

In Their Steps

Egypt, Israel & Turkey

4 October – 31 October 2012

An invitation to join Michael & Bronny Chant on a personalised guided tour of the Bible lands.

My sister tells me she can remember the time she first found out that Israel was a real place! One day, someone visited our church and said, "I have just been to Israel, walked the streets of Nazareth and prayed in Bethlehem."

This was a revelation. There really is a Nazareth? You can go to Bethlehem? You will not be surprised to learn, then, that before she was 21, she had visited the Holy Lands for herself. I was to follow soon after - the first of many journeys that changed my life.



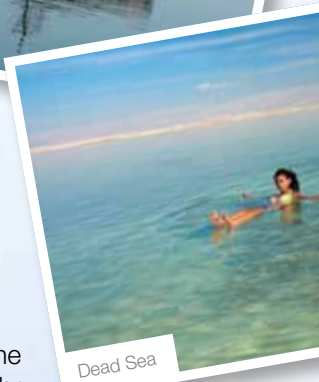
Cairo



The Dome of the Rock



Sea of Galilee



Dead Sea

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**And what about you?
Have you ever asked
questions like:**

- How big is the Sea of Galilee?
- What would it be like to look inside a real (empty!) Tomb?
- What did Paul like about Ephesus?

Once you have visited the Lands of the Bible, the Book becomes a real place, the towns have memories, the places have smells, the names have sights and sounds! The Bible comes alive!

We have been privileged to lead hundred's of people around our favourite places in the Middle East, and see their faces shine for joy as the Bible comes alive for them. We walk the same paving stones that Jesus walked on; we pray at the Old Temple wall, we sail on Galilee; we walk the streets of Ephesus; we wonder at the great buildings of Athens.

Will you join us to experience the lands of the Prophets and Apostles? Will you come with us to walk "in their steps?"

I promise you that your personal devotions will never be the same again!

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THURSDAY 04 OCTOBER 2012

Depart Adelaide for Cairo
Via Melbourne with Emirates

FRIDAY 05

Arrival to Egypt

Arrival to Cairo airport. Transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

SATURDAY 06

Cairo

Nearby at Sakkara we see the Step Pyramid of Zoser 1, dating from 2686 BC and the oldest in the world. This afternoon we visit the somewhat younger pyramids at Giza, with their great guardian the inscrutable Sphinx. This afternoon we visit the world famous Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, a treasure house of ancient artefacts.

SUNDAY 07

Cairo, Aswan

After breakfast, we fly from Cairo to Aswan. Here we start the tour to the High Dam, the Granite Quarries and temple of Philae. After lunch, we shall check into the hotel for relaxation beside the Nile. This afternoon you will be free to sail on a Felucca along the shores of Elephantine and Kitchener's Islands, viewing Mausoleum of Agha Khan, or perhaps take an evening horse-carriage ride along the Nile Cornish - and through the exotic spice markets.

MONDAY 08

Aswan, Kom, Ombo

Sailing from Aswan we visit the Temple known as Kom Ombo. It is actually two temples consisting of a Temple to Sobek and a Temple of Haroeris. In ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the river bank near here. The Nasser Dam means they are no longer able to reach this part of the Nile! The Temple has scant remains, due first to the changing Nile, then the Copts who once used it as a church, and finally by builders who used the stones for new buildings.

TUESDAY 09

Edfu, Luxor

This morning we visit Edfu. This temple was the main centre for the cult of Horus, son of Osiris, in ancient Egypt. It was constructed between 237 and 57 BC. We continue our cruise to Luxor. This evening, we visit the Temple of Karnak, a vast open-air museum and the largest ancient religious site in the world.

