

Travel Centre Bendigo *presents...*

# Israel: A Journey of Faith

with 3-Night Jordan Tour Extension

November 3 – 13, 2020



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**David A. Holmes (Holmesy)**

David grew-up in Benalla in a Christian household as the eldest child of four. After graduating from Bendigo CAE in 1976, David began a career as a Chartered Accountant, a university finance lecturer, and senior management and industry leadership roles in university housing & residential services. Holmesy's best blessings are his beautiful Bendigo bride (Sue), gorgeous & talented daughter (Amy), and becoming a Gideon. David has a passion for God's word impacting the community through witnessing, lay ministry, service, and music as a prophetic worship drummer/percussionist. Holmesy enjoys being with one in God's creation in Golf, running & bike riding.





**11 Days • 20 Meals:** 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 9 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Megiddo, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, Ein Karem, Via Dolorosa, Western Wall, Garden Tomb

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

|            |                                   |
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| Day 1      | Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Tel Aviv    |
| Days 2, 3  | Leonardo Hotel Tiberias, Tiberias |
| Days 4 – 7 | Dan Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem    |
| Days 8, 9  | Petra Marriott Hotel, Petra       |
| Day 10     | Amman Marriott Hotel, Amman       |

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Spiritual Journeys:** Collette's collection of religious tours has been created with our faith-based travellers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, and these itineraries are designed utilising more modest accommodations that capture the reflective surroundings in which they sit.

#### Day 1: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea -

**Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias** Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a centre for early Christians. Walk in the footsteps of Cornelius, the first Gentile convert to the new covenant (Acts 10) by St. Peter, and see where Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 23). Visit Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Spend time at the place where Joseph's home and workshop were - Church of the Annunciation - as well as the site of the fresh water spring used by the Holy Family. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle, where Jesus transformed water into wine (John 2:1-11). Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Thursday, November 5, 2020 Sea of Galilee-Capernaum-

**Golan Heights-Caesarea Philippi-Tiberias** Cross the Sea of Galilee aboard a boat similar to what Jesus would have sailed. Step into another time at the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). Continue to nearby Tabgha to the Church of the Fish and the Loaves and pause for a moment of quiet prayer at the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the five thousand. Spend time in Capernaum, the centre of Jesus' ministry in Galilee and where Jesus performed many miracles, such as expelling demons and curing the sick. Visit the site where Jesus taught and reflect on his teaching and preaching of the gospel (Matthew 4:13, 23). Stand where Peter stood when he professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21) on three occasions. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz, in the Golan Heights. Visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus travelled with His disciples and near where Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Your day ends at the River Jordan at the Yardenit Baptismal site. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Friday, November 6, 2020 Tiberias - Tel Megiddo -

**Bethlehem - Jerusalem** Visit Tel Megiddo (Armageddon), the site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah. In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus (Luke 2), enter the Church of the Nativity and pause for a moment of reflection as you view the cave where Jesus was born. Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on that first Christmas night spreading good tidings of great joy for all the people. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world: Jerusalem. Discover the treasures of Jerusalem by night, a beacon of three faiths. By bus, enjoy stunning views of the Old City walls, Temple Mount and Mount Zion. On foot, walk through Jaffa gate to the Old City (UNESCO), which combines ancient beauty with timeless allure, and visit the Citadel (also known as the Tower of David). The walls of the Citadel serve as a stage for a "Night Spectacular" show which is a celebration of sight and sound. Amidst the archaeological remains in the Citadel's courtyard and set to the sound of original music, the story of Jerusalem unfolds through giant breathtaking, virtual reality images. Explore the Jewish Quarter, where echoes of history meet the voices of the present day. Discover hidden archways, spiraling stairways, and arrive at the Wailing Wall, the holiest place of Judaism and the single most visited site in Jerusalem. The Wailing Wall attracts visitors from all over the world and of all faiths and denominations. It stands as the only reminder of the Holy Temple and is visited by thousands every day. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Saturday, November 7, 2020 Jerusalem - Mount Zion - Ein

**Karem** Your time in Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives. Afterwards, visit the site where Christ taught the Lord's



