



# EXPLORE THE HOLY LAND

ISRAEL 3 - 14 MAY 2020 12D9N (10 TOURING DAYS)







### SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Rev Lim Jen Huat



Rev Lim Jen Huat is a pastor at Agape Methodist Church and has been a Methodist pastor for 27 years; having served in Paya Lebar Methodist Church, Trinity Methodist Church, Wesley Methodist Church and Bedok Methodist Church. He has taken the "Palestine of Jesus" course with St George's College in Jerusalem (1989).

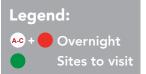
He also completed his Bachelor of Divinity in Trinity Theological College, Singapore (1991) and MA in Christian Leadership in Asbury Theological Seminary in USA (2007). He is married to Liza and has a son Theodore, 16 years old.

His favourite past-times include running, mountain climbing, traveling, and pottery.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **ISRAEL**

- Caesarea Maritima
- Capernaum
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Qumran
- Dead Sea Float
- Masada
- Church of Nativity
- Western Wall
- City of David (Hezekiah's Tunnel)
- Mount of Olives
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Temple Mount
- Via Dolorosa
- Garden Tomb





\*Map not drawn to scale. For information only.

#### Day 1 – Sun, 3 May

#### **SINGAPORE**

Assemble at Changi Airport to begin your journey to the Holy Land.

Departure Flight: CX716 SIN-HKG 1805-2205 Check-in starts from 3pm (Changi Airport, Terminal 4) Meals on board the plane.

#### Day 2 - Mon, 4 May

#### **TEL AVIV / TIBERIAS**

Transit in Hong Kong for flight to Tel Aviv Transit Flight: CX675 HKG-TLV 0100-0755 Meals on board the plane

Arrive in Tel Aviv this morning to begin your tour. Visit the ancient port – Caesarea Maritima\* which was once an ancient Roman city and port built by King Herod to see the magnificent hippodrome and theatre by the seaside. Next, drive to Tel Megiddo\*, a fortress city mentioned in the Old Testament to see the ruins of the city during Solomon's time, including the water-system and Ahab's tunnel. Then check-in to the hotel (Leonardo Hotel or similar). (L/D)

# Day 3 – Tue, 5 May

#### **TIBERIAS**

Start your day with a visit to Cana, the Wedding Church which commemorates the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine. Then, explore the Nazareth City. Visit Church of Annunciation, a church believed to have been built over the place where Angel Gabriel announced the virgin birth to Mary (Luke 1:26-38). Then visit Nazareth Village\* and see the replica village of how Jesus would have lived 2000 years ago. Take a boat ride to experience the Sea of Galilee which is the same lake that Jesus walked on. (B/L/D)

#### Day 4 – Wed, 6 May

#### **TIBERIAS**

Travel to **Golan Heights** where you can see the borders of Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon and hear about the victorious

win of the 6-day war of Israel. Next drive back to Tiberias and spend the day visiting sites in the area. You will visit **Capernaum**, being one of the three key cities of Jesus ministry. Here, you will see the Synagogue where Jesus taught and the other remains of this town that became his adopted home. Proceed next to **St Peter's Primacy Church** which commemorates the reinstatement of Peter by Jesus. Then spend quiet moments up at **Mount of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. (B/L/D)

#### Day 5 – Thu, 7 May

IN DEAD SEA (Check-out in the morning) Drive to Beit She'an National Park\* to see the archaeological sites of the ancient Roman city which was one of the Decapolis cities in the early century. Continue to drive down south and visit Qumran where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. End the day at Jordan River (Qasr Al Yahud), the traditional baptismal site of Jesus. You will also get to try floating at the Dead Sea. Check-in to the hotel at the Dead Sea Region (David Hotel or similar). (B/L/D)

#### Day 6 – Fri, 8 May

#### **BETHLEHEM / JERUSALEM**

(Check out in the morning)

Today, explore the Dead Sea region. See the magnificent **Masada**, a palace built by Herod the Great and see **En Gedi National Reserve** from the lookout point. Travel to **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus and hometown of David. Visit the **Shepherd's Field** associated with the scene where the Angel of the Lord visited the shepherds with the news of Jesus' birth. See **Church of Nativity**, one of the oldest surviving Christian churches in the world. Check-in to hotel in Jerusalem (Grand Court Hotel or similar). (*B/L/D*)

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## Day 7 – Sat, 9 May

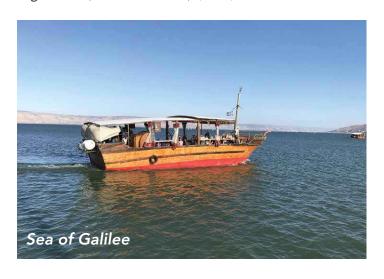
#### **JERUSALEM**

This morning, you will see the **Jerusalem Model**, a miniature model of the Old Jerusalem City and envision how the city was like in the ancient days. Then, visit **Shrine of the Book** and see the replica of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Next, enter in the Old City via the Dung gate and stop by the **Southern Steps**, believed to be where Jesus would often teach when he was in Jerusalem before going to the holiest place of Judaism, **Western Wall**. Explore City of David and experience walking through **Hezekiah's Tunnel (dry)**. (*B/L/D*)

