

THE ASCENT PRESENTS

ISRAEL 2020

YOUNG ADULT EXPERI- ENCE



AUGUST 2020



TRIP INFORMATION

AUGUST 21ST - 30TH

Price

- 15 People or less \$3,699 CAD
- 16-29 People \$3,499 CAD
- 30+People \$3,399 CAD

Includes:

Airfare and taxes

- Round-trip from Winnipeg
- One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Accommodations

- Almog Dead Sea Resort
- El Mul Golan Hotel
- St. Georges Cathedral Pilgrim Guesthouse

Transportation

- Air-conditioned coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing

- Comprehensive program as per itinerary including all entrance fees.

Others

- Tour guide
- Breakfasts & Dinners
- Gratuities
- Two bottles of water a day
- Travel journal

Does not include:

- Lunches (approx \$15-17 USD per day)
- Travel Insurance

Additional information:

Passport

Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport not expiring before December 2020. Canadian passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel.

Deposit and final payment

A non-refundable deposit of \$400 is required along with the registration form. All cancellation charges are described on the registration form. Final payments will be requested 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellation

- Up to 61 days before departure: \$150.00 CAD
- 60-45 days before departure: 25% of journey price
- 44-31 days before departure: 50% of journey price
- 30-0 days before departure: 100% of journey price

You will be required to have "out of country" emergency medical insurance equivalent to (or greater than) \$250,000.

Dates are subject to flight confirmations.

Questions?

theascent@riverwood.cc





ITINERARY

Day 1

- Flight from YWG–TLV(Tel Aviv)
 - *Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight.*
 - *Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided.*

Day 2

- Arrive at home-base at the Dead Sea
- Valley of Elah (David + Goliath)
- Bedouin camp + Camel ride

Day 3

- Qumran (Dead Sea Scrolls)
- Masada
- En Gedi
- Dead Sea

Day 4

- Sea of Galilee boat ride
- Bet She'an
- Gideon Spring
- Jordan River

Day 5

- Mount of Beatitudes
- Capernaum
- Tel Dan
- Caesarea Philippi
- Golan Heights

Day 6

- Nazareth Village
- Mount Carmel (Elijah + prophets Baal)
- Caesarea Maritima
- Jerusalem

Day 7

- Upper Room
- House of Caiaphas
- Davidson Centre
- Mount of Olives

Day 8

- Western Wall Tunnel
- Western Wall
- Dome of the Rock / Temple Mount
- Garden of Gethsemane

Day 9

- Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Garden Tomb / Golgotha
- Via Dela Rosa and Bethesda Pool

Day 10

- Flight from TLV–YWG
- Land in Winnipeg

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is leading and organizing this trip?

The Ascent, Riverwood's young adult's ministry, will be hosting the trip along with Pastor Todd and Christian Journeys. Christian Journeys is a Canadian travel company that arranges Israel tours. We have worked with them previously and can guarantee that they will provide us with the best experience!

Who is invited on this trip?

Any young adult age 18-30ish!

What does the cost of the trip include?

The cost of the trip, as outlined above includes everything except for food while going to and from Israel, lunches while on tour (approximately \$15-17 USD/day) and personal travel insurance. The cost includes all taxes, transportation, accommodations, gratuities, a tour guide, breakfast and dinner each day, a travel journal and all admission/activity costs.

How does the payment work?

You will be required to make a \$400 deposit with your submitted application. After this, your payment will not be due until 60 days prior to departure. See below for payment methods:

Cheque: payable to Riverwood Church Community. Deliver/mail to 325 Talbot Avenue or drop off at the Info Bar at The Ascent.

Debit: pay by debit at the Info Bar at The Ascent or the Riverwood office (325 Talbot Avenue).

E-transfer: send payment to give@riverwood.cc. The security password should be "riverwood". In the notes include your full name and "Israel 2020".

Credit: pay by Visa or MasterCard at the Info Bar at The Ascent or the Riverwood office (325 Talbot Avenue). Payments via credit card will be subject to a 3% surcharge.

What if I register for the trip and then need to cancel?

Christian Journeys has a strict cancellation policy. If you need to cancel your registration you will forfeit your \$400 deposit. As well, there will be the following cancellation charges:

- 61 days before departure: \$150.00
- 60-45 days before departure: 25% of journey price
- 44-31 days before departure: 50% of journey price
- 30-0 days before departure: 100% of journey price

Am I able to book my own flights?

Yes, we can arrange for you to book your own flights if you want to do any traveling before or after Israel or are planning on using points. If you are planning on flying into Israel separate from the group we recommend that you plan to arrive before us. You will be fully responsible for meeting up with the group and we will not wait for any travel delays that individuals may experience. If you would like more information about how this will work please feel free to contact us!

Is Israel safe?

Yes! Often residents of Israel will describe the country as "boringly safe". As long as we follow our tour guide and the rules laid out for us we shouldn't have any problems!

Will we be with the group the entire time or will I be able to go off on my own?

During the day we will be sticking together as we tour the different sites. While on the sites you will be given some time to go off on your own and explore or take time to pray and journal. We will also have some evenings free where you will be able to go into the local area. For safety reasons, you will be required to go out in groups of 4-5 people.

Will the meals provided accommodate for any dietary restrictions (i.e. Gluten intolerant, vegetarian, vegan, etc.)?

Yes, we will be able to accommodate any dietary restrictions. Please let us know what those restrictions are prior to the trip so that we can ensure everything is in place to accommodate your needs.

Will we have access to Wi-Fi while on the trip?

Yes. Each of our accommodations will have Wi-Fi. As well, our bus may also have Wi-Fi, but this is not guaranteed.

What kind of places will we be staying?

- The Dead Sea – Almog Dead Sea Resort (<https://www.almog.org.il/en/?p=21>)
- Sea of Galilee – El Mul Golan Hotel (<https://www.elmulgolan.co.il/eng/>)
- Jerusalem – St. Georges Cathedral Pilgrim Guesthouse (<https://www.expedia.ca/Jerusalem-Hotels-St-Georges-Cathedral-Pilgrim-Guesthouse.h11800971.Hotel-Information>)

Will I need to bring cash with me?

Yes. We will be required to bring US cash with us for our lunches and anything else we may want to purchase while in Israel (i.e. souvenirs).

Is there a registration deadline?

We are accepting registrations until March 1st. Afterwards we will be only accepting registrations on a case-by-case basis. Those interested in registering after the March 1st deadline should contact us prior to doing so.

Have more questions?

Email theascent@riverwood.cc