## Per Person Rates\*:

**Double \$5,304; Single \$6,954; Triple \$4,924**

**Included in Price:** Hotel Transfers

**Not Included in Price:** International Airfares

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

Prayer, Church of the Pater Noster and the Church of All Nations where Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Take a moment to reflect at the Tomb of the Holy Mother and the Garden of Gethsemane – the site of Christ’s betrayal by Judas. Travel to Mount Zion and stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper (Mark 14). Then, continue to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist and the place to which Mary travelled to share her good news with Elizabeth. See Jerusalem from a different perspective and dine with a local Jewish family. Relax as the family welcomes you into their home, giving you an honest glimpse into their daily lives. Gain firsthand insight into the traditions and lifestyles of modern Judaism in Israel. Connect with the family over dinner, socializing in open conversation and swapping stories. You’ll learn about the history behind what you eat at the meal and why the Jewish cuisine adheres to certain guidelines. This experience offers you an incomparable opportunity to mingle with locals, resulting in an immersive encounter you won’t soon forget. (B, D)

**Day 6: Sunday, November 8, 2020 Jerusalem** Enjoy a private full day excursion to some of the most historic regions in Israel. First, depart Jerusalem and travel to Qumran for a view of the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Next, take a ten minute cable car ride to the top of Masada, where a small group of Jewish zealots stood up to the attack of the Roman legion and emerged victorious even in defeat. In 2001, Masada was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour the remnants of the palace fortress, complete with Roman-style bathhouses built by King Herod, as well as storehouses, ritual baths and synagogues built by the Jews. Stand on the summit plateau for stunning views of the Dead Sea and the surrounding Judean Desert. Later, enjoy free time to float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Experience the natural buoyancy due to its high salt concentration and the benefits of its minerals to beauty and health. On your return to Jerusalem, stop at the oldest city on earth, Jericho, for a distant view of the Mount of Temptations. (B, D)

**Day 7: Monday, November 9, 2020 Jerusalem** Pause for a moment of devotion at St. Stephen’s Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne

before visiting the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Travel the Way of the Cross - the Via Dolorosa - walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. You’ll pass by the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Visit the Western Wall of the Temple before stopping at the Garden Tomb, the possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and the resurrection of Jesus. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

**Day 8: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 Jerusalem - Border Crossing - Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra** Your time on tour comes to a close today, but there's more of the world to see. Now it's off to make new memories. This morning you travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border\* into Jordan. Travel the Desert Highway to the city of Madaba, the “City of Mosaics.” Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. Visit a local mosaic school to learn the history of this ancient art and how to create your very own mosaic piece. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay. (B)

**Day 9: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Petra** Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. A treasure of the ancient world, Petra was “hidden” behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 300 years. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. This evening, experience the flavours of the region with a delightful dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 10: Thursday, November 12, 2020 Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman** This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, *Lawrence of*

## \$95 TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Sometimes life happens and your carefully made plans have to be cancelled. That’s why we created our industry-leading Travel Protection Plan. It offers you a full refund of your money (less the purchase price of the plan) if you have to cancel for any reason, up to 24 hours before departure. This is just one of the ways we are with you at every step of the journey—even before it begins.

*Arabia*. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, arrive in Amman, known as the "White City" because of white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

**Day 11: Friday, November 13, 2020 Amman - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. (B)

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**A deposit of \$250 per person is due upon reservation. Single accommodations are limited and is available only on a first come first served basis. Reservations made after the date of April 26, 2020 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 04, 2020.**

**PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS**

Passports are required at your own expense for travel outside of Australia. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity beyond the return date from the destination. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry into the country. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our guests take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visa. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa.

We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

International Airfares are not included in your tour price.

Air passengers will have to arrive into Tel Aviv (TLV) Airport on Day 1 and depart from Amman (AMM) Airport on Day 11 to meet with our transfer services.

Proper dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

Triple accommodations are not available in all hotels. When this is the case, a twin and single room will be assigned.

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In addition to Israel, this tour travels through the occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

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**YOUR INFORMATION:**

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female Date of Birth: month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: (dd/mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issuance: (dd/mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not travelling with you):** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMING WITH:** ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

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**WAIVER PLAN:** ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase waiver plan \$95 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Waiver Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Waiver Plan is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels.