



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

14 March – 22 March 2019
with Peter & Lesley Watt

Peter & Lesley Watt would like the privilege of serving you and making your Pilgrimage to Israel one you'll never forget!

DAY 1 We are bound for the Promised Land. Departing Johannesburg for Tel Aviv, Israel

DAY 2 Arrival in the Holyland where you will be met by our representative who will assist you through customs and passport control.

This morning we drive to Caesarea to visit the Crusader Fortress built upon the ancient city of Caesarea, named after Augustus Caesar, who imposed the tax that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Here we will visit an ancient Roman Amphitheatre, where the group can experience the acoustics of a structure built in the days of Christ. Continue to Mount Carmel where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets. Continue to Megiddo, Site of Armageddon. Now on to Nazareth, where Jesus spent the silent years of his life. From Nazareth the road winds down to Tiberias and the beautiful Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Galilee.

DAY 3 / Golan Heights / Caesarea Phillipi / Today we rise early and board our boat for a cruise on the Sea of Galilee. We then take the road through the Golan Heights where we will hear the explanations of the strategic and political significance of this area. On the Golan Heights we will visit Caesarea Phillipi at Banias, which is the Site of the Transfiguration. We will drive along Israel's border with Syria to understand the strategic importance of the Golan Heights to Israel's security. Dinner and overnight in Galilee

DAY 4 Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee / Mt of Beatitudes / Capernaum / Tabgha

Today we will visit sites around the Sea of Galilee area where much of the Galilean Ministry took place. Here were the homes of the disciples James, Simon, John and Andrew. Near here Jesus gave Beatitudes and taught in the synagogue on many occasions and performed many miracles. The group will pray together at the Mt of Beatitudes. We then proceed to Tabgha where 5,000 were fed by Jesus who performed the miracle of the multiplication of fish and loaves. We end the day at Capernaum, and then return to our hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 Beit Shean / Jordan Valley / Jericho / Qumran / Dead Sea

Today we bid farewell to the Galilee region and drive to the city of Beit Shean - one of the earliest and most important cities in Israel from the time of the Canaanites. It was here the Philistines impaled King Saul's body to the city wall - we view its magnificent excavations. We continue through the Jordan Valley and view Jericho, the first city conquered by the Israelites in the Promised Land, and then to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. After visiting the authentic baptism site on the banks of the Jordan River we continue to our hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 Massada / Jerusalem

After breakfast we drive to the mighty fortress Massada, last stronghold and stand of the zealots against Rome, on the edge of the barren Negev Desert. Massada is a symbol of courage and perseverance for the Jewish People, where 960 Jewish defenders organized their last resistance to the Roman conquerors and took their own lives rather than surrender into slavery. After lunch we start the ascent to Jerusalem, and begin our visit to Jerusalem at the Mt of Olives for an outstanding breathtaking view of the city across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 7 Mt of Olives / Garden of Gethsemane / House of Caiaphas / Mt Zion / Upper Room / Bethlehem / Jerusalem / Israel Museum (Shrine of the Book) / Model of Old City / Holocaust Museum

Today we will walk down Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane and then travel around the temple pinnacle and the City of David to the house of Caiaphas at Saint Peter in Gallicantu. Continue to Mount Zion and the Upper Room. After lunch we visit the new part of Jerusalem: the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea scrolls are kept and the scale model of the city set in New Testament Times. We end the day at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum and memorial to the 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis in World War 2. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 8 Old City of Jerusalem / Pool of Bethesda / Praetorium / Fortress of Antonia / View of Temple Mount / Western Wall / Western Wall Tunnels / Southern Steps

Enter the Old City through St Stephen's Gate; Visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus cured an invalid man. We will walk through the picturesque market streets to the Christian Quarter of the Old City, passing the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We continue to the Praetorium, site of the public trial of Christ, and his condemnation, and view its ancient remains in the Fortress of Antonia, seat of the Roman Procurator; proceed to Mount Moriah to view the Mosque of Omar and visit the Western Wall, a sacred site for the Jewish People, as well as the Southern Steps of the Temple and the Western Wall Tunnel, running along the base of the Western Wall. We end the tour with quiet prayer at the Garden Tomb Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem

DAY 9: This morning we drive to Ben Gurion International Airport for the flight home

TOUR PRICE: \$2457 (Incl Deposit)

To register, please deposit R3500 per person. See banking details below.

Proof of payment can be sent to trish@peopleschurch.co.za

Bank Details:

Bank	Standard Bank
Account number:	071 826 483
Branch Code:	051 001
Reference:	Israel trip + name

Note: The deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days prior to departure (IE: Mid December)

Tour Price includes:

- Round-trip flights from Johannesburg International Airport, economy class.
- Abundant, delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast and dinner buffets
- Luxury coach transportation in Israel
- All entry fees as per itinerary
- Tips
- Airport taxes, service charges, government taxes, and fuel surcharges
- The best guide in Israel plus on-site teachings
- Israel maps & trip handouts

Please Note:

- Passports must be valid for at least six months AFTER arrival in Israel
- **Tour price doesn't include lunches, nor expenses of a personal nature, such as laundry, snacks, etc.**

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