#### **Day 8 - Sun, 10 May**

#### **JERUSALEM**

This morning, visit a **local church** and their Sunday morning service (TBC). Then, we will drive up to **Mount of Olives** to see the panoramic view of the Old City. Walk along **Palm Sunday Path\*** to **Dominus Felvit Church** – the teardrop church that commemorates the weeping of the Lord when he observed Jerusalem. See the **Garden of Gethsemane** with the ancient olive trees believed to date back to the time of Christ and visit **Church of All Nations**. Optional in the evening: Light and Night Show (at additional cost). (B/L/D)



#### Day 9 - Mon, 11 May

#### **JERUSALEM**

See the Dome of the Rock located on **Temple Mount**\*, one of Jerusalem's most recognisable landmarks. Visit **Church of St Anne**, the **Pool of Bethesda** where the healing of the lame man took place (John 5). Take a walk to **Ecce Homo** arch, where Jesus was believed to be trailed by Pontius Pilate. Walk through **Via Dolorosa**\* - the 14 stations and end at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. We will also explore the **Jewish Quarters** of the Old City. (*B/L/D*)

#### Day 10 - Tue, 12 May

#### **JERUSALEM**

This morning, visit **St Peter in Gallicantu Church** built to commemorate the story of Peter's denial of Christ. Next, visit the **Garden Tomb**, another site believed to be the burial site of Christ where the Pastor will conduct a Holy Communion Service. In the afternoon, drive to **Yad Hashmona** – a messianic community village to have a biblical meal for lunch. End the day with shopping at **Mahane Yehuda Market** where you can purchase souvenirs and fresh produce like nuts and dried fruits. (*B/L/D*)

#### Day 11 - Wed, 13 May

#### **JERUSALEM** (Check-out in the morning)

Explore **Emmaus**, an ancient village where Jesus was believed to have appeared before two disciples on road to Emmaus after his resurrection. Thereafter, depart to Ben Gurion International Airport for your flight home. (B)

Departure Flight: CX676 TLV-HKG 1515-0615 (+1)

Day 12 - Thu, 14 May

#### ON BOARD THE AIRPLANE

Transit in Hong Kong

Departure Flight: CX691 HKG-SIN 0810-1155

Arrive back in Singapore at 11.55am

\*Indicates that the site has uneven or steep path(s) that may be challenging for elderly and people with walking difficulties. For such participants, you are advised to use a walking stick.

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#### **GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**

**Tour Dates** Israel, 3 – 14 May 2020, 12D9N (10 Touring Days)

Airline Cathay Pacific

Tour Cost ≥35pax: SGD\$4,300<sup>1,2</sup>
Accommodation 3.5–4 Star Hotels
Registration closes 1 Feb 2020



<sup>1</sup>Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$420; as of 01 Jun 2019). However, if there is any increase in the taxes, the extra charges will be bore by the participants. <sup>2</sup>Tour cost is based on ≥35pax respectively. Package cost will increase should there be fewer participants.

## **TOUR COST**

#### Tour cost includes

- Return economy class airfare and land tour
- 9 nights twin-sharing accommodation
- Meals catered
- Professional and licenced English-speaking guide
- Air-conditioned tourist bus
- All group transfers from airport to hotel
- Entrance fees to sites
- All tips for hotels, restaurants, tour guides and bus drivers
- Airport tax & fuel surcharge of (est SGD\$420 as of 01 Jun 2019)

#### Tour cost does not include

- Any increase of airport and fuel surcharge
- Travel insurance
- All expenses of personal nature
- Meals and other expenses not stated in itinerary
- Single room supplement of SGD\$1050 if applicable
- Passport and visa fees is applicable

#### **HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR THIS TOUR?**

- 1. Register online at www.bible.org.sg/register/ibex and select the tour.
- 2. Before the closing date of the registration, a deposit of SGD\$1000 (per pax) is required to secure your place. (Please note the deposit is non-refundable once the tour group materialise).
- 3. Please note that a minimum group size of 15pax is required for a confirm departure.
- 4. Once the tour is confirm, the balance payment is required by 17 Feb 2020.
- 5. For late registration (3 months before departure date), do note there will be a late booking fee that will be advised to late applicants.
- 6. Participants who require a visa to enter Israel, do contact us before registering for this tour. The following are some countries that require visa Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, China etc.

**Note:** Itinerary and flight schedule are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Hotel confirmation will be given 2 weeks before departure.

