



Elim
the holy land
israel 2011

“...a life changing encounter”

17th - 27th May 2011 (11 days)

led by Rev Dr Mark Hutchinson with Thomas & Susan Fowler

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Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Psalm 25:4-5

We invite you to join us on another of our special eleven-day trips to Israel that will truly be an experience of a lifetime because:

- It is a rare opportunity to journey biblically from Abraham through to Paul
- Internationally appreciated expert guides bring the history and Bible alive
- Illustrated daily information notes enable you to engage at the level you desire
- The itinerary of distinctive authentic sites is unique to this tour
- The profound spiritual impact this tour will have on you is substantiated by previous guests
- We provide a high level of support and care to meet individual needs
- New visitors and returnees to Israel are catered for

This truly unique Biblical Journey will be inspiring because it will spiritually touch your heart and mind, and contagious because you will be so impacted you will want to tell others about it, and challenging because the Holy Spirit will prompt you to think about your personal journey.

Our trip is different to most other tours in that we keep to authentic sites and start in the Negev Desert and Beersheva in the footsteps of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses. We then take you on a fascinating biblical experience, via the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jericho to times of refreshing with Jesus around 'Blue Galilee', and ending with Paul taking the Gospel to the world.

The itinerary has been very carefully developed over the years to give you a balanced authentic biblical experience, with time to absorb much of what you experience. Also, an important feature of the tour is the opportunity to engage with the Palestinian and Jewish communities, as well as join in worship in Jerusalem.

For those wanting greater detail and depth, comprehensive, biblically referenced, illustrated briefing notes are available for each day and most sites. Staff are available to support you in your personal journey.

Most ages and capabilities can be catered for. If you have any questions or concerns about joining us on this trip please telephone Mark on 01749 676096.

Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the Temple of the God of Israel. There he will teach us his ways, so that we may obey him." For in those days the Lord's teaching and his word will go out from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:3

Mark Hutchinson, Thomas + Susan Fowler

Day One

Holy Land Departure

Meet and check-in at London Heathrow airport for the flight to Tel Aviv in Israel.

On arrival, transfer by private coach south to the desert capital of Beersheva for light refreshments and room allocation.



Day Two

The Patriarchs



A day in the Negev desert region and the Wilderness of Zin

- Abraham, Isaac & Jacob - To the old well that could be Abraham's on the edge of the desert at Tel Sheva.
- Drive through the Wilderness of Zin where Joshua led the Israelites
- Visit Tel Avdat
- Desert Springs - On to Ein Avdat spring to see a desert waterfall and a short walk on the nature trail.
- The Wilderness - Stop at Mitzpe Ramon visitor centre - a vast moon-like desert crater for a sense of the "great and terrible wilderness" that Moses and the Hebrews crossed.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in BEERSHEVA.

Day Three

Hebrew Roots

An early start by coach in the Dead Sea region

- A short visit to the ancient Canaanite/Solomonic city of Arad and see one of the earliest remains of a Hebrew temple.
- Sodom & Gomorrah - Descend into the Great Rift Valley of the Dead Sea in the region where these two cities were located - large salt pillars still exist on the shoreline.
- Solomon & Sheba - Follow the shores of the sea on routes that both the King and Queen would have known.
- Herod & Masada - Ascend the desert fortress by cable-car to the summit for stunning views of the region and explanations of its history.
- The Dead Sea - Time to relax and for those who wish, "float" and/or cover themselves in mud at a spa by the Dead Sea.
- Pass En Gedi where Joshua went and David fled to from Saul.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls - See the Caves of Qumran where the ancient scripts were found in 1947.
- Jerusalem - Ascend the hills of Judea and to the Holy City - stopping for a first panorama on Mount Scopus for a welcome to Jerusalem.
- Settle into hotel. Dinner and overnight in JERUSALEM:



Day Four

Bethlehem & Jerusalem

A day in two halves. By coach in Judea and part of the day in the Old City of Jerusalem time to explore.

