



# Israel: Once in a World

16 DAY TOUR

MARCH 18 - APRIL 2, 2019

TOUR HOSTS:

Rev. James Statham and Liliias Statham

FEATURING:

JAFFA • TEL AVIV • CAESAREA • MEGIDDO • HAROD SPRING  
NAZARETH • MT TABOR • MT CARMEL • AKKO • GALILEE •  
CAESAREA PHILIPPI • JORDAN RIVER • JERICHO • DEAD SEA  
ASHKELON • BETHLEHEM • JERUSALEM



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Join Rev. James and Liliias Statham, again or for the first time, for a fun filled two week adventure on an all inclusive unforgettable journey through the land of the Bible. Expect to be surprised as together we visit places of faith and wonder. The tour is fully escorted, includes great food and accommodations, the security of group travel and there is a bus full of new friends already waiting for you. If you are a person of faith you will find it deepened and if you are not just bring your questions. This tour will not end when you arrive home. The memories of places seen, faith shared and Scriptures discovered because you were there will last a lifetime.



MONDAY, MARCH 18

## Day 1 • Depart Day

Today we meet at the airport for an evening flight and the first leg of our journey.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

## Day 2 • Depart to Israel

Today, we continue our journey to Israel. Our experiences in the Holy Land will educate and enrich our lives as we watch the stories in the Bible come to life.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 | D

## Day 3 • Arrive Tel Aviv - Ashkelon

This morning we arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where we meet our guide and driver. From there, we will drive to Ashkelon. The old section of Ashkelon has remained in ruins to this very day and no new settlement has been erected on the ancient site. The National Park, site of Ashkelon's ancient cities, is located on the southern coast of modern Ashkelon. The main entrance road passes through the 12th century Crusader city walls and the massive Canaanite earth ramparts. The cliffs at the shore were integrated into the city's walls and later strengthened by large roman granite columns. Several ongoing excavation sites near the sea reveal the city's biblical past. In the afternoon, we will return to Tel Aviv and check into our hotel and enjoy dinner with our travelling companions.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 | BD

## Day 4 • Jaffa - Tel Aviv

Our morning departure takes us on a tour of Jaffa - one of the oldest towns in the world and mentioned in both the Old and New Testament. Then we travel north through the modern city of Tel Aviv - a UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS), before returning to our hotel. Before dinner, we may want to take a stroll along the beach and dip our toes in the Mediterranean.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 | BD

## Day 5 • Caesarea - Megiddo - Nazareth

After breakfast, we leave Tel Aviv and head north to Caesarea. Excavated ruins of this sea-side town include an amphitheatre, a Roman road and a spectacular aqueduct. Then we proceed

to Megiddo, also known as Armageddon as it is mentioned in the Book of Revelation as the site of the Final Battle. Megiddo contains ruins of Solomon's chariot stables, a Canaanite temple, and a water storage tunnel worth the climb down, down, down. Tonight we stay in Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | BD

## Day 6 • Nazareth - Sepphoris - Mt Tabor

This morning we visit Nazareth Village, an open-air museum that reconstructs and reenacts village life in the time of Jesus. We will then see the Church of the Annunciation and the beautiful mosaics of the "Madonna and Child" created by artists from around the world. Then we travel to Sepphoris, just north of Nazareth, to see the remarkable Roman ruins from the First Temple period. Finally, we take an exciting taxi ride to the top of Mount Tabor and visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration. From here there is an incredible view of the Jezreel Plain, site of many famous battles including the Israelites against the Canaanites. Afterwards we return to our hotel in Nazareth.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 | BLD

## Day 7 • Mt Carmel - Haifa - Akko

Today we travel west to Mount Carmel, one of the most scenic National Parks in Israel. In ancient times, shrines dedicated to Baal were located on the hilltops. It was here that Elijah challenged and defeated the prophets of Baal. After a view of the picturesque city of Haifa, we travel north to Akko, an ancient port and the Crusader capital after the fall of Jerusalem.

MONDAY, MARCH 25 | BLD

## Day 8 • Cana Galilee Ministry - Safed

This morning, we will visit Cana, site of the first miracle, on the way to Galilee. Then, after a short film about its recovery process, we view the 2000 year old 'Jesus Boat'. A cruise across the Sea of Galilee brings us to Capernaum, the village where Jesus spent many years preaching, and nearby Tabgha where He performed the miracle of the Multiplication of the Fishes and Loaves. Next is an

inspirational visit to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. Then we make our way to the town of Safed, located high in the hills overlooking the Galilee region. Then we wind our way back to the Sea of Galilee where we will stay at hotel on a kibbutz located along the shores of Galilee.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26 | BLD**

**Day 9 · Hazor - Caesarea Philippi**

An interesting day starts with insights into the workings of a kibbutz. After, we visit Hazor, an ancient city where over twenty layers of civilization have been discovered. Joshua conquered the city in the 13th century BC and later Solomon built a fortress to protect the northern border of his kingdom. Then we travel north into Upper Galilee to visit Caesarea Philippi, at the foot of Mount Hermon. This is one of the sources of the Jordan River and the site where Jesus told Simon "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Afterwards we return to our hotel and have the rest of the day free to relax or go for a swim.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 | BD**

