



### **Tour of Israel with City Church**

Thank you for your interest in the Tour of Israel 2022. This is hosted by City Church and will be led by Pastor Mike and Kristi Moore with onsite teachings from Keshet Journeys that take you through the footsteps of Christ. You will walk away with what could be the week of your lifetime. Get ready for a lot of surprises and an eye-opening understanding of the scripture that will grow your faith in remarkable ways.

### **Who is invited to register for this tour?**

This trip is open for anyone who is in relationship with City Church. This trip is intended to be a unique and intimate experience for like-minded Christ followers. There is an application process for approval for participating on this trip.

### **How do I join the City Church Tour of Israel?**

You can reserve your place by submitting your application with your non-refundable deposit to City Church of \$50 for an individual; \$75 for couples; \$125 for a family of 3 or more. This fee is for administrative costs and will not be deducted from the cost of the trip. You will know by 1/04/2021 if you have been accepted on the trip. If you are not accepted, you will be refunded your deposit.

### **When is the registration cutoff?**

All registrations and non-refundable deposits must be made by December 31, 2020. Registrations beyond this date will only be accommodated based on availability.

### **Can I register more than two people?**

Yes. This tour is open to people and/or families in relationship with City Church and has a maximum cap of 45 people.

### **How is the lodging determined?**

You will be accommodated with your registered party. If you register as an individual, you can request your roommate or one will be assigned for the entirety of the trip. You also have the option to have your own private room at an additional cost.

### **What is the payment schedule?**

#### Land Package:

The full price of the land package is \$2500. This price is dependent on the size of the group, the more people attending, the lesser the cost. This is an amazing rate in comparison to all that will be happening during the tour.

25% (\$625) non-refundable payment per person is due May 14, 2021.

A second payment of \$625 per person is due October 15, 2021.

Remaining cost of trip (\$1250) per person is due by January 1, 2022.

OR

You can choose a monthly payment plan of \$208.50 per person starting 1/8/2021

**We recommend setting up a structured payment schedule to keep yourself on track. Late payments will not be accepted and missed due dates will cost your spot on the trip.**

#### Airfare:

50% of the airfare payment will be due July 16, 2021 and the total cost of the airfare payment will be due by December 17, 2021.

OR

You can choose a monthly payment plan of ~\$100 per person starting 1/8/2021

### **What is included in the land package?**

#### **Included:**

- + Accommodation in hotels including portorage
- + Daily breakfast in the hotel, lunches in route and dinner
- + All entrance fees and taxes
- + Professionally guided sightseeing and onsite teachings
- + Air-conditioned transportation by deluxe coach
- + Transfers for the group to the hotel
- + Access to all relevant tour information on a custom-made travel app

#### **Not-included:**

Roundtrip airfare to and from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

Travel insurance

Passport and visa (if required by the time of travel)

Personal expenses/Spending money

Gratuity (Please bring an additional \$100 per person to cover the cost of tips for the trip) This will be collected by Michael Moore at the beginning of the trip.

### **Am I required to purchase travel insurance?**

You are not required, but City Church strongly encourages you to purchase travel insurance and supplemental medical coverage (which covers preexisting conditions). We recommend the "Cancel For Any Reason-policy" which offers the broadest coverage. **Please note that most insurance companies require purchase within 14 days of your date of registration for the trip.**

If you choose not to purchase travel insurance, any expense due to an emergency will be your responsibility. City Church will not be able to cover any cost for you.

## **What happens if I have to cancel my participation?**

### **Cancellation charges:**

In case of cancellations, the following percentage of the total price will be charged:

Until 91 days prior the scheduled departure date: 25% non-refundable down payment

90 – 41 days prior the scheduled departure date: 50% of total amount

40 – 0 days prior the scheduled departure date: 100% of total amount

### **Cancellation of additional services:**

Unless otherwise stated, the clients pre-booked additional services related are non-refundable after booking.

## **What about arrival and departure from Israel?**

The tour will take place from March 9th-18th, 2022. City Church will be purchasing the flights (at your expense) as a group so that those participating on the trip will be arriving and departing together. As we get closer to the *Tour of Israel* dates, we will be sending out the recommended time for arrival to the airport. Currently, flight options are not available due to the dates of the trip. (Most airlines only schedule out 12 months in advance). Once we have information and are able to book, you will be notified of the cost of the airline ticket and the dates due for the price of the ticket.

