SOUTHERN HILLS 2027 HOLYLAND TRIP

A trip of a lifetime

50 sites from the Bible to be visited and explored during a 10-day adventure to the country of Israel.

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE TOURS

Since 1975

Join Pastor Josh & Heather Teis and SHC in the Holyland.

Come walk in the Footsteps of Jesus Christ.

February 9-19, 2027





(Day 01) Tuesday, 09 February 2027

Journey to the **Holyland**, as we depart and travel from the **USA to Israel**.

(Day 02) Wednesday, 10 February 2027

Welcome to Israel! Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel-Aviv. We begin our pilgrimage with a delicious welcome dinner at our five-star hotel in Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza Hotel in the heart of this eternal city of God.

(Day 03) Thursday, 11 February 2027

To open this exciting spring morning in Jerusalem we head to the uplifting **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus spent his last night before being extradited to the Romans. Visit the magnificent church of all nations, with its comforting purple glass-stained windows the beautiful mosaic walls depicting the events that took place in the Garden (Mark 14). See the altar, built upon the **rock of agony** on which Jesus wept and sweat blood. Thanks to our multi-generation connection with the local Franciscan priests keeping the garden, our group will be given **exclusive entry** to the **private garden** for a special time of **prayer** and **worship**. Pastors **Josh and Heather** will **teach** here, and no heart will remain untouched by the presence. We see the Kidron Valley (Zechariah 12) and the traditional tomb of Absalom son of David. Proceed to the **Temple Mt**, Mt **Moriah**, Where **Abraham** brought his only son **Isaac** as a sacrifice in Gen. 22, where the first and second **temples** stood, where Jesus turns the money-changer tables and where today stands the **Golden dome**. Breath the crisp fresh air here as walk the same top where the **Holy of Holies** was and the Ark of the Covenant stood. Behold the **Eastern Gate**, where Jesus astonished the wise man and rabbis. Continue our day in Jerusalem with more visits to the places where our Lord spent his final days and hours. First we go to the **Lithostratus**, the paved road - in the Fortress of Antonia. Here **Pontius Pilate** made judgment over Christ. On this holy ground we will retrace the events in the final hours of our Lord's life on Earth. Time to praise - for here we are definitely "Standing on Holy Ground". Continue to the "**Pool of Bethesda**"

where Jesus healed the paralytic (**John 5**). Visit the **Church of St. Ann**, birthplace of Mary. This is the best preserved Crusader Church in the Holy land. We will enjoy its heavenly acoustics and have time to worship here. Then we walk in the same path of the **Via Dolorosa** – the way of the cross. Take our time through the **old city bazaar**, enjoy the scents and sounds of this lively market. Reach the **Jewish Quarter**, see evidence from the time of the **first temple** time, enjoy the beautiful **Roman Cardo** and see the old city walls at this **Mt Zion**, South Side of the holy city. Visit the Home of the High Priest Caiaphas aka St Peter in Galicanto, and pastor will read Psalms 88 at the jail-pit where Jesus spend the night after being arrested by the Roman garrison. We return to our five star hotel in Jerusalem for a buffet dinner and overnight. Start our pilgrimage as we enter **Jerusalem** and head to the **Mt. of Olives** observation point. Standing here in the footsteps of Jesus looking over to the **Temple Mount**, the old city of Jerusalem, the **Golden Dome** of the rock, **City of David**, the **Garden tomb**, and the modern city. We get a sense of the amazing scope of study and **joy of the Lord** we will soon absorb in the Land of the Bible.

(Day 04) Friday, 12 February 2027

Good Morning – Praise the Lord in Jerusalem! After an amazing breakfast buffet its time for a surprise: we get to visit **Bethlehem**! First we visit the **Church of the Nativity** and the **Manger Square**, where Lord Jesus was born. We will get to hear from our local friends here of the Bethlehem Christian community about life in Bethlehem as Christians today, and will have a chance to support them by shopping at the local Christian olive wood gallery. The local Bethlehem olive wood is the best in the country, and the art and craft of making remarkable olive wood nativity sets has supported the local Christians for centuries. Then we have a splendid BBQ lunch at the **Shepard's Fields** at the Tent restaurant. As a sweet desert to conclude this unbelievable day, we walk up and touch the **Wailing Wall** the Western Wall, as we put **prayer notes** in these eternal stones that once witnessed the **Temple** in Jerusalem, where **Jesus walked** numerous times on his way to the Temple. *Have our Shabat eve worship and dance in this sacred place.* We will **rejoice** and **worship** in local traditional Hebrew **dance** and we **sing** together the **Hava Nagila**. Amen, Jesus is alive. Overnight in Jerusalem.

