

“HOLY LAND TOUR 2027”

Hosted by Rob Mckee

April 5-14, 2027



INTERNATIONAL
HERITAGE TOURS



Day 1 – Monday, April 5

OTTAWA

Depart from **Ottawa** at 12:05pm on Air Canada flying to Toronto arriving at 1:15pm. Connecting with Air Canada departing Toronto at 4:45pm flying non-stop to Tel Aviv.

Day 2 – Tuesday, April 6

TEL AVIV/ JAFFA

Arrive in Tel Aviv at 10:30am where our tour guide will meet you. We start by traveling to **Jaffa**, which affords us a breathtaking view of the city of Tel Aviv. At this picturesque port city of winding alleys, art galleries and crafts boutiques, King Solomon had, the cedars of Lebanon rafted for the building of the First Temple in Jerusalem. You will view the spot of the House of Simon the Tanner (Acts 10:6). Continue to **Nazareth to the Mount of Precipice**. Known as the "Mount of the Leap of the Lord," it is the traditional site where, after Jesus declared himself the Messiah in Nazareth, a crowd led him to the edge of the hill to throw him to his death, but he escaped. Continue to **Tiberias** on the Sea of Galilee to check in to our hotel.

Dinner and overnight at the Ron Beach Hotel, Tiberias.

Day 3— Wednesday, April 7

JESUS MINISTRY IN THE GALILEE

After breakfast, **volunteering** – Beautiful Land Initiative. Continue with a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Ginossar where we will see an ancient boat from the time of Jesus displayed at the Kibbutz Museum. We will have a **St. Peter's Fish Lunch** at the David's Harp Hotel. After lunch, we visit **Magdala** the newly excavated site to see the 1st century synagogue where Jesus taught. Magdala is an ancient, historically significant city on the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel, renowned as the hometown of Mary Magdalene. It was a thriving 1st-century fishing port—often called *Magdala Nunayya* (fish tower)—known for its bustling fish market and as a center of local resistance against Rome. Rediscovered in 2006, the site features a rare 1st-century synagogue where Jesus likely preached. This evening we will have Guest Speakers.

Dinner and overnight at the Ron Beach Hotel, Tiberias.

Day 4 – Thursday, April 8

JESUS MINISTRY IN THE GALILEE

We have a half day of **volunteering** on the Golan Farm. We travel to **Kibbutz El Rom** to see a new documentary film that recreates the battle of the "valley of tears" during the Yom Kippur War in 1973. This new film describes the incredible and awe-inspiring story of the heroism of the 7th brigade. The film brings to the screen the personal testimony of brigade commander Avigdor "Yanush" Bengal, the battalion commander Avigdor Kahalani and the troops under their command. Drive to **Katzrim**, famed as the site of archaeological remains that show that the settlement was inhabited as early as the Middle Bronze Age. The most substantial archaeological discoveries date back to the 3rd-8th centuries when Katzrin was a thriving Jewish village with a beautiful synagogue. The remains built in the 6th century stand on the remains of an earlier 4th-5th century synagogue. You can see part of the original mosaic floor and there are still two rows of columns left standing. The building would have had two stories and a roof. You can see the remains of the bimah (the stone platform where the Torah ark would have stood).

Dinner and overnight at Ron Beach Hotel, Tiberias.

Day 5—Friday, April 9

UP TO JERUSALEM

Depart Tiberias and drive along the banks of the Jordan River, in the Beit Shean Valley south of the Sea of Galilee, lays old **Kibbutz Gesher**. Yet, embedded below the surface of these banks also lies a history of a nation and a story of a people. The River Jordan officially serves as the border between Israel and Jordan in this area, so at the time of the establishment of the state of Israel the kibbutz constituted a "gateway" into the country from Jordan. The Kibbutz was held under siege in the 1948 War of Independence and was almost completely destroyed by the onslaught from the Jordanian Arab Legion. Kibbutz Gesher survived however, and remains a thriving community of 500 people. Continue to **Shiloh**, which served as the primary Jewish religious and administrative center for 369 years during the era of the Biblical Judges. It housed the Tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant, making it the nation's center of worship before Jerusalem. Today, it is an archaeological site. Drive to Up to Jerusalem for Shabbat and to the Mount of Olives for an overview of the City of Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem.

"COME AND SEE." John 1:39

Day 6 – Saturday, April 10

OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

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. We continue our walk along the **Via Dolorosa** to visit the **Pools of Bethesda** (near the Church of Saint Anne), is a 1st-century site renowned as the location where Jesus healed a paralyzed man (John 5:1-15). Archaeological findings confirm it was a double pool with five porticoes serving as a healing center. We pass through the colourful bazaars, alleyways and market places and reach the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** for a brief visit. Walk through the alleyways of the Old City and exit from the Jaffa Gate where our bus will be waiting for us. The afternoon will be free time for shopping in the Christian Quarter.

Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 7—Sunday, April 11

GAZA ENVELOPE- OCTOBER 7 REVEALED

Drive to the **Nova Festival Site** located in the Re'im forest in southern Israel, near Kibbutz Re'im and close to the Gaza border. It is now a memorial site dedicated to the victims of the October 7, 2023, massacre, featuring photos of the victims, Israeli flags, and trees planted in their memory. The car graveyard, often called the "Car Wall" or "Burnt Vehicles Compound," is located in an open field near Moshav Tkuma in southern Israel, roughly 10 kilometers from the Nova music festival site near Re'im. It features over 1,500 bullet-riddled and torched vehicles from the October 7, 2023, attack, serving as a memorial. Drive to **Sderot**. On October 7 the battle took place amid a rocket barrage on the city. Rocket fire against Sderot began with the start of the October 7 attack on Israel. A total of 45 rockets were fired at Sderot on October 7, including 10 within the first 45 minutes. Red Color sirens then sounded. Return to Jerusalem to attend the King of Kings service.

Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 8- Monday, April 12

Depart Jerusalem and drive to **Jericho**, one of the world's oldest inhabited cities for a visit Tel Jericho. Continue to Qasr al Yahud the baptismal location on the Jordan River. Qasr Al-Yehud is believed to be the Biblical site where John baptized Jesus. This stretch of the river is also where Joshua led the Israelites to cross the River Jordan into the Promised Land. The Prophet Elijah is said to have ascended to heaven from this location. Drive to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea. We will stop at **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. We travel to the shores of the Dead Sea where you will have time to **take a float** in the saltiest body of water in world. Return to Jerusalem. **Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem**

Day 9 – Tuesday, April 13

JERUSALEM

This morning visit to the **City of David** and explore the excavations from the time of King David and see the **Pool of Siloam**. Walk the newly excavated Pilgrims Road to the **Davidson Center** to visit the Southern Wall excavations. Visit the Western Wall the holiest site in Judaism. Walk in the Jewish Quarter in the Old City along the Cardo which was the street from the time of Jesus to **Mt Zion** to visit the traditional site of the **Upper Room** (Room of the Last Supper), and the Church of **St. Peter's in Gallicantu**, built on top of the High Priest Caiphaz' house. Continue to the **Israel Museum** and visit the **Shrine of the Book** housing the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest manuscripts of the Bible ever found. Visit the model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple Period as it looked from the time of Jesus. We finish the day at the Garden Tomb for a private communion service.

Farewell dinner at the Notre Dame Cheese & Wine Roof Top Restaurant.

Overnight at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 10: Wednesday, April 14

TORONTO/ OTTAWA

After breakfast we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back to Toronto. We depart with Air Canada flying non-stop to Toronto departing at 12:05pm and arriving in Toronto at 4:55pm at Terminal #1. Connect in Toronto to Ottawa departing at 8:10pm arriving in Ottawa at 9:16pm.

"COME AND SEE." John 1:39



TOUR PRICE: \$5,999 Canadian per person sharing a twin room. Based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers includes air from Ottawa to Tel Aviv.

Land Only Rate (No Air Fare): \$4,199 per person

If the minimum number of the group is a minimum of 20 paying passengers, there will be a supplement of \$250 per person to the above rates.

RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO ANY CURRENCY FLUCUATION BETWEEN THE U.S. & CANADIAN DOLLARS.

Departure from OTTAWA to Tel Aviv on Air Canada flying non-stop.

Included in your tour:

- Meeting/assistance at the airport
- Return transfers to/from the airport
- 8 nights at selected at four-star hotels
- Israeli buffet breakfast and dinners daily in the hotels
- St. Peter's Fish Lunch on the Sea of Galilee
- Special Farewell Dinner
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- 8 full days of sightseeing as per the program attached
- Air-conditioned transportation
- English speaking licensed tour guide throughout
- All entrance fees to places of interest
- Simultaneous Head Sets to listen to the guide
- Free WIFI on the bus if available
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Airport taxes and surcharges of Air Canada
- Tips to the guide, driver and restaurant staff

Exclusions:

- Single Supplement of \$1,420
- Comprehensive and Cancellation Travel Insurance

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.

PAYMENTS:

International Heritage Tours requires a deposit of \$400 per person immediately, which is refundable 90 days before departure (January 5, 2027) less \$200 administration fee. Less than 90 days before departure the deposit is non-refundable and the balance are due 60 days before departure (February 5, 2027) which is non-refundable.

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