# 11-Day Biblical Tour of

with

Rev Donald N Martin

(Gardenstown)

29 April - 9 May 2014

11 day / 10 night Tour

Only £1536 per person

Price based on a group of 30+



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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Say, "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace inside your walls. May your people be kept safe." Psalm 122:6,7



#### Israel - Here we come!

#### DAY 1 - Tuesday 29 April

Depart from Edinburgh Airport to Tel Aviv via Istanbul. Transfer to the Metropolitan Hotel(Deluxe Rooms) in Tel Aviv for an overnight stay. This hotel is located close to the beach.



#### DAY 2 - Wednesday 30 April



After breakfast we leave our hotel and take a gentle walk along the beach towards Jaffa. This is the port of Joppa from which Jonah sailed to flee from the Lord. Afterwards we visit Simon the Tanner's house where Peter stayed and saw a vision. At the CMJ Heritage Center we learn of the important contributions made by British Christians and others towards the forming of the modern Land of Israel. Our next visits take us into places we've read of since our childhood. As we head south we pass Beth Shemesh a city for the priests of the tribe of Levi; we view the site of the battle between David and Goliath in the Valley of Elah. We arrive at Be'ersheva

mentioned in the Bible in connection with Abraham, Isaac (built an altar) and Jacob (who had his dream about a stairway to heaven). The prophet Elijah took refuge in Beersheba when Jezebel ordered him to be killed (I Kings 19:3). Our overnight stop is at Leonardo Negev, in Be'ersheva.

#### DAY 3 - Thursday 1 May

Our day begins with a drive through HaMakhtesh HaGadol (The Great Crater), and on to **Tel Arad**; visit Arad 'Fountain of Tears' sculptures, exploring the relationship between Jesus and the victims of the Holocaust; then on to **Masada** by cable car. We visit **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. (as we travel north we view Jericho and **Mt Temption**). We stop at **Kasr-el Yehud**, the site at which Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, after which we travel north through the Jordan Valley towards Galilee. Our home for the next three nights will be the Ein Gev Kibbutz.



# DAY 4 - Friday 2 May



This morning we visit sites around the Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7), Tabgha (feeding of the 5000), Mensa Christi ("Feed my sheep") and Capernaum (The town of Jesus). After lunch we visit Caesarea Phillipi, where Jesus asked, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" We drive to the Golan (Mt Benthal) for breathtaking views across both Israel's Galilee and the flat plains of Syria, We complete our day with a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee.

# DAY 5 - Saturday 3 May

Today we visit **Cana**, where Jesus turned water into wine; the **Ancient Synagogue** where Jesus read from Isaiah 61, and later we visit **Mt Kedumim** (Mt Precipice) where an angry mob attempted to throw Jesus off after his bold proclamation in the Nazareth synagogue (Luke 4). A visit to Nazareth would not be complete without visiting **The Nazareth Village** re-enacting village life as it was in the time of Jesus.

We then travel to **Mount Carmel** for a spectacular view over the North of Israel and the site of Elijah's victory over the prophets of Ba'al. The day concludes with a visit to **Tel Megiddo** overlooking the **Jezreel Valley** first mentioned in the Bible in Joshua 12:21.



#### DAY 6 - Sun 4 May



We begin the day with a time of worship in Galilee before travelling west to Caesarea Maritima the site where Pontious Pilate lived and Cornelius first heard the gospel. We continue to **Neot Kedumim** for a late Biblical Lunch. Transfer to Jerusalem and check-in at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Deluxe Rooms). (4n) An opportunity to worship at the nearby **King of Kings Assembly**, the largest Messianic congregation in Israel.

# Day 7 - Mon 5 May

The day starts at the **Western Wall** where you may witness a Barmitzvah taking place. Continue on to the **Temple Mount** before following the **Via Dolorosa** (the Way of Sorrows) enroute we will stop at **St Anne's/ Bethesda Pool, City of David Excavations, Hezekiah's Tunnel** and the **Southern Temple Steps.** 





# Day 8 - Tue 6 May

Start the day at the Holocaust Memorial (Yad Vashem), then we visit to the Israel Museum where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed in the Shrine of the Book. We walk around the Model of the City, visit the nearby Knessett and the Menorah. At the Church of St Peter in Galicantu (possible site of the High Priest's house) we see the dungeons where Jesus was possibly held and where the cock crowed three times. Mt. Zion is

(possible site of the High Priest's house) we see the dungeons where Jesus was possibly held and where the cock crowed three times. Mt. Zion is nearby and there we will visit **David's Tomb**, the **Upper Room** and the **Christ Church Heritage Center**.

# Day 9 - Wed 7 May

Today we visit Bethlehem (Rachel's Tomb), the Church of Nativity, the Shepherds fields, and time permitting Herodian where only recently the tomb of Herod and his remains were discovered.

A Photo shoot opportunity from summit of Mt Scopus.



# Day 10 - Thu 8 May



We begin by viewing the classical picture of Jerusalem from the summit of the Mount of Olives. From there visit the Paternoster Church, Dominus Flevit (Tear Drop Church) and the Garden of Gethsemane before a final act of worship at the Garden Tomb with communion. Transfer to Tel Aviv Free afternoon in Tel Aviv and overnight at the Dan Panorama Hotel. (1n)

# Day 11 - Fri 9 May Transfer to airport for an early flight home

Each day begins with a time of worship and praise before we embark on visits to places where our spirits will be moved time and time again. At each site one of the group will read the relevant verses from the Bible. On some evenings we invite local believers to speak with us .



There will also be time for rest and relaxation as well as for shopping for gifts you will want to bring to friends and family at home.











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#### What is included in the price:

- Return air fare from Edinburgh /Istanbul /Tel Aviv
- All airport and local taxes
- Meeting and assistance on arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
- Half board hotel accommodation with private facilities in Israel.
- Full days touring and sightseeing program.
- Private air-conditioned coach for all transfer.
- All entrance fees including Masada Cable Car, Boat Trip on the Sea of Galilee
- Israeli licensed guide throughout the tour

#### Not included

- Tips and Gratuities (We suggest an allowance of \$10 (£6.50) per day)
- Single Room Supplement £495 per person
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches (unless specified in the itinerary)
- Personal expenses

#### **Visas and Passports**

British passports must be the full 5 or 10 year type and valid for at least 6 months after the date of LEAVING Israel. No visa is required.

Non-British passport holders may require a visa and are advised to check with the Israeli Embassy, Consulate Section, Tel: 020 79579574

#### Please note: Itinerary...

At times our daily program may change depending on local conditions and the advice of our guide.

