

# ***Experiencing the Holy Land***

## ***Walk Where Jesus Walked***

**April 19-30, 2018 (12 Days)**

**Diocese of Algoma / Thorneloe University**

***Hosted by:***

***The Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker (Sudbury)  
and The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews (Toronto)***

### **Tour Highlights:**

- See the stories of the Bible unfold as you follow the paths of Christ and the early church
- Visit Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood town
- Enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Take a float in the Dead Sea
- Visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square in Bethlehem
- Walk the Palm Sunday Road and the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem
- Visit Golgotha - Calvary and the Tomb of Christ

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**The Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker** is a Priest in the Diocese of Algoma and has been President of Thorneloe University since 2009. A graduate of the University of Toronto with a Ph. D. In New Testament, Bob has taught at Wycliffe College, Tyndale Seminary, St. Peter's Seminary, Regent College, and Thorneloe University. Bob is married to Cindy. He has been to the Holy Land three times before - on an archaeological dig and twice as a tour group leader.



**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews** has been Principal of Wycliffe College (Toronto) since 2016. Prior to that, he was Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma (2009-2016) and the President of Thorneloe University, Sudbury Ontario (2001-2009). Having majored in classics as an undergraduate, he studied theology at Regent College and Wycliffe College. He holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge University; his field of research was in Second Temple Judaism. Bishop Andrews is married to Fawna. He has been to the Holy Land once before as a tour group leader.



## **ITINERARY:**

### **April 19: Depart to the Holy Land**

Today we meet at the airport to begin a wonderful journey. Our experiences in the Holy Land will educate and enrich our lives as we watch the stories in the Bible come to life.

### **April 20: Arrive Israel – Jaffa – Caesarea & Mt. Carmel. [D]**

An overnight flight brings us to Ben-Gurion Airport. We are met by our guide and driver and taken to the City of Jaffa to visit the House of Simon the Tanner and St. Peter's Church. Depart to Caesarea, founded by King Herod to honour Caesar Augustus. This is where Peter baptized the first Gentile convert and where Paul was held awaiting his trial in Rome. Excavated ruins include an amphitheatre, a hippodrome and an aqueduct. Proceed to Mt. Carmel, the site where Elijah confronted the prophets of Ba'al (1 Kings 18:20). Drive to our hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.



### **April 21: Sephoris – Nazareth [B,D]**



After breakfast we visit the impressive ruins at Sepphoris, formerly a city of great wealth and beauty, believed to be the birthplace of Mary's mother St. Anne. Next is Nazareth, Jesus' childhood home, to see the Church of the Annunciation and the beautiful mosaics of the "Madonna and Child", created by artists from around the world. On our way back from Nazareth we will also visit the site of Cana of Galilee where Our Lord changed the water into wine. Then we return to our hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

### **April 22: Mt. Of Beatitudes – Capernaum – Tel Dan & Caesarea Philippi [B,D]**

This morning we travel north to Upper Galilee and visit Tel Dan, followed by Caesarea Philippi where Peter declared Jesus to be the Messiah. Afterwards we'll visit Capernaum, where Jesus spent several years preaching. Then we visit the Mount of Beatitudes for Sunday Eucharist, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. After a fascinating day in Galilee, we return to our hotel and enjoy some free time to reflect on our experiences.



### **April 23: Beth Shean, Beit Alpha, Galilee boat tour, Tabgha, Primacy of Peter [Galilee] [B,D]**

After Breakfast we drive to Beth Shean, one of the cities of the Decapolis, to see its ruins, including Palladius street and a Roman theatre. Proceed to Beit Alpha to view the mosaic floor of this ancient synagogue. Next, we visit the ancient 2000 years old "Jesus Boat" and take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. On board, we will have time for a short service as we contemplate stories from the Bible that relate to this area. Next is Tabgha, where Jesus performed the miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. We will end up our day by visiting the Primacy of St. Peter also known as "Mensa Christi" which means "the Table of Christ."

### **April 24: Jericho, Jordan River Baptismal Site, Qumran [Dead Sea] [B,D]**

Our first stop today is through the Jordan Valley to the lowest city on earth - Jericho - the "City of Palms," to visit the ruins of the old city of Jericho and the Mount of Temptations where Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights (Matthew 4:1-11), and the Sycamore tree of Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:1-15). We will then drive to the likely site of the baptism of Jesus on the Jordan River located just north of the Dead Sea. We will then proceed

to Qumran to visit the caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were found by a shepherd boy 1947. Enjoy floating in the Dead Sea at the lowest spot on earth. Drive to Ein Bokkek south of the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight

**April 25: Masada, Ein Gedi, Wadi Qelt TO Jerusalem. [B,D]**

After breakfast, we will visit the fortress of Masada, the last Jewish stronghold during the Jewish Revolt. We will take a cable car to the fortress on our way up and down. Then to Ein Gedi to the water falls of King David and King Saul. Take the Old Roman road known as Wadi Qelt to the Holy City of Jerusalem to our hotel for dinner and overnight

