



# ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE MAY 9 – 17, 2017

**LAND ONLY RATE PER PERSON IN CAD: \$2330**

**ISRAEL TOUR**



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## TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✓ Service of Yaffa Tours in Israel
- ✓ Meeting and transfer on arrival and departure
- ✓ Guided Sightseeing Tour
- ✓ Hotel Accommodations
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner daily
- ✓ English speaking Licensed Guide
- ✓ Deluxe Air-Conditioned Bus
- ✓ Admission Fees
- ✓ Final Documents

## NOT INCLUDED

- ✓ Return Airfare from Calgary \$740
  - ✓ Departure Taxes \$700
  - ✓ Tips \$110 USD Paid locally
  - ✓ Single room supplement \$890
  - ✓ Insurance
- \*\*Please note Airfare is also available from other Canadian cities upon request, please contact us for more information, Airfare can also be combined with flights to Greece rates are based on availability\*\***

### Day 1 Tue May 9 Departure

Depart Canada on your way to the Holy land.  
Overnight en route

### Day 2 Wed May 10 Tel Aviv- Lod-Jaffa- Tel Aviv

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport where you will be met by our Representative. Once we meet our guide and driver we will settle on our motor coach and begin our tour. We will depart for the Palestinian city of **Lodd Lydda** to visit the **Church of the Holy Great Martyr St. George**. The church of St. George was built in the place where the saint was buried after being martyred. After a blessing of our arrival and prayer for our travels by **Father Peter**, we will continue to the ancient port of **Jaffa** from which the Prophet Jonah embarked. Continue to hotel in **Tel Aviv** for check in, a welcome dinner and overnight.

**Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv / Metropolitan Hotel or similar**

### Day 3 Thu May 11 Caesarea- Mount Carmel- Nazareth-Cana-Sea of Galilee

After breakfast drive along the coastal road to **Caesarea**, excavated city and capital of **Herod the Great**. Visit the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader ruins, including the Theatre and the Aqueduct. Continue to **Mount Carmel** to see where Elijah the prophet performed the miracle of the fire against the false prophets of Ball (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18). After lunch we depart to visit the town of **Nazareth** where Jesus lived as a boy. Visit **St. Gabriel's Greek Orthodox Church** of the **Annunciation**. In the crypt of the church flows Mary's spring, the source of **Mary's Well**. We will visit Mary's Well found just below St. Gabriel's Church where Mother Mary received the good news from the Angel Gabriel. Continue to **St. Joseph's Church** which is located over the house of Joseph and the Holy family. Then on to the site of the first Miracle of the **Lord Jesus in Kfar Cana**. We will visit the **Greek Orthodox Church at Cana of Galilee**. Proceed to the **Sea of Galilee** where we will check into our hotel.

**Dinner and overnight in the Galilee / Kibbutz Ginosar or similar**

Please forward to **Omega National Travel** a non-refundable deposit of **\$200** per person along with the registration form and a photocopy of the first page of the passport. Final payment is due **Mar 27, 2017**  
Cancellations: 25% refund of total tour cost 45-31 days prior to departure.  
No refund 30 - 0 days prior to departure.



**Day 4 Fri May 12 Mount Tabor-Mt of Beatitudes-**

**Tabgha-Capernaum-Yardenit**

After breakfast proceed to **Mt. Tabor**, and the Church of the Transfiguration of our Lord to visit **St. Elias Greek Orthodox Monastery** name after Elijah the Prophet. Ascend to the summit by taxi. Continue to visit the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, where Jesus taught his disciples the Sermon on the Mount. (Matt. 5,6,7,8) Then proceed to **Tabgha** the site of the Miracle of the Multiplication where Jesus fed the multitude with just 2 fish and 5 loaves. Matt 13, Mark 33-45 and John 21) Continue to **Capernaum**, and take a Boat Ride on the **Sea of Galilee**. (John 6. 1, 6-23) Enjoy a traditional fish lunch (not included) Visit **Yardenit**, the popular Baptism site. This site is believed by some traditions to be the actual site where **Jesus** was baptized by John the Baptist (*Matthew 3: 13*). We will stop at this site where **Father Peter** will perform **baptism** ceremonies. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Dinner and overnight in the Galilee**

**Day 5 Sat May 13 Jordan Valley - Beit Shean - Jericho -Jerusalem**

After breakfast drive along the Jordan Valley to **Beit Shean** one of the oldest cities in Israel and a fascinating archaeological site. This was a major Biblical city located in the centre of trade routes. Continue to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. **Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem Prima Kings or similar**

**DAY 6 Sun May 14 Jerusalem**

Drive up the **Mount of Olives** for wonderful panoramic views of the old city of **Jerusalem**. Visit the **Chapel of Ascension** where according to tradition is the site where Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after resurrection. The **Church of Mary Magdalene**. The **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus prayed and his disciples slept the night before Jesus' crucifixion. The **Tomb of the Virgin Mary**. According to tradition, Mary ascended into heaven. The tomb became the shrine for the assumption into heaven. Enter the old city and walk along the **Via Dolorosa** following the **Stations of the Cross**. Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** or **Church of the Anastasis**. The two holiest sites in Christendom: the site where Jesus was crucified known as "Golgotha" and Jesus' empty tomb, where he is said to have been buried and resurrected. Within the church proper are the last **Stations of the Via Dolorosa**, representing the final episodes of Jesus' Passion. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem**

**Day 7 Mon May 15 Wadi Kelt - Qumran - Dead Sea- Jerusalem.**

After breakfast, continue via **Wadi Kelt**, to see the 4<sup>th</sup> century **Greek Monastery of St. Georges**. Continue on to the **Orthodox Monasteries** built on the bank of the Jordan River east of Jericho commemorating the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Visit **Genesis Land** to experience Hospitality in Abraham's Tent and riding camels! Continue to **Qumran** the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Experience floating in the waters of the **Dead Sea** which have amazing healing powers. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem**

**Day 8 Tue May 16 Jerusalem/Bethlehem**

After breakfast drive up **Mt. Zion** and visit **King David's Tomb**, the **Dormition Abbey** and the **Hall of the Last Supper**. Visit the **Western Wall** and the **Temple Mount Area**. Visit the **Orthodox Church of Jerusalem**, the **6<sup>th</sup> Century Orthodox Monastery** at the **Valley of the Cross**, where tradition states that the olive tree used for Jesus' Cross was carved. Drive via the **Mar Elias Monastery** to **Bethlehem**, the Biblical birth place of Jesus. Visit **Rachel's Tomb** on the way to the **Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem**. Enjoy time in the colourful **Machane Yehuda Market**. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem**

**Day 9 Wed May 17 Jerusalem - Tel Aviv - Departure**

After breakfast transfer to Airport for your departure flight home.



**Registration Form**

**St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Israel Pilgrimage with Omega National Travel May 9 – May 17, 2017**

**Name 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**As on passport Last / First /Middle**  **Mr**  **Mrs**  **Ms** **MM/DD/YY**

**Name 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**As on passport Last / First /Middle**  **Mr**  **Mrs**  **Ms** **MM/DD/YY**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street City Province Postal code Country**

**Phone Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to have a single room - extra \$890** **I wish to room with:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to have a Full Package Insurance**  **Non Medical Insurance**  **Decline Insurance**

**Name you would like on your name Tag:** \_\_\_\_\_