

Join us on an 11-Day Biblical Tour of a lifetime

ISRAEL

with Rev Donald N Martin

13 - 23 October 2015

£ 1675 per person

Price based on a group of 40+
or £1745 (30+) £1774 (25+)

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

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We invite you to join with us and walk where Jesus walked, pray where Jesus prayed and share wonderful fellowship together in Israel. As soon as you step on its soil you will know that you are in a very special place; the land which Jesus called home! Israel is a nation like none other, a very modern nation in many respects, but a nation full of history too. There is something for everyone in Israel.

All that you will see and experience in this land will stay with you for the rest of your life; a sail on the Sea of Galilee, a walk through the old City, a prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, a sharing of Communion at the Garden Tomb, and much more. After the visit you shall leave with a lifetime worth of memories, and each time you read your Bible, it comes alive, as you revisit in your mind the places from where the stories originated.

A reality on our every tour is that lasting friendships are made, and all because the common bond of faith we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.

*When you read through the familiar place names in this brochure you will want to visit, maybe for the very first time, or even a second or third time. **ISRAEL, here we come!***

DAY 1 - Tue 13 October 2015

Depart from Scotland to Ben Gurion airport Tel Aviv. Arrival and assistance and transfer to our Mediterranean Hotel for an overnight stay. - Ramada Netanya

DAY 2 - Wed 14

After our first hearty Israeli breakfast we drive north to the ancient port of **Caesarea**, Herod's major sea port and capital. Here, Cornelius and his household were saved, Peter visited and Paul was imprisoned. We visit the Roman Amphitheatre, the Citadel and stop by the Aqueduct. We continue north to **Mount Carmel** (Muhra), where Elijah issued his challenge to the false prophets. We have an overview of **Megiddo (Armageddon)** before visiting **Nazareth Village**, reproducing life as it was in Jesus' day. Finally we drive through **Cana** to our Galilee hotel for dinner & overnight.



DAY 3 - Thu 15



Today, we will experience the area of Jesus' early ministry along the Sea of Galilee. As a gift from Sarel Tours we visit the 3D multi Media Presentation of the Galilee at the **Galilee Experience**. Then it's on to Mary Magdalene's village, **Magdala**. Next stop is **Tabgha (Mensa Christi)** - the site of the Feeding of the 5,000 and from there on to **Capernaum**, the town of Jesus, and from the **Mount of Beatitudes** enjoy the breathtaking view over the Sea of Galilee. We visit **Kursi**, where Jesus healed one or two men possessed by demons. To end our busy day we take an evening boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 - Fri 16

After breakfast our tour takes us to Upper Galilee; to the **Tel Dan Nature Reserve** and the source of the Dan and Jordan rivers, and to **Banias** (ancient Caesarea Philippi). If time permits we shall drive through the **Golan Heights** including a **Mt. Bental Syrian overview**. We expect to have time for a **leisurely afternoon to do a spot of shopping or relaxation**. Dinner and overnight at our Galilee Hotel.



DAY 5 - Sat 17

After an early breakfast we take head south through the Jordan valley to the **Beit Shean**, archaeological site, where after defeating Saul and his sons at Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of the city. (1 Sam 31) It's then on to **Qsar Al Yehud**, where John performed his baptisms, including that of Jesus. We stand on the ancient **Tel Jericho**, before heading for **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. The last visit of the day will be to **En Gedi** (if time permits). We check into our hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to enjoy the Spa, dinner & overnight at the **David Resort, Dead Sea**.





DAY 6 - Sun 18

Today, we explore the Judean Desert region with its Biblical and historical sites. After breakfast we visit, by cable car, the **fortress of Masada** built by King Herod. Then we make one of the most touching visits in Israel, to the **Fountain of Tears Exhibition** in Arad. It is based on the **seven last words of Christ**. Then to brush up on our Old Testament knowledge we will visit **Tel Beersheva**, (Genesis 21:27-32), the **Elah Valley**, where David fought Goliath, and to **Beth Shemesh**, mentioned in connection with the return of the Ark of the Covenant by the Philistines. (1 Sam 6)

We drive UP to **Jerusalem**. Check into our Hotel, the Crowne Plaza, Jerusalem for five nights.



DAY 7 - Mon 19



Jerusalem is a city like no other. Today we start at an observation point on the **Mt of Olives** for a stunning view of the Old City. Then we stroll down the hillside on the **Palm Sunday path** passing **Dominus Flevit** (Teardrop Chapel) commemorating Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. At the bottom of the path sits the **Garden of Gethsemane**, the place of prayer and Jesus' arrest.

Then we move along the **Kidron Valley** to **St. Peter's Galicantu** (House of Caiaphas), visit **Mt. Zion**, and the **Upper Room** where Jesus had the **Last Supper** with his disciples. Next stop will be at **Lions Gate**, to visit **St. Anne's Church** and the **Pools of Bethesda**. Nearby is **Ecce Homo** (Antonio's Fortress) where according to tradition Jesus was judged by Pontius Pilate. Finally we visit **Jewish**

Quarter including the **Cardo**, and the **Southern Steps of the Temple Mount** ending at the **Western Wall**. Dinner & Overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 8 - Tue 20

Another day in the Golden city takes us to the **Temple Mount**, and the **City of David** including and **Hezekiah's Tunnel**. We get an overview of the city of Bethlehem from **Ramat Rachel**. We have the rest of the afternoon **free to shop or relax**. After dinner we have an evening visit to the **Tower of David Sound and Light Show**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 9 - Wed 21

Today we drive out of Jerusalem to see **St. Georges Monastery**, **Samuel's Mountain**, the **Inn of the Good Samaritan**, and have the opportunity for a **Short Camel ride** and meet **Abraham at Genesis Land**, and finally a visit to **Bethany** the town of **Lazarus**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



DAY 10 - Thu 22



Many of us will not have visited our own parliament but today we begin with a visit to the **Israeli Knesset**, to be amazed at how much influence the Bible has in its structure. Nearby we view the **Menorah**, and visit the **Israel Museum** including the **2nd Temple Model** and **Shrine of the Book**. A visit to Israel would not be complete without a visit to the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**. Our last and possibly one of the best sites where we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** is the **Garden Tomb**. Dinner & Overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 11 - Fri 23

Transfer to the airport with a life time of memories.



All prices are per person and inclusive of each of the following items:

Return scheduled flights on Turkish Airlines from Edinburgh to Tel Aviv (via Istanbul)

Deposit of £250 (Turkish Airlines will hold seats until 10 April 2015)

- All airport and local taxes
- Meeting and assistance on arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
- Half board (Breakfast / Evening Meals) hotel accommodation with private facilities
- Private air-conditioned coach for all transfer.
- Touring and sightseeing as per your itinerary.
- All entrance fees including the Masada Cable Car, Boat Trip on the Sea of Galilee, as per itinerary.
- Israeli licensed guide throughout the tour
- All portorage in Israel

The following items are not included in the price:

- Fully comprehensive travel insurance premium
- Gratuities. We suggest an allowance of £8.00 (\$12.50) per person per day (Payable Locally)
- Single room supplements. £549.00 per person
- Lunches (unless specified in the itinerary)

Please note: Itinerary...

At times our daily program may change depending on local conditions and the advice of our guide. Every effort will be made to run the tour as per the itinerary above.

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