

## CALVARY PANDAN HOLY LAND TOUR DEC 8 - 22, 2017



### **Saturday December 9: Arrive Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Haifa, Mt Carmel, Tiberias**

Arrival Ben Gurion Airport. After immigration and customs you will be met and drive to the ancient port town of Jaffa to see Tabitha's tomb and St Peter's church. Then drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, once capital of the Roman province. There you will see the Roman and Crusader remains and the harbour from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Visit Mt Carmel to see Muhraka; the Monastery here commemorates Elijah confronting the prophets of Baal. Then visit Haifa to see Elijah's cave. Then to Tiberias for overnight @ Kibbutz Nof Ginosar



### **Lord's Day December 10: Boat ride, Mt Beatitude, Tabgha, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Magdala**

Take the boat on the Sea of Galilee, Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. Also by the shore you will visit Tabgha with the Church of Peter's Primacy and the ancient mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes. Stop at Capernaum, there you will see an ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house which was later converted into a church. Then to Bethsaida, just north of the Sea of Galilee, was home to Peter, Andrew and Philip and, according to tradition, Zebedee and his sons. It was also scene of the feeding of the 5,000 and of Jesus' healing of a blind man. Finds from Jesus' time include a fisherman's house and a cobbled street. This was also the capital of the biblical Geshur, whose massive burned gates were destroyed by the Assyrians in 732 BC. A shaded prayer place with a fine view of the lake welcomes visitors. End the day with a visit to the new and exciting excavations at Magdala, which include a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Synagogue. Overnight Tiberias @ Kibbutz Nof Ginosar



### **Monday December 11: Golan Heights, Mt Hermon, Tel Kadesh Korazim.**

Leave hotel early and head up the Golan Heights to Mt Hermon . Ascend Mt Hermon by cable car. Stop at Tel Kadesh which is located above the Kedesh valley It is composed of an an ancient mound (with North and South hills) and a lower east hill, with a spring in the center. Ruins of the Roman period village are located on the lower eastern hill. Its boundaries are marked in yellow in the center of the map below. Proceed to Korazim, an archaeological site mentioned in the New Testament as a city condemned by Jesus (together with Bethsaida and Capernaum) for rejecting him. Korazim was a Jewish town renowned for its good wheat in Talmudic times. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Jewish fishermen used to reside here. The town's ruins are spread over an area of 25 acres, subdivided into five separate quarters, with a synagogue in the centre. The ruins at the site include a large, impressive synagogue which was built with black basalt stones and decorated with Jewish motifs. Close by is a ritual bath, surrounded by public and residential buildings. Overnight in Tiberias @ Kibbutz Nof Ginosar



### **Tuesday December 12: Akko, Nain, Cana**

Leave Tiberias and drive to Acre, the ancient Phoenician and Crusader seaport, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Held by the Ottoman Turks in the 18th century, the city successfully repelled an attack by Napoleon, who laid siege on the town for two months without breaching its defenses. Tour the Crusader Knights' Halls and the covered markets. Stop at Nain the site is most likely the village referred in the new testament since it is located close to Mount Tabor and Nazareth, was inhabited in the times of Jesus, and preserved the name.. End the day in Cana, scene of the first miracle and visit the Church of the Wedding. Overnight Nazareth @ Hotel Golden Crowne



### **Wednesday December 13: Megiddo, Beth Shean, Gilgal**

Start with visit to Megiddo, one of Solomon's Chariot Cities also known by its Greek name, Armageddon. Continue on to Bet Shean to see the ruins of one of the Roman cities of the Decapollis, Drive through the Jordan valley to Gilgal, here the Israelites encamped after crossing the Jordan. There Joshua set up the 12 stones which the Israelites had taken from the Jordan (Josh. 4:19-C20). Overnight Nazareth @ Hotel Golden Crowne



### **Thursday December 14: Sebastia, Jacob's Well, Jerusalem**

Head south into Samaria to Sebastia (Shechem). Then drive through the valley between the twin peaks of Mt Gerizim and Mt Ebal, known in the Old Testament as Mt. Blessing and Mt Cursing. Stop at Jacob's Well, hewn out of solid rock and over 100 feet deep, it is the place where Jesus met the Samaritan woman and many visitors drink the water from this very well from which Jesus drank. Continue south through Samaria, a land rich in Old Testament history. Passing Shiloh, where the Ark of Covenant was kept and through the beautiful Levonah valley, referred to in Judges as the Valley of the Dancers and Bethel, which was an ancient Israelite town, located about ten miles north of Jerusalem, famous for its shrine. According to the biblical account, altars were established at Bethel by both Abraham and Jacob, and the latter described it as a place of awesome spiritual power (Gen. 28:17). Bethel also housed the Ark of the Covenant during the period of the judges, when it was also a sacred place to offer sacrifices to God and receive oracles from God. Drive to Jerusalem @ Hotel Olive Tree



### **Friday December 15: Bethlehem, Shepherd's Fields, Mt Olives, Bethany, Gethsemane**

Morning visit to Bethlehem to see the Church of the Nativity and on to the Shepherd's Fields. Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension and the Pater Noster Church, and view the Palm Sunday road. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. Visit Bethany, the home of Lazarus, before return to Hotel Olive Tree.