**April 26: Temple Mount, Israel Museum, Yad Vashem, Bethlehem [B,D]**



After breakfast, enter the old city of Jerusalem from the Dung Gate (also known as the Moroccan Gate) to visit the Temple Mount, also known as Mt. Moriah and view the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa mosque. Proceed to the Israel Museum to view the model of ancient Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. We will also visit

Yad Vashem, a memorial museum to the Holocaust. After lunch, proceed to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus and the Cave of St. Jerome. We will end our tour visiting the Shepherds' Field and the Field of Boaz and Ruth. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**April 27: Ascension site, Mount. of Olives, Church of All Nations, Western Wall, Jewish Quarter [Jerusalem] [B,D]**

This morning we drive to the Mount of Olives. Starting with the Chapel of the Ascension, we will walk the Palm Sunday Road, with a panoramic view of Jerusalem, the Dominus Flevit, where Jesus shed tears over Jerusalem, and end up in the Garden and Church of Gethsemane. After lunch, we proceed to the Wailing Wall (also known as the "Western Wall"), the holiest site in Judaism. Walk to the Jewish Quarter to see the Cardo Roman road and other ruins. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.



**April 28: Stations of the Cross, Holy Sepulchre, Mt. Zion, St. Peter the Cock Crow Church [Jerusalem] [B,D]**

Today we will visit the 14 Stations of the Cross known as Via Dolorosa (Way of Pain and Sorrow) on our way to the Holy Sepulchre Church to view Mt. Calvary (Golgotha), the Stone of Anointment and the Tomb of Christ. Lunch in the old city of Jerusalem. Then to Mt. Zion to visit The Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. We will also visit the

“Upper Room” of the Last Supper which is also next door. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**April 29: Worship at St. George’s Cathedral, free afternoon, closing dinner [Jerusalem] [B,D]**

This morning we will have our Sunday morning worship at St. George’s Cathedral, then the rest of the day is free for leisure to explore the city of Jerusalem. Dinner at the hotel.

**April 30: Depart Tel Aviv for Canada [B]**

After breakfast we drive to Ben Gurion International airport for our return flight to Canada.

## **Tour Costs and Details:**

**Connecting flights to and from any city in Canada is possible.**

### **Note to our Travelers:**

Please note that Biblical Journeys Canada continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies. If any such events affect your tour, you will be notified.

### **Biblical Journeys Travel Medical Insurance:**

Travel Insurance is included as an optional and is highly recommended. Biblical Journeys Canada offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the Tour deposit is made; you can be covered for events that may require hospitalization abroad. Cost of this optional Biblical Journeys Travel Medical Insurance is **CAD\$ 298.00** per person for the whole 10 days group period, and is valid till 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2018.

### **Conditions and Responsibility:**

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### **Tour Conditions:**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** your reservation and deposit of **CAD\$ 450.00** per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is

limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of **CAD\$ 1500.00** is due by October 15th, 2017. Final payment is due by 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. For credit card payment BJC accepts Visa and Master Card.

**REFUND POLICY:** All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements.

**Note:** Airline tickets will be issued well in advance prior to departure and may be non-refundable. **The following penalties will apply:** Up to October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – **CAD\$ 125.00** per person handling fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; October 15<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – February 04<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; February 06<sup>th</sup>, 2018 or after – no refund.

**CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS:** The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates schedule, but no later than January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A minimum fee of **CAD\$ 245.00** per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

**LATE BOOKINGS:** Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a **CAD\$ 75.00** person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

### **Tour Inclusions:**

- Round trip economy class airfare from Sudbury (or Toronto) on Air Canada or Lufthansa to Tel Aviv.
- Ten nights hotel accommodations in superior tourist hotels, as listed or similar.
- Two meals daily (Breakfast and Dinner).
- Transfers and transportation by deluxe motor coach.
- Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- Experienced and licensed English-speaking tour guide from arrival through departure.
- Comprehensive documentation including bag tags, nametags, flight and land itineraries.
- Gratuities to Hotels, Guide and Driver.

- One lunch at St. Peter's Fish.

**Items not included:**

- Airport and border taxes and visa (if any)
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage and trip cancellation.
- Items of a personal nature. . Lunches and drinks with meals.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry.

**COST from SUDBURY & SAULT ST. MARIE:**  
**\$4849.00 per person, double occupancy.**

**COST from TORONTO**  
**\$4590.00 per person, double occupancy.**

**Single Supplement:**  
**\$995.00 per person for the whole period.**

Minimum 20 participants, if less than 20 a per persons supplement of CAD\$ 245.00 will apply, and if more than 41 participants a per person Reduction of CAD\$ **45.00** will apply from the published price.

***BJC can assist in finding roommates; however this cannot be guaranteed***

***Hotel schedule:***

<b>City</b>	<b>Hotel / Kibbutz.</b>
Tiberias / Galilee	Ma'agan / April 20 – 24, 2018
Dead Sea	Leonardo Privilege / April 24 – 25, 2018
Jerusalem.	Ambassador / April 25 – 30, 2018

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