



THE RHEMA FOUNDATION CANADA

Tour to Israel

Mar 09 - 19/2023

TOUR COST PER PERSON: \$ 4,995 (Double occupancy)

Single Supplement: \$ 6,490.00

DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$ 500.00 per person must be submitted with your Registration Form to secure your space on the tour, after which an invoice will be mailed to you from YYZ TRAVEL.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due December 20, 2022

COST INCLUDES:

Airport departure taxes, fuel surcharge, security fees

- Return air transportation Toronto – Warsaw - Tel Aviv – Warsaw - Toronto via LOT Airlines
- Escorted by an expert Government licensed guide in Israel
- Airport/hotel return transfers in Israel
- Accommodation at first class hotels:
Mar. 10 - 11 -- Raanana -- The Prima Millennium hotel or similar standard room -- 1 night
Mar. 11 - 14 -- Tiberias -- Leonardo Club hotel or similar standard room -- 2 nights
Mar. 14 - 15 -- Dead Sea -- The David Hotel or similar standard room -- 1 night
Mar. 15 - 19 -- Jerusalem -- The Grand court hotel or similar standard room -- 5 nights

- Porterage at the hotels
- Meals: Buffet breakfast and dinner daily at hotels
- Sightseeing by private air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.
- * Pilgrimage certificate
- * Tree planting

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips to driver, guide and hotel staff
- * Passports; Lunches; any beverages; Personal expenses; Insurance.

Touring sequence may be changed to comply with domestic requirements or per Guide or Tour Leader discretion.

CANCELLATION:

100 to 60 days prior to departure - loss of deposit. – 60 - 45 days prior to departure - loss of 50% of tour price.
– 45 days to departure - loss of 100% tour price

INSURANCE:

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED A special group insurance package, which includes trip cancellation, medical coverage, accident and luggage is available.

Flight information via LOT airlines:

LO 046	09MAR	YYZWAW	HK50	2225	1240+1
LO 155	10MAR	WAWTLV	HK50	1525	2010
LO 156	19MAR	TLVWAW	HK50	1125	1425
LO 045	19MAR	WAWYYZ	HK50	1645	2130

Thursday, Mar.09th /2023 -- TORONTO -- WARSAW

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Prepare for a life-changing experience as you board your overnight flight to Israel via Warsaw. Dinner will be served as you fly over the Atlantic Ocean. Relax and sit back.

Friday, Mar.10th /2023 -- WARSAW -- ISRAEL

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Arrival Warsaw and connect to our flight to ISRAEL ,Upon Arrival you will be met by our representative after Passport Control who will assist you to your luxury motor coach for our transfer to the city of RAANANA for overnight.

Accommodation at the Prima Millennium hotel or similar.

Saturday, March 11/2023 -- RAANANA -- CAESAREA -- MEGIDDO -- ZIPPORI -- NAZARETH -- CANA -- Mt. TABOR -- TIBERIAS

Early breakfast, drive north along the Mediterranean coast to the seaport of Caesarea Maritima, where the Apostle Peter baptized Cornelius, a centurion in the Roman army. King Herod was a magnificent builder and Caesarea bears witness to his incredible ability. After Jerusalem was destroyed, Caesarea became the center of Christianity in Palestine. Here you will find the vast hippodrome seating more than 20,000 spectators at chariot races. Today's visitors can see a restored Roman theater, the remains of a Crusader walled city and a cathedral never completed. Continue traveling east along the southern end of the fertile Jezreel Valley to Megiddo named in the Book of Revelation, synonymous with the end of the world. Excavation has revealed the remains of at least 20 cities built one on top of the other. The 6-hectare site has yielded temples, lavish palaces, massive fortifications, private houses, a grain silo and an elaborately-engineered water system. As you read about the final Battle of Armageddon, the Books of Daniel and the Revelation will come to life. Continue to Sepphoris or Zippori, described by Flavius Josephus as "the greatest city in all of Galilee" (Life 45) and its capital prior to Tiberias being founded c18CE by Herod Antipas. Excavations have uncovered beautiful mosaics, especially attractive is the head of smiling woman dubbed "the Mona Lisa of Galilee." The cisterns of the city's water supply are most impressive. It became, after the failed Bar Kokhba revolt in 135CE, the home of the Sanhedrin, the judicial/religious high court of Israel. Then it will be Nazareth, Jesus' hometown, nestled in a bowl and surrounded by the hills of upper Nazareth. We will visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Gabriel with its spring, alleged site of annunciation according the Protoevangelium of James: "Mary took the pitcher and went forth to draw water." We visit the ornate Catholic Basilica of the Annunciation, completed in 1965 and consecrated by Pope Paul. Constructed over a cave grotto, the alleged home of the holy family, the basilica contains splendid art works from around the world in honour of the Madonna and Child (Lk. 1:26ff). As a counter balance to ornate basilica, we will visit the unadorned Melkite Church of the Synagogue in which Jesus preached his "liberation theology" sermon (Lk 4:16-30). These visits will take us through the Arab souk. Leaving Nazareth, on our