### **Saturday December 16: Emmaus, Elah Valley, Bet Guvrin, Lachish, Bet Shemesh**

Start the day early at 07:00. Visit the site of Emmaus. Then drive down the Elah Valley to Beit Guvrin. This was once a major urban area dating back 2500 years. There are fascinating underground caves that were used as quarries, burial caves, storerooms, industrial facilities, hideouts and dovecotes. During the Byzantine era there were thriving communities and wine making flourished. Visit Lachish then Bet Shemesh, the home of Samson & Delilah before return to Jerusalem @ Hotel Olive Tree



### **Lord's Day December 17: Western Wall, Temple Area, Tunnels**

Visit the Wailing (or Western) Wall, and view the Temple Area with the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. Visit the Davidson Centre and then see the Pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water. Then walk to the Jewish Quarter of the Old City passing by the Cardo, the ancient Synagogue, the Burnt House and Herodian Mansion. You will also visit the incredible excavation of the **Tunnels** of the Western Wall. We will visit the Church of St. Anne (traditional birthplace of Mary), and the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the lame man. Time allows, walk the Via Dolorosa.

This evening, enjoy the **Sound & Light Show at the David Citadel Museum**, in this 45-minute state-of-the-art sound and light show, called "The Night Spectacular", the walls of the museum come to life with a spectacular laser technological presentation about the History of the city.



### **Monday December 18: Garden Tomb, City of David, Mt Zion**

Start the day with a Communion Service at the Garden Tomb. We then explore the City of David, with remains going back to the days of the biblical king who made Jerusalem the capital of the Tribes of Israel. See the new visitors' center; walk through Warren's Shaft, the Water Fortress where King Solomon was crowned. Some may wish to walk through Hezekiah's tunnel. Drive along the Kidron Valley to St. Peter in Gallicantu built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas. On Mount Zion visit the tomb of David, the Upper Room then to the City of David excavations. End the day at Zion Square. Return Hotel Olive Tree



**Tuesday December 19: Herodion, Beersheva, Negev**

Visit Herodion to see the fortress built by Herod overlooking Tekoa. Herod is buried here. Then drive to Tel Beersheba which was an important oasis on the ancient trading routes to Egypt and where Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech. Overnight at Dead Sea @ Hotel Daniel



**Wednesday December 20: Dead Sea, Masada, Ein Gedi, Jericho**

Morning sunrise and swim at the Dead Sea. Visit Masada, where you continue by cable-car up to the last stronghold of the Zealots. Some 2000 years ago, Roman legions stormed one of the two paths to the top of this sandstone mountain to reach the Jewish Zealots headquartered there. The brave Israelite soldiers held out for three years against the invading Roman army before taking their own lives to avoid capture and enslavement. Many of their fortifications, originally built by King Herod, still stand. Drive to Ein Gedi National Park where a steady stream of water runs through this national reserve year round giving life to a narrow band of desert. A large number of Ibex and other desert mammals call Ein Gedi home and can nearly always be found along the water's edge. Then pass by Qumran Caves, located on the Dead Sea's northern shore, and the place where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue to Jericho, the world's oldest city, to see the ruins of the ancient civilization. Here we view the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus was tempted by Satan (Matt. 4:1-11), and we view a Sycamore Tree. Drive to Ramat Gan for overnight @ Hotel Kfar Maccabia

**Thursday December 21: Transfer to Airport for departure.**

## **Other Information:**

- Climate in Dec:** Daily average 5-15 degrees Celsius, occasional rain
- Conducted by:** Rev Quek Suan Yew and Dn Chia Chung Seng
- Cost:** **Singapore based traveler:** SG\$200 deposit per participant by cheque (non-refundable) made payable to “Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church” and submit completed application form to Jean Lee at the Calvary Pandan office. Full payment must be made by 27 August 2017.

### **Flight Details**

DEPART	ARRIVE	DATE	FLT NO	DEP TIME	ARR TIME
SINGAPORE	HONG KONG	08 DEC 17	CX 716	1810	2205
HONG KONG	TEL AVIV	09 DEC 17	CX 675	0100	0700
TEL AVIV	HONG KONG	21 DEC 17	CX 674	1245	0515+1
HONG KONG	SINGAPORE	22 DEC 17	CX 691	0810	1155

- Capacity:** 60 (first come first served; 61<sup>st</sup> application onwards will be placed on waiting list)
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**Overseas traveler:** Email completed application form to Jean Lee at [jeanlee@calvarypandan.sg](mailto:jeanlee@calvarypandan.sg) while mailing cheque for equivalent amount of SG\$4,500 to Jean Lee by 27 August 2017.

Full payment is only required on 27 August 2017 at tour briefing, 12.15 pm using actual US\$ conversion rates then.

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