(Day 05) Saturday, 13 February 2027



Good morning today with time for rest and personal prayer – Its **Shabbat**, the day the Lord rested from the six days he created the world. This a Bonus day in Jerusalem. We go to the **Israeli Museum's** Model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. What an eye-opening opportunity to truly understand what the city of Jerusalem looked like at the **time of Christ**. Continue to the **Shrine of the Book** and see the amazing **Dead Sea scrolls**, maybe the **most important archaeological finding** in the history: the books of the **Bible**. The book of Isaiah was found on 2000 year old ancient **scroll** in a **cave** in **Qumran** near the **Dead Sea.** This priceless discovery put a concrete end to claims of any Bible-deniers who try to relate to the Holy Books as "stories" or "mythology". Once dug out of the ground, after waiting in silence in the desert for 2000 years to be discovered – this is a **true and physical connection to our roots**. We then have the chance to do the local's favourite on Shabbat and to have a relaxed stroll in the picturesque village of **Ein Karem**, birthplace of **John the Baptist**. View the church of **St. John** and read scripture at **Mary's well**, where in Luke 1 **Mary visits Elizabeth** in the **Judean hills** and the baby in the womb leaps in joy (**Magnificat**). This is a place of untouched **nature**, and we will be able to see some of the indigenous **seven spices of the Good Land** (Deut 8:7-8) mentioned in the Bible that grow here in the wild. Have a fun lunch and a great ice cream here. We conclude our pilgrimage time in Jerusalem with a special highlight: we visit the **Garden Tomb**, **Calvary Golgotha**, and have **Pastor Josh** lead us in a **special communion service** next to the **empty tomb** ("He is not here for he has risen" Matthew 28:6).

(Day 06) Sunday, 14 February 2027

After another healthy breakfast we head out east and south into the "no-man's land", the **wilderness of Judea**. We start descending from **Zion** parallel to the old Roman road, on what the bible calls the **Old Jericho Road**. This is where Jesus referred to in his parable of the **Good Samaritan**. We view the curves of the ancient road leading from **Galilee to Zion** that was used at the time of Jesus ("**the valley of the shadow of Death**"). We view **Jericho**, and **Mt Nebo**, and then see the **Qumran caves**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found. We take the cable car ride up to explore the amazing **fortress of Masada**. This World Heritage site tells the remarkable story of the brave zealots who fought the Romans for the right to worship the only **one God of Israel**. Walk to the Northern Palace of **King Herod the great**, sit and pray here in one of the most ancient **synagogues** in the world. See the breaching point and the **Roman ramp**, and visit the **chapel,** where pastor Josh will lead us in an unforgettable Sunday worship. View **Sodom and Gomorrah**. Then we go for light lunch and free time at a **natural wonder of the world**: the **Dead Sea**. Today you hit rock-bottom, as this is the **lowest point** on the face of the **earth:** 1428 feet **below sea level**). Enjoy free time to feel the unique mineral rich Dead Sea waters, world-famous for their healthy and relaxing effects. Afternoon we head up to the **Ein Gedi oasis**, and view the beautiful **Waterfalls of King David** at Ein Gedi **Nature Reserve**. This is where David hid from **King Saul** (I Samuel 24) and where David wrote many of the **Psalms**. We then head north via the Jordan Valley, same pathway used by so many at the time of Christ. We visit the breath-taking Roman city of **Beth She'an**, a superbly preserved Canaanite, Roman and Byzantine city along the **Jordan Valley**. Here is where the bodies of **Saul and Jonathan** were put on the city walls by the **Philistines** (II Samuel 1, 21-22). Explore the **Cardo**, Decomanus, **Agora**, the Tel and view Mt. **Gilboa**. After this amazing day we reach our home for the next four nights, where you will be treated like family: our favourite Gai Beach Hotel and Resort on the **Sea of Galilee shore** in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.