way back to Tiberias, we will stop at Cana of Galilee where Jesus “turned water into wine” at a wedding feast. (John 2)

Overnight Tiberias.

Accommodation and dinner at the Leonardo club hotel or similar.



Megiddo



Sea of Galilee

Sunday, 12th / 2023 -- TIBERIAS -- SEA OF GALILEE -- GOLAN -- YARDENIT

After breakfast our day begins with a short boat ride on the tranquil waters of the Sea of Galilee. In the Yigal Alon Museum at the Kibbutz Ginosar we find the Jesus Boat discovered by fishermen brothers Moshe and Yugi Lufan in 1985 mired in mud on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The boat is believed to resemble the type of boats referred to in the Gospels as used by Jesus’ Disciples. Afterwards we come to Capernaum where Jesus began His ministry in the Galilee. You will see the synagogue where He taught and the church built over the site of Peter’s home. Tabgha site of the Multiplication of Fish and Loaves where Jesus fed the multitudes is next. The Mount of Beatitudes is where Jesus met His Apostles and His Resurrection and commissioned them to “make Disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20). Not far away is Peter’s Primary, the site where Jesus met with His Disciples and told Peter to “feed my lambs, feed my sheep. (John 21:9) after His Resurrection. Driving north of the Golan Heights we stop to visit Baniyas, the largest waterfall in Israel, a beautiful and tranquil spot. Baniyas also known as Caesarea Philippi was an impressive Greco Roman sight situated 25 miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi is the location of one of the largest springs feeding the Jordan. There is no record of Jesus entering the city, but the great confession and the transfiguration both occurred in the vicinity of the city (Matt 16:13) then known as Caesarea Philippi. We than continue to Deganya, site of Israel's first kibbutz, where the Sea of Galilee empties into the Jordan River. We stop at the Baptismal site at Yardenit where we will renew our baptismal vows. Overnight Tiberias .

Accommodation and dinner at the Leonardo Club Hotel or similar.



Caesarea Philippi

Monday, 13th / 2023 -- TIBERIAS -- Mt. TABOR -- BETH SHEAN -- DEAD SEA

After breakfast and check out we will make our way to and Mt. Tabor, associated with the Older Testament judge, Deborah (Judges 4), and site of the transfiguration (Mk. 9:2-8). On to Beth Shean/Scythopolis, and archaeological tell composed of 18 layers of civilization destroyed and rebuilt from the Calcolithic period (400s BCE) on. It's the only site in Israel that was part of the Roman Decapolis. Its excavated and restored Hellenistic, Byzantine and Arab levels of occupancy are impressive, but the Roman level even more so. It was at Beth Shean that the Philistines pinned to the city will the bodies of King Saul and his sons (1 Sam. 31). As we drive further south along the Jordan River valley, we will note rather quickly the countryside becoming more desert-like all the way to the Dead Sea. (Mk 19:46-52; Lk 19:1-10), a spring-fed citrus-producing town vying with Damascus as the oldest city in the world from c.8000 BCE. Here we will find a sycamore tree to recall pee-wee Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-10). and the ruins of the old wall surrounding the city. Continue to the Dead Sea for overnight and time to float (not swim) in the Dead Sea, at En Bokek Hotel.

Accommodation and dinner at the David hotel or similar.

