnels**. The tour of the Western Wall Tunnels allows you to reach the segments of the Wall hidden from view, and to touch the original wall from the time of the Second Temple. You will walk through ancient and fascinating subterranean spaces with exquisite archeological findings, such as large stone arches, water pits, an ancient water aqueduct that ends at the Strouthion Pool, and more. After exiting the Western Wall Tunnels, you will arrive to the **Pools of Bethesda** where heals the paralytic for a visit.

**Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

## **Day 10 – Thursday, April 10: JERUSALEM/VALLEY OF ELAH**

We start the day visiting **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust commemorating the six million Jews who perished. Visit and walk through the newly opened Museum, visit the Children's Memorial, walk along the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles for those who risked their lives to save Jewish lives. Drive to the **Valley of Elah** where the famous battle of David and Goliath took place. Continue to the **Caves of Adullam**. This place proved to be the perfect place for David to hide in his initial flight from Saul. Finish the day with a visit to the **Garden Tomb** or Gordon's Calvary for a private service in the Gardens.

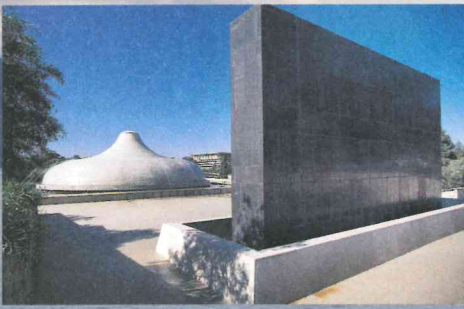
**Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

## **Day 11- Friday, April 11: TORONTO/OTTAWA**

We depart to Ben Gurion Airport for our Air Canada flight non-stop to Toronto departing at 11:45am and arriving in Toronto at 4:40pm at Terminal #1. Connect to your Air Canada flight to Ottawa departing Toronto at 8:10pm and arriving in Ottawa at 9:16pm.

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**TOUR PRICE: \$5,289 CDN per person**  
Canadian per person based on double occupancy with a minimum of 30 paying passengers.

If the group drops below 30 paying there will be a supplement of \$150 per person to the above rates with a minimum of 20 paying passengers.

**RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO ANY MAJOR FLUCTUATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CANADIAN DOLLARS.**

**Included in your tour:**

- Roundtrip air fare from Ottawa and Toronto to Tel Aviv on Air Canada flying non-stop from Toronto.
- Meeting/assistance at the airport
- Return transfers to/from the airport in Tel Aviv
- 9 nights at selected hotels in Israel
- Buffet breakfast & dinners daily in the hotels
- St. Peters Fish Lunch on the Sea of Galilee
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Air-conditioned transportation
- 8 full days of sightseeing in Israel as per the itinerary attached
- English speaking licensed tour guide throughout
- Earphones to listen to the guide better
- All entrance fees to places of interest
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Airport Taxes & fuel surcharges

**Exclusions:**

- Single Room Supplement of \$1,670 (for those who want their own private room) to be added to the above rates
- Comprehensive and Cancellation Insurance
- **Tips to Driver, Guide and Restaurant staff of \$120 USD per person to be paid to the tour leaders.**

**Rates for Comprehensive Insurance including emergency medical & hospitalization, trip cancellation before departure, flight and trip interruption, lost suitcases, out of pocket expenses etc.**

Up to 59 Years	\$366
60-64 Years	\$443
65-69 Years	\$567
70-74 Years	\$747
75-79 Years	\$1,112
80-84 Years	\$1,423

For anyone that needs Trip Cancellation Insurance only or are in a single room, please call us for rates or refer to the application form attached.

**Documentation:**

Please ensure that you are in possession of a Canadian Passport valid for at least 6 months after your arrival in Israel. If you have a passport from another country, it is your responsibility to inquire at the Israeli Consulate if a Visa is required before entering Israel.

**Payments:**

International Heritage Tours requires a deposit of \$400 per person immediately, which is refundable 90 days before departure (January 1, 2025) less \$200 administration fee and full non-refundable payment 60 days before departure (February 1, 2025). **YOU MAY PAY BY: PERSONAL CHEQUE, CREDIT CARD; MONEY ORDER, BANK DRAFT or E-TRANSFER** made payable to **International Heritage Tours.**

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