- King Herod - Call at the desert site of Herod's Winter Palace (Herodium) cut into a mountain summit with great views of Judea.
- Angels & Shepherds. Visit the pastoral region where "shepherds watched their sheep" - then call at Manger Square in Bethlehem for a short visit.
- While in Jerusalem it is hoped that a visit to Yad Vashem (Israel's memorial to the Holocaust) can be made.
- The afternoon and early evening in Jerusalem. Visit the Western Wall - Witness Jewish prayers which continue day and night - 365 days of the year.

Dinner and overnight in JERUSALEM.



Day Five

Jesus' Jerusalem

A day mostly by foot.

- Palm Sunday Walk - To the city limits of Jesus' day at Bethphage by coach.
- Mount of Olives - At the summit for a fine view of the Old City - much as Jesus would have viewed it.
- Stroll down Olivet to the Church of the Tear-Drop with its special view of the Old City.
- Gethsemane Garden -Time for reflection by the Church of All Nations in the tranquil gardens. Then a special time at a private Olive garden at the bottom of the Mount of Olives.
- Passover Walk - On the path that Jesus and the disciples took, through the Kidron Valley past the tomb of Judean Kings and Old City of David to the Pool of Siloam.
- Passover Trial - Underneath St. Peter's church with its prison cells where Jesus may have been held and old stone steps on which he may have walked.
- The Garden Tomb - See a 1st century rolling-stone tomb just outside the city walls and nearby "Gordon's Calvary".
- Private Communion service in the Garden.

Dinner and overnight in JERUSALEM.



Day Six



Jerusalem Essentials

A walking day exploring Jerusalem's ancient secrets.

- Mount Moriah - Through the Markets and Bazaars to enter the Mount where Abraham offered Isaac, the Jewish Temples stood, and Jesus taught.
- Gospel Scenes - A recently excavated area at the southern walls of the Temple Mount to see:
 - the Rabbinical Teaching Steps where Jesus would have talked and Paul taught.
 - the Mikvah Baths which Mary and Joseph would have used.
 - the Temple Gates where the money -changers sat and Peter and Peter and John walked.
 - the original location of the Temple Pinnacle where the devil took Jesus.
- David's City - On by the Dung Gate to see this old secret underground tunnel through which Joab climbed to open the gates of Jebus for the conquest by David.
- A view of the Hinnom Valley and an understanding of Gehenna
- King Hezekiah - Down in the Cedron Valley by the Gihon Spring (Solomon was anointed King here), we'll see the ancient engineering marvel of the tunnel cut through 512 meters of solid rock under the old City of David - for those who wish, there's a chance to walk through the tunnel to emerge into the Pool of Siloam.

Dinner and overnight in JERUSALEM.



"exceeded all expectations"

"no other trip could live up to this"

"I want to go again"

"met some great people"

"made amazing discoveries"

"great hotels"

"a perfect holiday experience"



"I made some self discoveries"

"surprised about Israel"

"I felt very stirred up"

"I enjoyed the food"

"informative and challenging"