WEDNESDAY 10

Luxor, Cairo

Early morning start to the West Bank to visit the Valley of Queens and Kings, ancient burial grounds for the Pharaohs. Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Menon. This afternoon fly to Cairo. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

THURSDAY 11

Cairo, Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Nazareth

Transfer to Cairo airport and take the short flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. We'll continue our day with a drive along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea by the Sea. There we'll see the Roman ruins of the great Theatre and Aqueduct, as well as the Crusader city later built on this site. This is the place where Paul left for his final missionary journey. Drive through the Jezreel Valley to reach Nazareth for dinner and overnight.

FRIDAY 12

Megiddo, Haifa, Cana, Nazareth, Nazareth Village

Proceed to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. Drive to Haifa and Mt. Carmel - the site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal. Then on to Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus. Here we will visit the Church of the Annunciation (Luke 1:5-42) and Mary's Fountain (Luke 4:16-22). Afterwards we visit Nazareth Village. This is an excavated village dating from around 1 AD. The excavations have carefully renovated the synagogue and houses to give a unique insight into village life and agriculture, as it would have been at the time of Jesus.

SATURDAY 13

Sea of Galilee, Jordan River Baptism

This will be an exciting day in the Galilee area after a delicious breakfast. We will depart from the Roman hot springs resort city of Tiberias by boat across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to visit Peter's House and the ancient ruins of the first century synagogue where Jesus preached. We will visit Tabgha, the chapel dedicated to the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and to the Mt of Beatitudes, the site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We conclude the day with a visit to the traditional Baptism site at the southern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

SUNDAY 14

Golan Heights

We visit Korazim a town condemned by Jesus for its lack of faith. Here we will see an excavated synagogue. Continue onto Baniyas, the site of Peter's confession and the present day Golan Heights where Israel, Lebanon and Syria come together. We will follow the fresh mountain waters of Mt. Hermon to the Sea of Galilee and to the outlet passage at the southern tip of the Sea, visiting Hazor Museum en route. Finish the day with a visit to Kursi, where Jesus cast the devils into a herd of swine.

MONDAY 15

Mt Tabor, Bet Shean, Jericho, Dead Sea

Start the day with a visit to Mt Tabor, site of the Transfiguration. Leaving the Galilee region, we will stop at Beth Shean, which was one of the Decapolis cities of Jesus' time. Proceed through the Jordan Valley and visit Jericho, where the walls came tumbling down and view the Mt. of Temptation and Elisha's Fountain. Late this afternoon after checking into our hotel we will have an opportunity to relax beside the Dead Sea.

TUESDAY 16

Masada, Qumran, Bethany, Jerusalem

Ascend to Masada by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins of the fortress where from 70-73 A.D. the Jewish defenders made the last stand of the Judean Revolt and where the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a sixth century Byzantine church are still on view. Drive north along the Dead Sea and visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. See the remains of the Community Center of the Essenes and the Caves of the Scrolls. Drive up through the Judean hills to Jerusalem. En-route we will visit Bethany, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. See the wine-press. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

WEDNESDAY 17

Old City Christian Sites, Garden Tomb

We then begin a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, starting at the Western Wall (Wailing Wall) and the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque. After this, we walk along the Via Dolorosa to Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of the Flagellation, the Ecce Homo Arch where Jesus was tried before Pilate. Then continue through the Old City bazaars to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As the climax of your tour visit the Garden Tomb and Golgotha - Place of the Skull - for a worship service. Then to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY 18

Jewish Quarter Old City, Yad Vashem, Israel, Museum

Start the day with a visit to the Jewish Quarter to see the Cardo, ancient Synagogue, Burnt house and Herodian Mansion. Visit Warren's Shaft, where David breached the Jebusite defences of Jerusalem. Continue to the Tomb of the Kings for fascinating insights into ancient Jerusalem. In the afternoon a visit to Israel Museum and Shrine of the Book as well as Yad Vashem, Memorial, of the Holocaust and the Model museum.