## **Am I required to participate in all the activities for the entire trip?**

The *Tour of Israel* is designed as a comprehensive experience from start to finish, so it is highly recommended that you participate in all the planned activities. We understand that some adjustments might be necessary due to medical conditions and physical limitations. If this is the case, please contact City Church directly for more information about itinerary adjustments. Please keep in mind that alterations to the itinerary, including transportation and accommodation, will be your responsibility if you choose to divert from the group while in Israel. Please keep in mind that many miles will be walked during this tour.

### **Do I need to bring any special clothing or other items?**

We will only know the exact weather conditions shortly before the start of the tour. Early March can be cold and rainy, but it can also be quite warm. The weather conditions in Israel can change dramatically from day to day. Generally, temperatures on the tour's dates range from 66-80°F depending on the time of day and specific location. We advise you to dress in layers to accommodate a variety of weather conditions throughout the day. Please note that during sections of the Jesus Trek, your shoes will be fully submerged in water and mud, so plan to bring appropriate footwear that could be thrown away.

### **What if I have specific food restrictions?**

On your application form, you can mention your dietary needs. Israel's cuisine offers a wide range of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options and we will do our utmost to accommodate for any food restrictions. Some of Israel's most beloved street food, like falafel and hummus, is vegan, so you don't have to worry about missing out on this special Mediterranean delicacy!

### **What medical precautions should be considered before travelling to Israel?**

There are no specific immunizations or medications that are recommended or required for travelling to Israel, but we advise you to connect with your primary care physician regarding his/her recommendations for you specifically. Please keep in mind that you can purchase the equivalent of most standard over-the-counter medicines in Israel. We would also encourage you to inform your health insurance provider that you will be travelling out of the country to determine your coverage and medical care options while in Israel.

### **How safe is travelling to Israel?**

Your safety is our top priority. Israel is a very safe country to visit and tour, and we use a variety of measures to ensure the safety of all the participants on the *City Church Tour of Israel*. We also encourage you to take all the normal precautions as you would when travelling to any other city or country.

**What is the time zone in Israel?**

Israel Standard Time (IST), is the standard time zone in Israel. It is seven hours ahead of EST.

**Can I drink tap water in Israel?**

Tap water is safe to drink in Israel, but bottled water will also be available for purchase.

**Will I have access to WIFI?**

Most hotels in Israel have WiFi available for hotel guests at standard rates. Many cafes and restaurants also offer complimentary WiFi services. Since September 2013, Tel Aviv offers a citywide free WiFi network which provides 80 free internet "hot spots" across the city. Most of the touring buses also have complimentary WiFi available.

**Will I be able to use my cell phone while in Israel?**

Please check with your mobile phone service provider to determine if you will need to purchase an International plan to use your phone in Israel. Local Israeli SIM cards with phone/data plans can be purchased during the registration process and will be delivered upon arrival in Israel. Please let us know if you would like to purchase a SIM card so that we can make the necessary arrangements. To make use of this service, your phone has to be "unlocked".

**Are credit cards accepted in Israel?**

You can use your credit/debit card to obtain NIS (New Israeli Shekels) at ATMs throughout Israel. Most Israeli hotels, restaurants and stores accept American Express, MasterCard and Visa cards as well. American dollars are accepted in many places in Israel; however, in most cases, change will be given in NIS. We recommend doing a currency change outside of the airport.

### **Will I need to bring a power adapter?**

Almost all hotel rooms are equipped with hairdryers, and all have shaver sockets. For other appliances, Israel's electricity is 220V A/C, single phase 50-cycles; 110V-220V transformers can be used. Israeli outlets have three prongs, but European two-prong adapters usually work.

### **Who is Keshet Educational Journeys?**

Keshet Educational Journeys is the local tour operator in Israel handling the *City Church Tour of Israel 2022*. They have a remarkable reputation in Israel and will take you to places off the normal "grid" to give you a more authentic Israel experience like no other.

### **Trip Details from City Church**

#### **Rates for City Church Tour of Israel**

People	Rate
15	2549
20	2450
25	2358
30	2301
35	2256
40	2243
45	2216

Rates are per person in double occupancy rooms.

For single occupancy room there is an additional charge of \$935

Reduction of Child as third in room is \$160

Reduction of Third person in room is \$40

\*Child rate is 13 years and under on the date of the tour

## Lodging

All lodging is included in the price of the tour. We will be staying in 4 stars hotels that have excellent reviews.