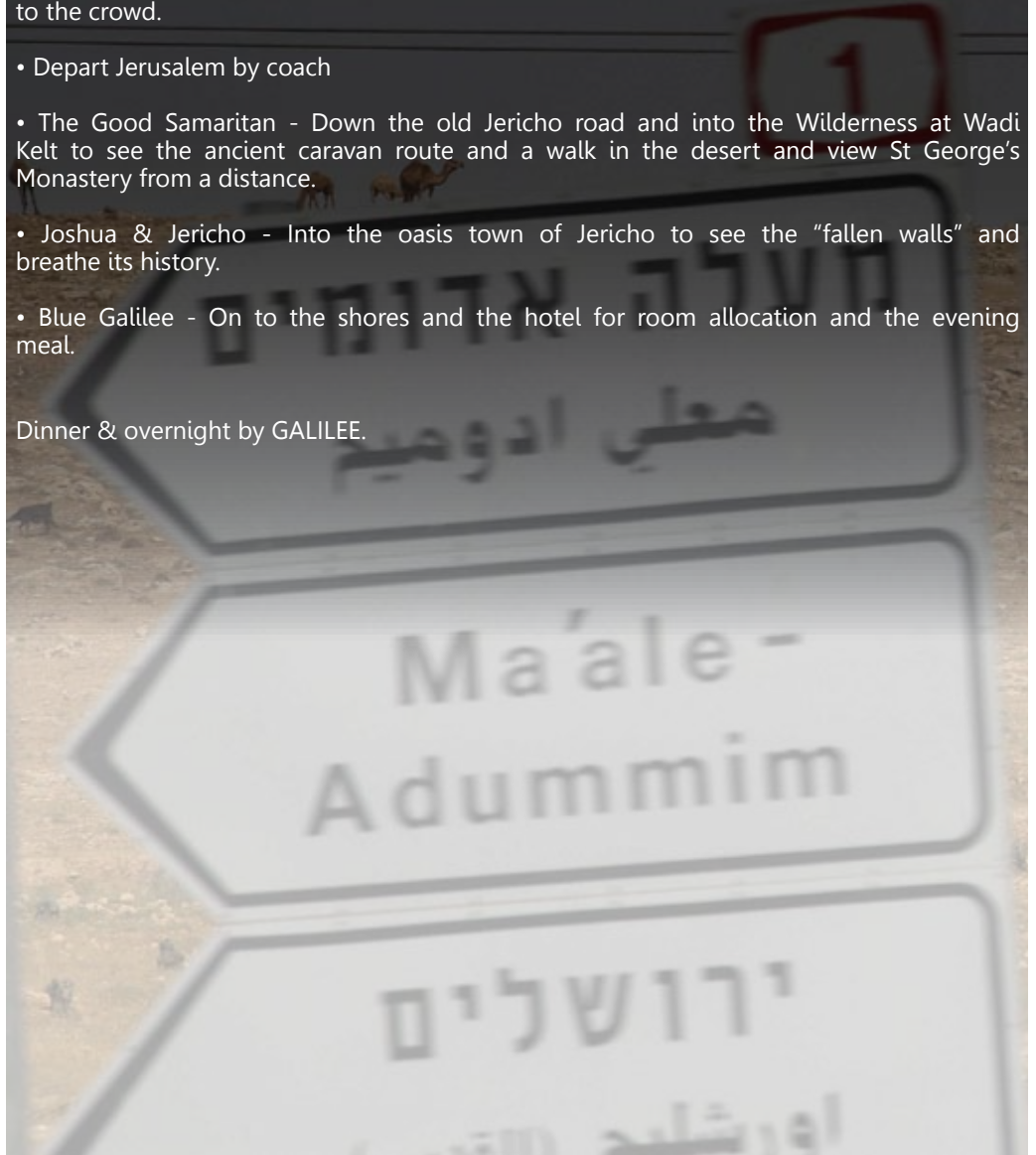
Day Seven

Gospel Journey to Galilee

A few hours in the Old City and then to Galilee

- Lame for 38 years - Enter through St. Stephen's gate and stop at the Bethesda Pools and sing in St Ann's Church.
- Jesus & Pilate – We hope to see the “Gabatha” where Christ was tried; view the old stone ‘Ecce Homo Arch’ marking the original entrance where Christ was presented to the crowd.
- Depart Jerusalem by coach
- The Good Samaritan - Down the old Jericho road and into the Wilderness at Wadi Kelt to see the ancient caravan route and a walk in the desert and view St George's Monastery from a distance.
- Joshua & Jericho - Into the oasis town of Jericho to see the “fallen walls” and breathe its history.
- Blue Galilee - On to the shores and the hotel for room allocation and the evening meal.

Dinner & overnight by GALILEE.



Day Eight

Jesus' Galilee

A full day's guided coach tour tracing the Galilean Ministry of Jesus.