Tuesday, Mar.14th / 2023 -- DEAD SEA -- MASADA -- QUMRAN -- JERUSALEM

Breakfast, then we drive to to Masada, the isolated mountain top fortress of King Herod where you take a cable car up to the last stronghold of the Zicari rebels. These brave soldiers held out for three years before taking their own lives to avoid being enslaved by the advancing Romans. Moving on we will pass by Ein Gedi Oasis where King David hid from King Saul. continue to Qumran on the northern shore of the Dead Sea, the place where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd in the nearby caves. The caves were once used for storage by the Essenes, the sect that transcribed the scrolls. Fragments of the scrolls were hidden for centuries in airtight jars that were later discovered and now are on exhibit in the Israel Museum. We will turn off the main highway to take a short drive for an overlook of another spectacular monastery of the Judean wilderness, St. George of Koziba, pinned to the steep wall of Wadi Kelt like a barn swallow's nest.



Masada



Dead Sea

Then its “up to Jerusalem” (note the Pilgrim Psalms of Ascent, 120-134), the goal of all pilgrims. In that 23 mile drive we ascend from Dead Sea level of 1287’ below sea level to Jerusalem, 2525’ above sea level. On the brow of the Mount of Olives, with the walled city of Jerusalem below us, we will share bread and wine in a rite as ancient as Kin Melchizedek’s welcome of Abraham (Gen 14:18ff). The recitation of Psalm 122 will place us in the company of pilgrims immemorial. Overnight Jerusalem

Accommodation and dinner at the Grand court Hotel or Similar.



Wednesday, Mar.15th /2023 -- JERUSALEM

After breakfast, drive to the historic Mount of Olives where we can enjoy the breathtaking panorama of the Holy City. Take a walk down Palm Sunday Road stopping at the little teardrop Church of Dominus Fleuit “The Lord Wept” halfway down the western slope of the Mount of Olives. It was here that Jesus wept over Jerusalem foreseeing the destruction of the Temple (Luke 19:41). Stop at the Garden of Gethsemane known for its ancient olive grove going back 2000 years. Continue to the Church of All nations also known as the Basilica of the Agony that was built over a section of bedrock which according to history is the place where Jesus prayed alone on the night of His arrest.

An atmosphere of reverence pervades the Church which many nations contributed to the cost of its construction. See the Church of Peter in Gallicantu commemorating the Apostle Peter’s triple denial of His Master, his immediate repentance and his reconciliation with Christ after the Resurrection. Standing on the eastern slope of Mount Zion, on its roof rises a golden rooster atop a black cross.



Church of All nations



Garden Tomb

On to the Tomb of King David, one of the holiest sites for Jews celebrating King David. Men and women enter separate areas. Men must have their heads covered. On the second floor you find the Room of the Last Supper of Jesus and His Disciples. It is also where Jesus appeared to His Disciples after His Resurrection. Walk the Via Dolorosa (Way of Grief) lined with 8 Stations of the Cross to the sprawling Church of the Holy Sepulchre containing the last 5 Stations of the Cross. Its ancient stones steeped in prayer and liturgies is considered by Christians as the holiest place on earth attracting pilgrims from around the world. See the ancient colonnaded street known as the Caro and walk through the Shuk. The tour concludes with a visit to Garden Tomb, a tranquil setting for prayer and reflection. This rock cut tomb unearthed in 1867 is considered by some to be the site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation at the Grand court Hotel or Similar.

Thursday, 16th /2023 -- JERUSALEM

Today we begin our tour at Yad Vashem, the official monument dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust on Mount Remembrance. A tree studded walkway leads you through a sprawling complex of museums and outdoor monuments. See the dedication plaques for Raoul Wallenberg, Oskar Schindler and Irina Sendler amongst others who are honored as the “Righteous Among the Nations”. See the Holocaust History Museum, the Hall of Remembrance where an eternal flame burns and the Children’s Memorial commemorating the one and a half million Jewish children who perished. There are a number of chilling memorials you can visit. Our next stop is the Israel Museum. Stop at the Shrine of the Book housed in a white tiled dome-shaped like the lid of the first jar in which the scrolls were found at Qumran. Fragments of the priceless scrolls are on display.