FRIDAY 19

Free Day

SATURDAY 20

Mt Olives, Gethsemane, Mt. Zion, Bethlehem

Bible college seminar in the morning, followed by drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension and the Pater Noster Church, and walk 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. 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, Church of the Dormition and the Upper Room. Finish the day with a visit to Bethlehem to see the Church of the Nativity and on to the Shepherd's Field.

SUNDAY 21

Departure to Istanbul

Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.

MONDAY 22

Istanbul

City tour Roman Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, St. Sophia, Topkapi palace and Grand Bazaar. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

TUESDAY 23

Istanbul

Visit to Chora church, Suleymaniye Mosque. In the afternoon Bosphorus tour. Disembark at a village before the Black Sea. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

WEDNESDAY 24

Gallipoli

Visit Gallipoli war museum and Anzac memorials (Cove, Lone Pine, Nek Chunuk Bair etc.) Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.

THURSDAY 25

Canakkale, Troy, Pergamum, Izmir

Visit the remains of the legendary city of Troy. Then continue along the coast to the town of Bergama for a visit to the Acropolis and the Asclepion of the Hellenistic City of Pergamum. Continue to Izmir, the Biblical Smyrna and one of the 7 Churches of Revelation.

FRIDAY 26

Ephesus, Kusadasi

Drive to Ephesus, the home of Paul between 54 and 57 A.D. Nearby we visit the Virgin Mary's House. Finally we stop at the restoration of St. John's Basilica where, according to legend, he was buried. Overnight in Kusadasi.

SATURDAY 27

Flight home or Cruise Kusadasi to Patmos

Morning escorted transfer Kusadasi - Izmir Airport for departure flight to connect with Emirates flight back to Australia.

OR:

OPTIONAL GREECE EXTENSION

SATURDAY 27

Cruise Kusadasi to Patmos

Transfer to Kusadasi port to embark on the 3-day cruise to visit St. John Monastery and Grotto in Patmos.

SUNDAY 28

Cruise Patmos to Santorini

Santorini. Time at leisure to walk around the narrow streets with white washed houses and small boutiques. Sail at 9pm for Piraeus port, Athens.

MONDAY 29

Cruise Arrival into Athens

Morning arrival Piraeus port. Athens city tour (Acropolis & Mars' Hill).

TUESDAY 30

Corinth

Full day visit to Corinth.

WEDNESDAY 31

Athens, Home

Transfer to Athens airport for flight home.

INFORMATION:

COST:

TOUR Cost (Egypt, Israel, Turkey)

\$7,899 per person

twin share - based on

minimum of 25 passengers:

Single supplement \$1,550

Optional Greece Extension

\$1199 per person twin share.

Single supplement \$450

INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class airfares Adelaide-Cairo & Istanbul or Athens to Adelaide flying Emirates Airlines
- Airline taxes (subject to change due to fuel surcharges)
- Airfare from Tel Aviv to Istanbul
- Internal flights in Egypt Cairo-Aswan/Luxor to Cairo
- Domestic flight Izmir to Istanbul
- Accommodation as listed above including Half Board (breakfast & dinner, except Cruises are full board)
- Transport in luxury air conditioned coaches
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours with the services of local professional government licensed guides.
- Entrance fees to the historical, archaeological sites and museums as specified in the itinerary.
- Shore trip in Patmos to St. John Monastery and Cave of Apocalypse.
- Highway tolls and ferrying fees.
- Hotel service charges and local taxes.
- Visa for Egypt & Turkey (Israel is free & not required in Greece) for Australian passport holders - other nationalities TBA
- 3 days / 2 night cruise starting from Kusadasi port ending in Athens based on sharing cabin with two lower beds with private facilities; Full board basis; free use of ship's facilities.
- Tips for escorts, bus drivers, guides & cruise staff

EXCLUSIONS:

- Optional tour in Santorini.
- Lunches during land tours.
- Travel and medical health insurance.
- Drinks and beverages.
- All personal expenses.
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as being included.
- Additional tips/gratuities for waiters, shop staff, etc.

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