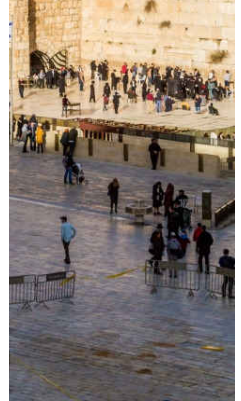


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# BEST OF ISRAEL EXPERIENCE



*ISRAEL*  
*25 MAY - 5 JUN 2020*  
*12D9N (10 TOURING DAYS)*

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ISRAEL

- Caesarea Maritima
- Capernaum
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Sea of Galilee (Boat Ride)
- Beth Shean
- Qumran
- Wadi Og (Hiking)
- En Gedi National Park
- Dead Sea Float
- Beit Gurvin Archaeological Dig
- Mount of Olives Garden of Gethsemane
- City of David (Hezekiah's Tunnel)
- Western Wall
- Temple Mount

### Legend:

- A-C + Overnight
- Sites to visit



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

### Day 1 - Mon, 25 May SINGAPORE

Assemble at Changi Airport to begin your journey to Israel.

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

### Day 2 - Tue, 26 May TEL AVIV/ NAZARETH

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 in the 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. (L/D)

### Day 3 - Wed, 27 May

**NAZARETH** (Check out in the morning)

In the morning, we visit the Arab-Israeli Bible Society to learn about their ministry work and/or get to experience one of their ministry programs (TBC). Then visit **Nazareth Village\*** and see the replica village of how Jesus would have lived in 2000 years ago. Lastly, visit the **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). Check-in to hotel. (B/L/D)

### Day 4 - Thu, 28 May

**TIBERIAS** (Check out in the morning)

Start your day with a visit to **Cana, the Wedding Church** which commemorates the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine. Continue to **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. We will also stop by the **Olive Oil Factory**. (B/L/D)

### Day 5 - Fri, 29 May

**JERICO** (Check-out in the morning)

Take a boat ride to experience the **Sea of Galilee** which is the same lake that Jesus walked on. Then 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. Check-in to the hotel in Jericho. (B/L/D)

### Day 6 - Sat, 30 May

**DEAD SEA** (Check out in the morning)

Hike through the canyon and experience the wilderness of Israel at **Wadi Og\*** (3-4 hours hike). After the hike, drive to **En Gedi National Park\*** to see the waterfall. You will also get to try floating at the **Dead Sea**. Check-in to the hotel at the Dead Sea Region. (B/L/D)

### Day 7 - Sun, 31 May

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

Travel back in time and participate in a real **archaeological dig** at **Beit Gurvin National Park\*** and see the ancient caves. See the **Jerusalem Model**, a miniature model of the Old Jerusalem city and envision how the city was like in the ancient days and visit the **Shrine of the Book** where the replica of the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited. Check-in to the hotel in Jerusalem. (B/L/D)



# Best of Israel Experience

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Western Wall

## Day 8 – Mon, 1 Jun

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

Today, visit **Mount of Olives** and 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**. In the afternoon, explore City of David and take an adventurous walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** to the Pool of Siloam where Jesus cured a blind man with a mud mixture. Stop at 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**. (B/L/D)

## Day 9 – Tue, 2 Jun

### 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



Mount of Beatitudes

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**. Next, visit the **Hebrew Music Museum** to understand the culture and worship of the Hebrews. (B/L/D)

## Day 10 – Wed, 3 Jun

### 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 Spiritual Director will lead 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. Return back to hotel. (B/L/D)

## Day 11 – Thu, 4 Jun

### 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 – Fri, 5 Jun

### 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.*

# Best of Israel Experience

## Israel, 25 May – 5 Jun 2020, 12D9N (10 Touring Days)

### GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Tour Dates          | 25 May - 5 Jun 2020, 12D9N (10 Touring Days)                          |
| Airline             | Cathay Pacific  |
| Tour Cost           | ≥15pax: SGD\$4,800 <sup>1,2</sup> , ≥25pax: SGD\$4,500 <sup>1,2</sup> |
| Accommodation       | 3.5–4 Star Hotels   |
| Registration closes | 24 Feb 2020   |



<sup>1</sup>Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$420; as of 01 Sep 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 ≥15pax and ≥25pax 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 Sep 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](http://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 **16 Mar 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.