1 Night – March 9<sup>th</sup>: TBD

3 Nights – March 10-13 <https://www.magdalahotel.com/>

5 Nights – March 13-18 <https://www.danhotels.com/JerusalemHotels/DanJerusalemHotel>

## Itinerary

*\*Subject to change\**

March 9<sup>th</sup>

- Arrival at TLV (TBD)
- Visit Jaffa
- Welcome Dinner
- Overnight in Tel Aviv

March 10<sup>th</sup>

- Via Maris (The Way of the Sea. Matthew 4:15)
- Caesarea Maritima (Act 10, 24-26)
- Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:20, 21)
- Overnight at the Sea of Galilee

March 11<sup>th</sup>

- Jesus Trek (Around 5-6 hours of hiking)
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Overnight at the Sea of Galilee

March 12<sup>th</sup>

- Nazareth Village
- Mount Precipice
- Mount Arbel
- Capernaum
- Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee

- Overnight at the Sea of Galilee

#### March 13<sup>th</sup>

- Jordan Valley
- Qasr el Yahud
- Masada
- Dead Sea (Swim wear needed)
- Overnight in Jerusalem

#### March 14<sup>th</sup>

- Temple Mount
- City of David
- Hulda Steps and Gates
- Cardo / Jewish Quarter
- Overnight in Jerusalem

#### March 15<sup>th</sup>

- Shrine of the Book in the Israel Museum
- Yad Vashem / Holocaust Remembrance
- Machane Yehuda Market
- Room of the Last Supper
- Overnight in Jerusalem

#### March 16<sup>th</sup>

- Mount of Olives / Garden of Gethsemane
- The Herodian Mansion
- Palace of Herod's the Great
- Garden Tomb
- Overnight in Jerusalem

#### March 17<sup>th</sup>

- Free time in the morning
- Valley of the Shadow of Death (hike to St. George Monastery at Wadi Kelt)
- Overnight in Jerusalem

#### March 18<sup>th</sup>

- Transfer to airport
- Departure

## **1. SUGGESTED PACKING LIST FOR THE TOUR OF ISRAEL**

### *Important Documents & Items:*

- Passport (valid until at least 6 months of return date) Copy of passport and travel insurance documents
- Health Insurance Card
- Credit/Debit Card (Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted)

### *Clothing:*

- Casual and Lightweight, loose clothing that can be layered to cover knees and shoulders
- Long jeans/pants and/or capris
- Comfortable walking shoes/sneakers
- Hat for shade/Sunglasses/Sunscreen
- Bathing suit, water shoes and plastic bags (Dead Sea Experience)
- For Ladies: shawl, scarf, or cardigan that can be wrapped around shoulders or head if needed at holy sites
- Good hiking shoes for The Jesus Trek day (These will be submerged in mud and water)

### *Other:*

- Personal bag/bookbags/purse
- Bible, Journal, and Pen
- Headphones
- Camera, Phone and/or Tablet

- Non-prescription and prescription medication and photo copy of prescriptions for customs
- Toiletries and personal hygiene products
- Hand Sanitizer

## **2. SECURITY**

As a whole, Israel is a safe country, but your safety remains the greatest importance to us. All Israeli guides are experienced leaders who maintain “situational awareness” at all measures and are trained to avoid any areas of concern. If any issues arise while we are in the country, adjustments to the schedule will be made to keep everyone part of *The Tour of Israel* safe.

All security-related decisions are re-evaluated in real-time, with our priorities being the safety of our team, participants and the integrity of their Israel experience (in that order).

## **3. SECURITY INTERVIEW AT THE AIRPORT**

Security measures in Israel are similar to those in the United States. Be prepared for questioning at your airport of departure or stop-over. Questioning may be more intense if:

1. Your passport contains a stamp of a country where the majority of its citizens are Muslim
2. Your name sounds Middle Eastern

Security questioning ensures safety! Allow extra time at your departure boarding gate for this process. Please be patient and understanding if questions seem personal. It would be

advisable to carry the tour information provided to you, including the name of the hotels where you are staying, in case you are asked for any details. Keshet Educational Journeys is the ground operator for *The Israel Tour*. You may be questioned again upon arrival in Israel passing Passport Control. In an emergency, call Keshet at **+972 54-244-9754**

#### **4. KESHET JOURNEYS TRAVEL APP**

Around one month before the start of the tour you will receive the download instructions and a log-in for the Keshet Journeys Travel App. In this App, you will find your itinerary, contact details and additional general information about Israel. Once downloaded, the App will also function offline. A hard copy of all tour information in the App will be also be provided to you upon arrival. WIFI will be available on our bus and in the hotels.

#### **5. Tour of Israel - ARRIVAL DAY**

More details will be available once flight times are secure.

#### **6. MONEY**

**Currency Exchange** – Israeli currency is the New Israeli Shekel. Shekel bill denominations are: 200, 100, 50 and 20 shekels. Shekel coin denominations are: 10, 5, 2, 1, 1/2 and 10 agorot. There are 100 agorot in 1 shekel. Most restaurants, museums and stores accept major credit cards. Money can be exchanged at the airport, post offices, banks and at licensed money changing shops found in most downtown areas and malls. Hotels will offer to exchange money, but at a less advantageous rate. ATM cards or credit cards may not work at every ATM machine.

About a week before you travel you will want to plan to notify your bank and/or credit card companies of your dates of travel to ensure you don't have any issues while in-country.

### ***7. Check-Out at the end of your tour***

Check-out on the last day of the trip, is at 11:00am. You need to vacate your room at that time. Make sure you take all of your belongings. For those whose flights are departing later in the day and who want to do more sight-seeing or shopping, the hotel provides a locked storage room where you can put your luggage until you need to depart for the airport if needed.

### ***8. TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT***

If you are leaving on March 18<sup>th</sup>, the transfer as well as assistance at the airport will be one group transfer only. Further information about pick-up will be provided to you a few days before leaving Israel. If you are staying extra days, you will be responsible for your transfer to the airport for departure. We recommend at least 3 hours to get through security and customs when leaving.

### ***9. USEFUL INFORMATION WHILE IN ISRAEL***

Dress for Holy Sites – Modest dress is mandatory at all churches and holy sites, and this applies to both men and women. This means that everyone's knees and shoulders must be covered during your visit to those locations. You may wear sleeveless shirts, shorts or jeans with holes in them at regular sites and on the bus, but a sweater or jacket will be required to cover your shoulders before entering a holy site.

At Jewish holy sites, such as the Western Wall, it is mandatory for men to cover their heads. You can wear your own hat, or the Jewish religious doorkeeper will give you a paper kippa (yarmulke) to cover the top of your head. At Christian holy sites, especially inside churches, hats are not allowed, and it is mandatory for men to uncover their heads. Your guide will give you instructions about the appropriate clothing for the next day's activities. Please follow the instructions provided to ensure that you can participate in all of the scheduled activities.

**Electrical Appliances** – In general, you will need adapters for small voltage or dual voltage devices like computers or small digital cameras. Large voltage items like hair dryers, irons etc. will need converters. \*Apple made iPhone and Computer chargers work with just an adapter. Hair dryers and irons will likely catch fire or melt in many of these places. All of our hotels will have hair dryers in the rooms. We suggest that you purchase an all-in-one universal plug adapter.

**Kosher** – Traditional Jews observe the Kosher laws limiting certain foods. Among non-kosher, or prohibited foods, are pork, any meat that has not been ritually slaughtered, shellfish and any meal that combines dairy with meat. Therefore, in Kosher Hotels, breakfasts are dairy and dinners are meat.

**Safety and Security** – Generally speaking, Israel is as safe as or safer than most countries around the world. Nevertheless, we recommend that you take usual travel precautions: keep a separate copy of your passport; do not carry open bags which are a temptation to pickpockets; do not leave property lying around; do not leave knapsacks or baggage unattended in public places.

**Tippling** – Tips to the restaurants are included in the package. There is no need to tip any wait staff. However, tips to the driver, tour guide, hotel staff are not included. It is recommended to tip \$13.50 per day. More information will be available closer to the trip

**Water** – The arid climate in most of Israel means that your body can require you to drink without feeling thirsty. Water in Israel is generally safe to drink. Bottled water will be available for purchase.

**Shabbat** – Shabbat is the seventh day of the Jewish week and a day of rest in Judaism. Shabbat is observed from sunset Friday until the appearance of three stars in the sky on Saturday night. On this day, much of Jerusalem closes early in the evening to allow Jewish families the opportunity to gather and celebrate Shabbat together for a full 24 hours. You may notice in Israel many hotels change one or two of their elevators to “Shabbat Elevators” which automatically stop at every door.