- To the Other Side - A relaxing sail across the lake to the northern shores -we'll sail in a traditional wooden Sailing Boat of the kind that the Disciples would have used and visit the Boat museum.
- Blessed are the Peacemakers - Ascend the Mount of Beatitudes with its fine panorama of the Sea where Jesus delivered the "Sermon on the Mount"
- Lovest Thou Me - Right on the shoreline - the traditional site for the miracle of the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand' and Jesus later making breakfast for the Disciples in His Resurrection appearance.
- Jairus' Daughter - See the remains of the ancient Synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught and view Peter's recently excavated house.
- Fisher's of Men - Call at Bethsaida, home fishing village of Philip, Andrew and Peter.
- Return to the Hotel

Dinner & overnight by GALILEE.



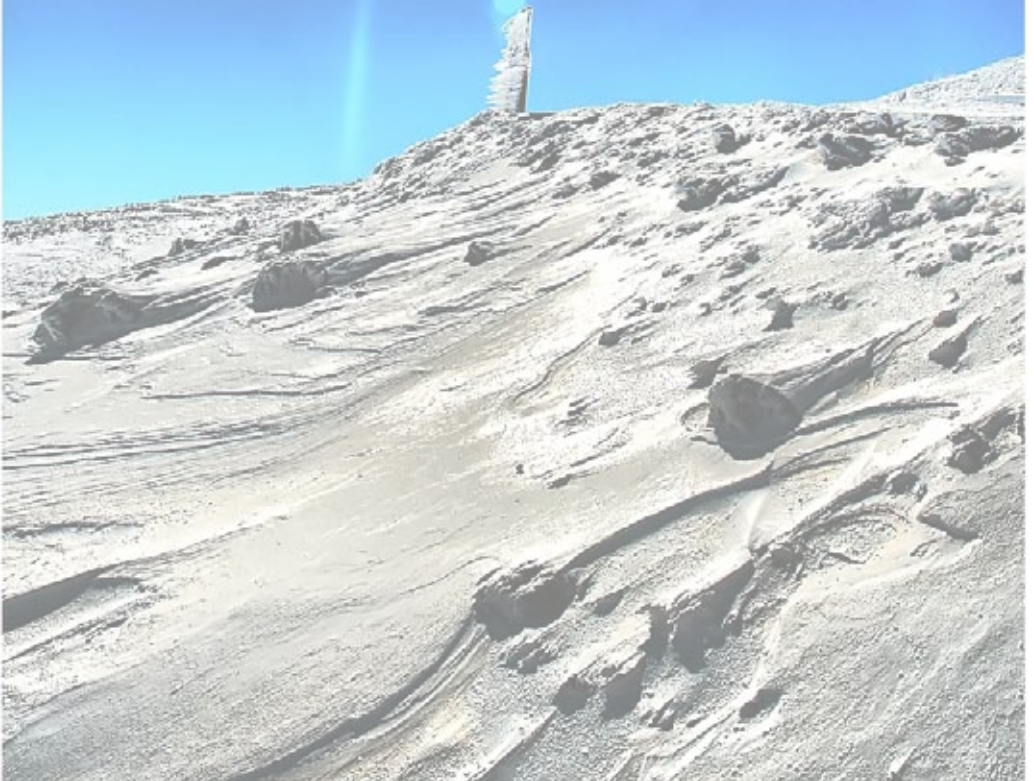
Day Nine

Dan and Jesus

The best part of the day by coach.

- Thou Art the Christ - Call at Caesarea Philippi where Christ took the Disciples at the source of the Jordan. Visit the Banias Waterfalls.
- Dan to Beersheva - Visit the Nature Reserve at Dan and walk to the old biblical capital of Dan that still displays the stone throne of Ahab and Altar of Jeroboam.
- A possible stop at Kursi or Hatzor
- Return to Galilee with a few hours left in the day to relax

Dinner and overnight by GALILEE.