Shrine of the Book



Our next stop is the Model of Ancient Jerusalem at the peak of its power. The model covers nearly 4000 square meters on a scale of 1:50. Painstakingly recreated, the model identifies many of the ancient buildings. Entering the Old City see the sparkling golden Dome of the Rock and the Al Asqa Mosque built on the Temple Mount. See the South Western Wall of the Temple Mount and the Davidson Centre. The Temple Mount featured prominently in the life of Jesus. He prayed and taught here and overturned the money changers' tables and foretold the destruction of the Temple. The Temple Jesus knew was rebuilt by Herod the Great. We now head for the Western Wall also known as the Wailing Wall and the Kotel, the holiest place in Judaism. Part of the retaining wall erected by Herod the Great in 20 BC was to support the vast plaza on which he rebuilt the temple. One half of the wall is dedicated to women and the other to men. The sections are separated by a wall. All men and married women who approach the wall are expected to have their heads covered. A kippah (skullcap) is provided free of charge. After visiting the wall please remember to back away to the entrance – do not show your back to the wall. Dinner and accommodation at the Grand court Hotel or Similar.

Friday, 17th /2023 -- JERUSALEM

After breakfast we will make our way to Bethlehem on the West Bank about 9 kms. south of Jerusalem. Celebrated by Christians as the birthplace of Jesus. The cave where the birth took place and the manger once stood can be visited underneath the huge Basilica of the Nativity. Entering the church means having to stoop low. The only doorway in the fortress like front wall is just 1.2 meters high to stop looters from driving their carts in. Some feel it is appropriate to bow low before entering the place. Today's Basilica, the oldest complete church in the Christian world was built in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian. Before leaving a stop will be made at Shepherd's Field where shepherds kept watch over their flocks and the Angel announced the impending birth of Jesus.



Basilica of the Nativity



Machane Yehuda market

return to Jerusalem to stop at the Machane Yehuda market ,the central market of Jerusalem for a visit and see the preparation for Sabbath.

Just before Sabbath, travel to the western wall to watch the thousands of young Yeshiva Jewish students welcoming the Sabbath at the Kotel.

Accommodation and dinner at the Grand court Hotel or Similar.

Saturday, March 18th/2023 -- JERUSALEM -- PHILISTINE COUNTRY - TEL AVIV -- JAFFA.

After breakfast we will make our way into the heart of Philistine country, driving by **Eshtaol and Zorah**, places associated with Samson (Judg 13:24ff). From the **Beth Shemesh** tell we will see the valley through which the Philistines returned the ark of the covenant which they had captured in war (ISam6). Then it's on to **Emek-Haela** (the Elah Valley being the site of the David/Goliath encounter, I Sam 17) continue to visit the caves of **Beth Guvrin**, hollowed out for many years for lime to make plaster, and whose marvellous acoustics led to the filming in them of Mary Magdalene's "How Can I Love Him?" for "Jesus Christ Superstar". Mareshah is an archaeological tell composed of accumulated levels of civilization. Its underground dwellings, olive presses and dovecotes are quite striking. Mareshah was the prophet Micah's hometown (Mi 1:1) on to Tel Aviv –UNESCO's "White City" with its amazing collection of some 4,000 Bauhaus or International style buildings built in the 1930s by German Jewish architects who immigrated there after the rise of the Nazis. Tel Aviv has the largest number of buildings in this style of any city in the world. We continue to the south end of the city to visit the ancient port of Jaffa the ancient harbor of the Israelites, from which Jonah sailed and to which Solomon had the cedars of Lebanon rafted for building the first Jerusalem temple (Jonah 1:3; 2 Char 2:16). We will see some of Jaffa's twisting streets of the restored artists' colony but more particularly Jaffa's lighthouse built over the traditional site of the traditional house of Simon the Tanner with whom Peter stayed as he spread the gospel in St. lodged (Acts 10:6) and the Church of St. Peter with its striking olive-tree pulpit and home of Tabitha/Dorcas whom Peter raised from the dead; then we will return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation at the Grand court Hotel or similar.



Tel Aviv



Jaffa

Sunday, 19th /2023 -- JERUSALEM - WARSAW -- TORONTO

After breakfast and check out we will make our way to the airport for our flight back home via Warsaw on LOT airlines, Sit back and relax ad you remember and celebrate the past days in the Holy land. Arrival the same day. Welcome home

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Passport: In order to travel each tour participant must be in possession of a Passport valid for at least six months after day of return back to Canada. If not, you must apply for a new Passport.

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Tour Documents :

15 days prior to departure, each tour member will receive documents consisting of final itinerary, flight and hotel schedules, and other important informative material regarding the tour.

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