

### The package includes:

1. Government licensed English Speaking tour guide
2. Sightseeing according to itinerary, possibly subject to change. Travel in a luxury air conditioned coach. Entrance fees included.
3. 8 nights hotel accommodation.
4. Meal arrangements: Half Board (breakfast & dinner at hotels)
5. Tips for hotels, guide and driver
6. Immanuel Tours welcome kit: map, hat, backpack
7. Pilgrim certificate

### Rates do not include

- Flights to and from Tel Aviv
- Medical coverage & travel insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Lunches
- Any services not mentioned above

We are aiming at 30 people and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### Costs and payment:

The tour will come to £1,200. Each person is responsible for their own flights. We are willing to advise on flights, and particularly to enable you to travel with others from your country. If there are more than ten people flying from your country we may be able to get a group flight reduction.

If you register and pay by May 1, 2019, you can subtract a 5% (60£) reduction.

A £100 deposit is required to secure your place. This you can pay by using the bank details →

You can also pay the deposit using the PayPal link:

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### Visa:

UK and Swiss citizens receive a visa on arrival in Israel. If you have any other passport it is your responsibility to ensure you have the right visa arrangements in place. You are responsible to make sure you have at least 6 months left in your passport on the date of your return to the UK or Switzerland (i.e. to 11 May 2020).

### Insurance:

You must have full travel insurance covering cancellation, loss of personal effects, and most importantly medical costs. Evidence of this should be provided along with final payment.

### Safety:

UK Foreign and Commonwealth office, and the Swiss Foreign Ministry guidance will be consulted as necessary and any actions consequent on this will be reviewed with the Airline and Immanuel Tours. Tour Participants will be kept informed. Issues will be handled according to recommendations of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth office and the Swiss Foreign Ministry.

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### Participant Registration

Online: ....

Make your payment by bank transfer to:

**UK** - Sort Code: 402044 Account No: 42211777

**None-UK** - SWIFT: MIDLGB2111M

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Originally the Israel Education Forum, is now a mission to promote God's kingdom among Israeli's both Jew and Arab.

## IEF tour of Israel 2019

### 2-10<sup>th</sup> November

We would like to invite you to join us for a nine day (8 nights) fully escorted Christian tour of Israel. The 2019 IEF ISRAEL TOUR will be led by **John Sode-Woodhead**. John is a biblical archaeologist who has spent much of his life in Israel. IEF support John in his current ministry in Israel amongst both Jews and Arabs. Due to the combined experience of John and **Immanuel Tours**, your tour hosts will be able to bring the sites you visit to life in a new and exciting way.



It is our hope that at the end of your visit to the land you will have a greater understanding of the historic truth of God's word. Places you had previously only known as words on a page, you will now be able to visualize, bringing a fresh awareness of God's truth.

### Tour programme:

Unlike our own four seasons, Israel has two: Winter (November-March) and summer (April- October). To ensure maxim comfort the tour has been planned for November when the weather is still pleasantly warm.

The Swiss group will join up with the Scottish group at Ben Gurion Airport on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November**, the day of rest for Israeli residents. We will be met at the airport by John, the Immanuel Tours representative, and your guide, who will ensure that you are transferred safely to your hotel in the city of **Netanya** (which means Gift of God) on the Mediterranean coast.

On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November**, your tour will officially begin. After breakfast, you will be taken to the ruins of **Caesarea Maritima** (by the sea), which is situated between Haifa and Tel-Aviv. During the time of Jesus, it was the site of the Roman capital of the province of Judea and the seat of its Governor, Pontius Pilate. Paul spent two years in prison here before being sent to Rome. (Acts 24:27)

You will then be taken to **Mt. Carmel** to visit the "Place of Sacrifice" where the Prophet Elijah had an encounter with the Priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:17-40) before driving across the "**Plain of Armageddon**" to the town of **Nazareth**, a town in the hill country of Galilee where Jesus grew to manhood (Matt. 2:23). Within the town boundary lies 'Nazareth Village' a historical re-enactment site where you will be given a tour of the village. Your first day will then close near **Tiberias** where you will have dinner and stay overnight.



**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of November** begins with a visit to the **Sea of Galilee** (Lake Kinneret). The Galilee is rich with memories of Jesus' Ministry both on land and water. You will be transferred by boat from Nof Ginosar to **Capernaum**. You will travel then to the new **Magdala** visitor center where you will find the oldest excavated synagogue in Galilee and one of seven from the first century in all of Israel. You will then visit the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, from the top of which there is a wonderful panoramic view over the Sea of Galilee. Your day will conclude by a visit to **Beit Saida** "The House of the Fisherman", the location where Jesus healed the blind man (Matt. 11:21) and a city often visited by Jesus, before you go to your hotel.

On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of November** you will drive to the northern part of Galilee to visit, first **Hazor**, and then **Tel Dan** which was the northernmost town in biblical Israel (hence the saying "from Dan to Beersheba"). You will then travel to one of the sources of the **River Jordan** at Baniyas, which is the site of Caesarea Philippi where the Apostle Peter made his confession of faith (Matt. 16:13-17). Then we drive along the **Golan Heights** to see the signs of the more recent historical conflict that took place there.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of November** will find you visiting the Yardenit **baptismal site** before continuing your drive southwards down through the Jordan Valley via **Jericho** to visit the Mountain fortress of **Masada**. This was the site of the last Jewish resistance against the Romans in 73AD. Ascent and descent will be by cable car as the climb to the top can take an hour and is very arduous.

Having toured the ancient fortress site, you will have the opportunity to bathe in the waters of the **Dead Sea** which is bordered by Israel on the west and Jordan on the east. It is almost impossible to swim in the Dead Sea because of the high salt content of the water, but you can float! Returning to the bus you will be driven past the **Qumran caves** where the Dead Sea scrolls were found in the Judean Wilderness, to the "City of God" and take a first glimpse of **Jerusalem** from one of the heights surrounding the Holy City. You will then have dinner in your hotel before spending your first night in Jerusalem.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of November** will find you beginning your first day in Jerusalem with a visit to **Hezekiah's Tunnel** which was carved out by Hezekiah's men around 701BC. You will then visit the last standing remnant of the ancient Temple which is currently known as the **Western (Wailing) Wall**. In the afternoon, you will be taken to visit the New City.

You will visit Yad Vashem. **Yad Vashem** contains the Holocaust History Museum, memorial site. The name "Yad Vashem" is taken from a verse in Isaiah 56:5. You will also visit the **Israel Museum** where you will see a model of Jerusalem as it stood during the 2nd Temple period before concluding your tour at the **Shrine of the Book** where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed.



On **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of November Saturday** will start with a visit to the **Garden Tomb** site where you will share Communion with the rest of your group before carrying on to the top of the **Mt. of Olives**. From the top of the Mount you will get a panoramic view of both ancient and modern Jerusalem. The city that remains the center of the biblical world. ,

The afternoon will be free to wander round Jerusalem, find your way to Bethlehem, or visit the Western Wall for the beginning of Shabbat.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of November**, on the final day of your tour we will be visiting the **archeological excavation sites** of Beth Shemesh, Azeka, and Lachish, with John as the archeologist - places where the accounts of the ark of the covenant, of David and Goliath, and of the defeat of Israel against the Assyrians come alive.

You will then return home on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Evening programme:

On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday we will have evening reflections that will include local guest speakers.