Day Ten

From Jesus to Paul

A full day's guided coach tour on ancient routes

- Mary & Joseph - Through Cana for a short stop in Nazareth, the home town of Jesus.
- The Carpenter's Son - Time at the Nazareth Village - a fine reconstruction of daily life as it would have been in Jesus' day.
- Armageddon - Into the great Jezreel Valley to visit Megiddo, the site of Revelation's Armageddon. See the excavations of some 22 layers of settlement and for those who wish, a walk through the underground water tunnel.
- Elijah & Baal - View Mount Carmel
- Agrippa & Paul - Down the old Via Maris (ancient trade route) on the Mediterranean Coast to see Caesarea Maritima's massive sea-port built by Herod. Cornelius the first Gentile convert & Philip the Evangelist lived here. Peter the Apostle visited. Paul was imprisoned here and defended the Gospel, and left for Rome.
- A chance to sing in the amazing Roman Theatre.

Dinner and overnight in NETANYA



Day Eleven

Return Flight

Travel to Ben Gurion airport for the morning return flight to Heathrow arriving back mid-afternoon.

4 Star Hotel Accomodation

The Leonardo Negev - Beersheva

Grand Court Hotel – Jerusalem

Maagan Holiday Village - Galilee

King Solomon Hotel - Nethanya

**all hotels are subject to change*



Information

Price £1625

What the price includes...

- Return flights from London to Tel Aviv (details of flight numbers and times have not yet been finalised).
- Accommodation in good quality hotels in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities on half-board basis.
- Transfer of passengers and baggage.
- Sightseeing as in itinerary.
- Travel by air-conditioned coaches.
- Service of fully qualified English speaking guide.
- All entrance fees, service charges, portorage and gratuities.
- Airport taxes.

Not included in the price...

- Travel between home and UK Airport.
- Single supplement £290 per person.
- Travel insurance - please see back page
- £2.50 ATOL Protection Contribution.*

Please note that the cost of the tour may be subject to surcharges - please see the booking conditions. Currency exchange rates used £1 = 1.5276 US\$ as published in the Financial Times on 29th April 2010

* On October 1st 2009 the CAA increased its levy to £2.50 per passenger APC (ATOL Protection Contribution) which provides passenger protection via the ATTF (Air Travel Trust Fund). For further information visit www.caa.co.uk

How to Book

Please complete the attached booking form and send it together with your deposit of £200 (full payment if within 10 weeks of departure) to: Worldwide Christian Travel (address below):

Please make cheques payable to
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Travel Advice

For the latest travel advice please visit www.fco.gov.uk, see BBC Ceefax page 470 onwards or call 0870 606 0290.

Further Information And Paying The Balance

Further information will be sent to you regarding any action that may be required approximately 12 weeks before departure.

A final invoice will also be sent at this time and the balance for the tour must be paid at least 10 weeks before departure.

Travel Information

Full travel information, including details of meeting points, flight times, accommodation and travel information, will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks before departure. Normally, tickets are not issued but are handed to you at the airport or departure point by our representative who will be there to ensure that you depart without a hitch and to deal with any last minute difficulties.

Travel Insurance

It is compulsory to have travel insurance for your booking. Holiday Extras have a range of policies available at very competitive prices.

You can obtain a quote online by visiting www.chrisitan-travel.com or alternatively you can call 0871 360 2742 and quote ABTA number 93522.

Gratuities

Our normal procedure is to deal with tips on a group basis and these are included in the price. The tour leader will distribute them to the guide, driver and hotels on your behalf. Individual tipping is not recommended unless the circumstances are exceptional.

Room Check In and Check Out Times

The standard international practice is to let rooms from midday to midday. However times do vary. Check-in times are usually between 2pm and 3pm, check-out times between 11am and 12 noon on the day of departure. Therefore, if you check-in immediately after a night flight this would normally count as one night's accommodation. Similarly if your return flight is at night you will normally be required to vacate your room at 12 noon prior to leaving for the airport. Day rooms are subject to availability/cost and should be arranged locally with the accommodation management.

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