(Day 07) Monday, 15 February 2027

This day is a bonus day – allowing us to visit more sites than other programs and to enjoy a more relaxed pace. So this morning there no wake up call! Enjoy the morning time to rest and relax at this beautiful resort, swim, walk go out for a jog or a long calm walk alone the shores of the Sea of Galilee, schedule a spa treatment, or simply take your arm-chair next to the pool to read scripture and reflect about all that you have taken in these days. Later on we go visit a **kibbutz**, and see a one-of-a-kind discovery: the **ancient wooden boat** from the time of Christ that was found here at the shore of the same sea of Galilee Jesus walked and sailed. Then we board a wooden replica of the boat and **sail on the Sea of Galilee** together. Enjoy this opportunity to be close to our Lord, in **meditation**, **song** and **praise**. We teach you folk Hebrew **Israeli dancing** in the sun and warm breeze while on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. **Pastor Josh** will **teach** us at this mesmerizing location about the **teachings and miracles of Christ** on and around this sea. We arrive at our restaurant situated in the beautiful setting on the Sea of Galilee marina deck, for a **St. Peter fish lunch** (included) and many local favorite fresh mezze. Afternoon we circle to the opposite shore of the sea of Galilee to witness the events of the healing of the legion-possessed man described in Mark 5. Then we are up for a special treat most groups do not endeavor: we go up to the top of the **Golan Heights** known in the Bible as the Bashan Heights. We will stand on top of what used to be a Russian fortified bunker the bad-guys had built Syria to use against Israel during the USA-USSR Cold war era. An amazing testimony will be shared here how the Lord delivered this strategic spot to Israel during the famous **1967 six-day-war**. Standing here and seeing the entire Galilee in front of us – you will get a complete sense of this region and its **geo-political importance**. Return to our home in the Galilee for a good night's rest and a good dinner at Gaibeach resort.

(Day 08) Tuesday, 16 February 2027

A once in a lifetime moment opens this day: We will be granted exclusive access to a **private beach** of the Sea of Galilee, to **prayer and worship at sunrise** as the sun comes up above the Golan Heights and colours the Jordan River waters in gold! We will **worship** and **pray** together and have **pastor Josh lead** us. Following a healthy buffet breakfast we head to the very north of Israel. We visit the picturesque biblical site and nature reserve of **Tel Dan**. We see the alter and high place the children of Israel used as the alternative temple to Jerusalem (1st Kings 12) and the gate of Abraham (Gen 14:14) and where the tribe of Dan resided (Judges 17-18). This is where the astonishing discovery of the **Stelle of David** was found – the first mention of King David outside the Bible text. As we love to say – "**The More We Dig out of the Ground** – **The More the Bible Proves to be True!**". We will also visit **Banias**, one of the **headwaters** of the **Jordan River** and the site of **Caesarea Philippi** where **Peter** confessed Christ's divinity (Luke 9) "**Upon this rock I build my Church**". After lunch we return to our hotel at the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

(Day 09) Wednesday, 17 February 2027

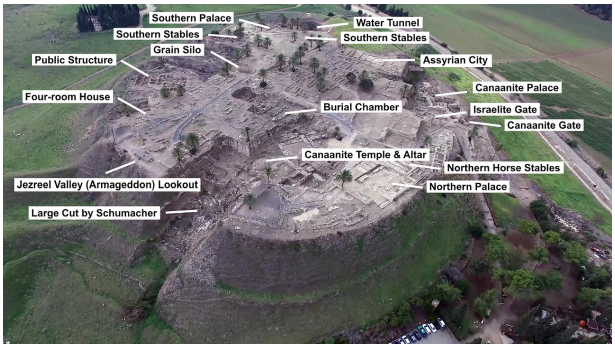


We spend this uplifting day together retracing the deeds and miracles of Christ in what we call "**the cradle of Christianity**" around the sea of Galilee. After a hearty Israeli breakfast, we start our sightseeing with a visit to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, the site of the **Sermon on the Mount**. Pastor will read Christ's instructions for us as his followers at the very place where these words were originally given to the multitudes and the disciples. We continue by Tabgha, site of the miracle of the **multiplication of the "loaves and fishes"** and proceed to **Capernaum** to visit the **Synagogue** where Jesus founded his **ministry**, taught and **healed**. We visit Peter's mother-in-law's house, where Christ resided during his Galilean ministry. Next, we visit **Mensa Christi** (John 21) where Jesus had breakfast with Peter ("**Do you love me**, do you love me, do you love me – **feed my sheep**"). As todays **fishermen** boats still come to the same place where **Peter and his brothers** were fishing, we have a chance to touch the Sea of Galilee water and collect some pebbles, where Jesus had the coal-fire breakfast with his disciples. We conclude this day with a touching visit and prayer at a recently discovered gem: **Magdala!** Enjoy a special visit to the new excavations that are in progress as we will view the 1st Century Synagogue in the village of Magdala, the birthplace and home of **Mary Magdalene** (Luke 8:2) the woman whom Jesus healed of demons. We will view an impressive limestone **Menorah** recently found here, depicting the Temple in Jerusalem at the time of Christ. We proceed to the breath-taking new church built here, the Duc-in-altum. We will conclude our visit with a special prayer for the women of the world at the Prayer Hall here dedicated to all women. Then back to our Gai Beach hotel and Resort on the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias for fare well banquet dinner and overnight.

(Day 10) Thursday, 18 February 2027

We wake up to another breath-taking sunrise at the Sea of Galilee. After another hearty Israeli buffet breakfast, we will crown our pilgrimage with an amazing day. Start this morning as we drive by **Cana**, site of the First Miracle of Jesus, "**Turning water into wine** at the wedding ceremony". On to **Nazareth**, the city of **Joseph and** Mary, to visit the site of the **Annunciation** of Christ. Then we drive through the **Jezreel Valley** to the great prophetic city of **Armageddon** (Revelation 16:16), the city of **King Solomon** and King Ahab. Walk through the remains of this well-preserved biblical city, explore the secret tunnel and water system going back 3000 years. Where else do you get to literally walk into your Bible book, as we lead you inside the actual bedrock and thru the secret channels from the time of the Bible (Joshua, Judges, Kings, Zachariah, Revelations and Chronicles). Then we ascend to the top of **Mt. Carmel** - where **Elijah** demonstrated the power of God (I Kings 18) and fought the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Ashtaroth. Enjoy the superb view from the rooftop of the **Carmelite** monastery while **Pastor** reads the passage. Conclude our pilgrimage in the holyland with a spectacular visit to a place of great beauty and

Christian importance: visit **Caesarea** to see the city built by **Herod the Great** and named for his benefactor, **Augustus** Caesar. **Apostle Paul** landed here several times and from here was sent in chains to Rome for trial (Acts 10, 21, 23 and 24). This place is of great importance to every pastor and Christian – for this is the site where the first **conversion into Christianity** took place (**Peter** converts the Gentile Centurion **Cornelius**, Acts 10:34-44). Nowadays this is an impressive **archaeological park** situated on the shore of the **Mediterranean** waters, with a massive **Roman Theatre**, Hippodrome for horse and chariot races, Palaces, **Roman bathhouses** and much more. A most important finding originating from here is the **Pontius Pilate pillar**, proving totally wrong those many Bible deniers who tried to claim that Jesus was never tried and that the accounts of the holy Gospel never took place. **The more you dig out of the ground – the more the Bible proves to be true!** We have a great last dinner together. After this **experience of a life-time**, we continue to the airport to check in to our inbound night-flights back home from TLV Tel Aviv Israel to the USA.



(Day 11) Friday, 19 February 2027

After midnight, we **fly home** after an **experience of a life-time**. After walking these days in the footsteps of Our Lord and in his presence – The **Bible is now more alive**, more familiar, and more **personal**. **YOU WILL NEVER READ THE BIBLE THE SAME AGAIN**. Arrive home to the USA

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