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# HOLY LAND ISRAEL TOUR



ISRAEL 26 DEC 2020 - 6 JAN 2021 12D9N (10 TOURING DAYS)





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Rev Dr Danny Goh is the Pastor of The Bible Church, Singapore. Previously, he lectured at Singapore Bible College and TCA College and he majors in the counselling, family life and pastoral ministry. With his wealth of experience in teaching and preaching the Word, he will be able share biblical insights on the Word during the tour.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **ISRAEL**

- Bethlehem
- Qumran
- Beit She'an National Park
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Capernaum
- Sea of Galilee
- Tel-Meggido
- Caesarea Maritima
- Mount Olives
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Western Wall
- City of David (Hezekiah's Tunnel)
- Temple Mount
- Via Dolorosa
- Garden Tomb



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

#### Day 1 – Sat, 26 Dec SINGAPORE

Assemble at Changi Airport to begin your journey to the Holy Land. Departure Flight (Thai Airways): TG410 SIN-BKK 2100-2220 (TBC) Check-in starts from 6pm (Changi Airport Terminal 1)

Transit in Bangkok for flight to Tel Aviv Departure Flight (El Al Airlines): LY82 BKK-TLV 2355-0615 Meals on board the plane.

#### Day 2 – Sun, 27 Dec

#### TEL AVIV/ BETHLEHEM

Arrive in Tel Aviv this morning to begin your tour. First visit picturesque Jaffa and see the **House of Simon Tanner** (Acts 9-10) and the beautiful Mediterranean coast before travelling to **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus and hometown of David. See **Church of Nativity**, one of the oldest surviving Christian churches in the world and visit the **Shepherd's Field** associated with the scene where the Angel of the Lord visited the shepherds with the news of Jesus' birth. Check-in to hotel. (*L/D*)

#### Day 3 – Mon, 28 Dec

**IN DEAD SEA** (Check-out in the morning) Drive down south towards the Dead Sea Region. See the **Jordan River**, the traditional baptismal site of Jesus. Next, explore **Qumran**\* where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Visit **En Gedi Nature Reserve**\* to see the beautiful oasis in the desert where David fled from Saul's pursuit (1 Sam 23-24). You will also get to try floating at the **Dead Sea (hotel beach)**. (*B/L/D*)

#### Day 4 – Tue, 29 Dec

NAZARETH (Check-out in the morning) This 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. After lunch, we visit Nazareth Village\*which reconstructs and re-enacts the village life during Jesus time. 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). Check-in to hotel. (*B/L/D*)

#### Day 5 – Wed, 30 Dec

**TIBERIAS** (Check-out in the morning) See the sunrise from **Mount Precipice** and enjoy the bird's eye view of Nazareth city. Next visit **Cana, the Wedding Church** where Jesus performed his first miracle - turning water into wine. Drive on toward Tiberias and visit **Magdala**-a recently excavated early century village and then visit **St Peter's Primacy Church**, which commemorates the Bible story on the reinstatement of Peter. Check-in to hotel. (*B/L/D*)

## Day 6 – Thu, 31 Dec

#### TIBERIAS

Today you will explore the town of Tiberias. Spend quiet moments up at Mount of Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12) where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount and see the beautiful view of the Sea of Galilee from the hill top. 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. Take a boat ride to experience the Sea of Galilee which is the same lake that Jesus walked on. Visit Kursi (Mark 5:1-20) and explore this ancient village that is located on the opposite site of the town. End the day at the Olive Oil Factory to taste and shop for local Israeli products. (B/L/D)

#### Day 7 – Fri, 1 Jan

JERUSALEM (Check-out in the morning) Visit Tel-Meggido\*, a fortress city mentioned in the Old Testament to see the excavation of the city ruins, including the water-system and Ahab's tunnel (1 Kings 22:39). In the afternoon, visit the

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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 Mediterranean Sea Coast. Check-in to the hotel. (B/L/D)

#### Day 8 – Sat, 2 Jan

#### JERUSALEM

This morning, 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. We will also visit the Upper Room, best known as the traditional site of the Last Supper and St Peter in Gallicantu Church built to commemorate the story of Peter's denial of Christ. (B/L/D)

#### Day 9 – Sun, 3 Jan **JERUSALEM**

This morning visit Yad Vashem- the Holocaust museum. Learn of the tragic genocide of the Jews. Next, visit the Western Wall, one of the holiest place of Judaism today. Explore City of David\* and take an adventurous walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel (wet/dry) to the Pool of Siloam where Jesus cured a blind man with a mud mixture. Lastly, visit the Southern steps and explore the remains of the area that lead the south entrance of the Second Temple. (B/L/D)



### Day 10 - Mon, 4 Jan

#### JERUSALEM

See the Dome of the Rock located on Temple Mount, one of Jerusalem's most recognisable landmarks. Visit Church of St Anne which has amazing acoustics as the structure of the church as designed for Gregorian chants and 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. Next, visit the Garden Tomb, another site believed to be the burial site of Christ. Spend a moment of reflection and the Spiritual Director will also conduct a holy communion service here. (B/L/D)

#### Day 11 – Tue, 5 Jan

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

Visit the Israel Museum where 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. Spend some time shopping at the Mahane Yehuda Market where you can purchase souvenirs and fresh produce like nuts and dried fruits. Experience the last supper meal at Yad Hashmona (TBC)- a messianic Jew community area. Thereafter, depart to the airport for your flight home (transit in Bangkok). (B/D) Note: Lunch on your own

Departure Flight (El Al Airlines): LY81 TLV-BKK 2300-1500

#### Day 12 – Wed, 6 Jan

ON BOARD THE AIRPLANE Transit in Bangkok Departure Flight (Thai Airways): TG401 BKK-SIN 1935-2255 Meals on board the plane.

Arrive back in Singapore at 10.55pm

\*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 Airline Tour Cost Accommodation Registration closes 26 Dec - 6 Jan 2021, 12D9N (10 Touring Days) Thai Airways (TBC), El AL (Israeli airlines)  $\geq$ 25pax: SGD\$4,500<sup>1,2</sup>,  $\geq$ 35pax: SGD\$4,400<sup>1,2</sup> 3.5 – 4 Star Hotels 31 Aug 2020



<sup>1</sup>Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$400; as of 01 Jun 2020). 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  $\geq$ 35pax respectively. Package cost will increase should there be fewer participants.

## **TOUR COST**

### Tour cost includes

- Return economy class airfare (Group fare. No seat selection allowed)
- 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\$400 as of 01 Jun 2020)

## 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\$950 if applicable
- Passport and visa fees if applicable. In additional an IBEx administrative fee of \$15 is required

## 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 21 Sep 2020.

5. For late registration (once the bookings are full or 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.

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