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# A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THE HOLY LAND

*ISRAEL*

*26 DEC 2019 - 5 JAN 2020  
11D8N (9 TOURING DAYS)*



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Peter graduated with an M.Div in Biblical Studies from the Singapore Bible College in 2012 and pastored a small English congregation for about three years before leaving for the United Kingdom to pursue his PhD. Peter's primary research area is the Book of Psalms. Peter is currently an Assistant Professor of Old Testament at the Singapore Bible College. He is married to Wendy and they are blessed with four young children.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### ISRAEL

- Qumran
- En Gedi
- Bethlehem
- Nazareth Village
- Capernaum
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Sea of Galilee (Boat ride)
- Caesarea Maritima
- Temple Mount
- Western Wall
- Old City of Jerusalem
- City of David (Hezekiah's Tunnel)
- Mount Olives
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Via Dolorosa
- Garden Tomb

### Legend:

- A-C + Overnight
- Sites to visit



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

### Day 1 - Thu, 26 Dec

#### SINGAPORE

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

**Departure Flight:** TK55 SIN-IST 2340-0615

Check-in starts from 8.30pm (Changi Airport, Terminal 1) *Meals on board the plane.*

### Day 2 - Fri, 27 Dec

#### TEL AVIV/ DEAD SEA

Transit in Istanbul for flight to Tel Aviv

**Transit Flight:** TK784 IST-TLV 0745-0850

Upon arrival, our first stop is the **Jordan River**, one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. It is where John the Baptist baptized Jesus Christ. Drive to **Qumran**\* where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and enjoy your experience **floating at the Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth. *L/D*

### Day 3 - Sat, 28 Dec

#### BETHLEHEM (Check out in the morning)

At **En Gedi**\*, you can enjoy a hike and see the springs and the green lustre thriving in the desert area. Purchase the famous dead sea products at **Ahava Factory Outlet**. Drive to **Bethlehem**, the biblical birthplace of Jesus. See the **Church of Nativity** which traditionally marks the birthplace of Jesus. Visit **Church of Shepherd's Field** where the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds to announce the birth of Christ. Thereafter, proceed to hotel to rest. *B/L/D*

### Day 4 - Sun, 29 Dec

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

This morning, we visit **Beth Shean**\* to see the archaeological sites of the ancient

Roman city. Visit **Nazareth Village**\* which reconstructs and re-enacts the village life of the time of Jesus in Galilee and **Church of Annunciation**. *B/L/D*

### Day 5 - Mon, 30 Dec

#### NAZARETH

Spend the day sightseeing **Capernaum**, the Synagogue where Jesus taught and the other remains of this town that became his adopted home. We proceed next to **St Peter's Primacy Church** which commemorates the reinstatement of Peter by Jesus and **Mount of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Take a boat ride to experience the **Sea of Galilee** which is the same lake that Jesus walked on. Purchase some local products at the **Olive Oil Factory**. *B/L/D*

### Day 6 - Tue, 31 Dec

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

Head to **Tel-Megiddo**\*, a fortress city mentioned in the Old Testament to see the excavation of the city ruins, including the water-system and Ahab's tunnel. Visit **Caesarea Maritima**\* which was once an ancient Roman city and port built by King Herod. *B/L/D*

### Day 7 - Wed, 1 Jan

#### JERUSALEM

Visit **Temple Mount**\*, one of Jerusalem's most recognizable landmarks and **Western Wall**, one of the holiest place of Judaism. Explore the **Jewish Quarters** and see the **Upper Room**, the site of the Last Supper. Spend some time shopping at the **Mahane Yehuda**

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Western Wall

**Market** and explore **City of David**\*. Take an adventurous walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** to the Pool of Siloam where Jesus cured a blind man with a mud mixture.

*B/D Note: ^L on your own.*

## Day 8 – Thu, 2 Jan

### JERUSALEM

Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Old City from the **Mount of Olives**. Walk along **Palm Sunday Path**\* to **Dominus Flevit** that commemorates the weeping of the Lord when he observed Jerusalem. See the **Garden of Gethsemane** with its ancient olive trees. Experience the last supper meal at **Yad Hashmona** (TBC) and visit **Yad Vashem**, Museum of the Holocaust. *B/L/D*



Qumran

## Day 9 – Fri, 3 Jan

### JERUSALEM

See the **Jerusalem Model**, a miniature model of the Old Jerusalem city and envision how the city was like in the ancient days. You will also see the Dead Sea Scrolls at Israel Museum's **Shrine of the Book**. Visit **Church of St Anne**, the **Pool of Bethesda** and the **Ecce Homo Arch**. Walk on to **Via Dolorosa**\* all the way to **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. *B/L/D*

## Day 10 – Sat, 4 Jan

### JERUSALEM

This morning, we will visit **St Peter and Gallicantu Church** built to commemorate Apostle Peter's denial of Christ three times before the cock crows. Spend some time at the **Garden Tomb**, another site believed to be the burial place of Christ. Before going to the airport, we stop by Jaffa where you will see **House of Simon Tanner**. *B/L/D*

**Departure Flight:** TK789 TLV-IST 2055-0025 (+1 day)

Transit in Istanbul for flight back to Singapore.

**Departure Flight:** TK54 IST-SIN 0155-1730

Arrive back in Singapore at 5.30pm.

*\*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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## 11D8N (9 Touring Days) Israel, 26 Dec 2019 – 5 Jan 2020

### GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Tour Dates	26 Dec – 5 Jan 2019, 11D8N (9 Touring Days)
Airline	Turkish Airlines
Tour Cost	≥25pax: SGD\$4,950 <sup>1,2</sup> , ≥35pax: SGD\$4,650 <sup>1,2</sup>
Accommodation	3.5–4 Star Hotels
Registration closes	28 July 2019



<sup>1</sup>Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$620; as of 01 Jan 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 ≥25pax and ≥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)
- 8 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\$620 as of 01 Jan 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. In additional, IBEx administrative fee of SGD\$15 is required.

### 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 **1 September 2019**.
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.