**Day 10 · Golan Heights - Free Day**

This morning we will take a half day tour of Golan Heights. Rising up from the Sea of Galilee, it is home to some of the most spectacular landscapes. The rest of the day will be ours to enjoy as we wish.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28 | BD**

**Day 11 · Jordan River - Beth Shean - Jericho**

Our first stop today is Yardenit, where the Jordan River flows out of the Sea of Galilee and a popular baptismal spot. Then we visit Beth Shean (ancient Scythopolis), a city that belonged to a group of ten Greco-Roman centres called the Decapolis. It was destroyed by an earthquake and recent excavations show us how marvellous the city would have been during its glory days. In the afternoon, we'll drive to Wadi Kelt before making our way to our hotel in Jericho.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29 | BD**

**Day 12 · Qumran - Masada - Dead Sea**

This morning we'll visit the Dead Sea area, dropping 300 metres

below sea level. First we stop to see the ruins at Qumran where the Dead Sea scrolls were found hidden in caves. Driving through the desolate wilderness, we arrive at Masada (WHS) and take a cable-car to the top of the mountain to see the remarkable fortress built by Herod the Great. Then a chance to cure our ails in the restorative mud and water at the Ein Gedi Spa next to the Dead Sea. The sensation of floating in the salt water here is an experience not to be missed (bring your water shoes. Afterwards we relax as our motorcoach climbs to Jerusalem (WHS).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30 | BLD**

**Day 13 · Mount of Olives - Bethlehem**

We start the day with a visit to the Mount of Olives, where we enjoy an incredible view over the Kidron Valley towards the Old City of Jerusalem. A walk through the Garden of Gethsemane brings us to the Church of All Nations. We then visit the City of David and Mount Zion to see the Upper Room and the Tomb of King David. Our morning also includes a stop to see the fascinating model of ancient Jerusalem. In the afternoon we drive to nearby Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity to view the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We stop to see the Shepherd's fields, where sheep still graze among the barren rock, before returning to our hotel in Jerusalem.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31 | BLD**

**Day 14 · Jerusalem - Old City**

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of the Old City including the Western Wall, where Jewish people come to pray. This is part of the original retaining wall of the Second Temple, built by Herod the Great in 20BC, and is the most holy of all Jewish sites. On the Temple Mount we visit the beautiful golden Dome of the Rock and see the El Aksa Mosque. We'll also visit the Lithostratus, the pavement mentioned in John 19:13, below the Sisters of Sion convent, and stop at St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda. Then we travel the "Way of the Cross" on the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. A walk through the Jewish Quarter

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brings us to the Cardo, a reconstructed Roman main street. Our final stop is just outside the Old City walls at the peaceful Garden Tomb, where we have the opportunity to take part in a private Communion service.

**MONDAY, APRIL 1 | BD**

**Day 15 · Jerusalem - New City**

This morning is free so we can attend a church service in Jerusalem. In the afternoon we have a tour of the New City including a visit to the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu and the Shrine of the Book Museum, where the Dead Sea scrolls are preserved. Then we visit the nearby Archaeological Museum. Tonight we have a special farewell dinner to reflect on all of our experiences in the Holy Land.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2 | B**

**Day 16 · Arrive Home**

This morning we are taken to the airport for our return trip home where family and friends are eager to hear about our experiences.

**PRICES**

Kelowna **\$6659**  
Prices from other cities available upon request. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. The supplement for a single room is \$1871 per person.

This tour is not subject to GST/HST.

**PRICE INCLUDES**

- Return economy class airfare
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**Not Included:** Meals not shown, Beverages, Items of a personal nature, Any airline luggage fees, Increases to surcharges, taxes or fees, Insurance.

**DEPOSIT INFORMATION**

- Deposit of \$300 is fully refundable until 100 days before departure
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**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

**Active**



Able to walk 4 km for a walking tour and more for the day on uneven surfaces such as cobblestone streets and be able to climb stairs or steep inclines unassisted.



**SPECIAL INCLUSIONS**

- Boat ride on Sea of Galilee
- Float in the Dead Sea
- Taxi ride up Mount Tabor
- Cable-car ride to Masada

# Tour Conditions & Information

## RESERVATIONS

A deposit of \$300 per person is required to make a reservation on this tour. This deposit is completely refundable up to 100 days prior to departure. A confirmation of your reservation will be forwarded to you after the deposit is received.

## FINAL PAYMENT

The final payment is due no later than 100 days before departure. A reminder will be sent to passengers in advance of this date. If you are joining the tour within 100 days of departure, full payment is required.

## CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

For payments made by credit card, we reserve the right to have credit card charges processed by the suppliers of travel services such as the airline, cruise line, etc. If this occurs, your payment will be split between Rostad Tours and the other suppliers and will appear as separate payments on your credit card statement. All credit card payments will be processed in Canadian dollars.

## SHARED & SINGLE ACCOMMODATION

Passengers must indicate at the time of booking whether they want to share a room or if they prefer a single room. Your roommate, if known, should also be indicated. If you do not have a roommate we will attempt to find a suitable travelling companion to share a room with you. If we cannot find a roommate for you the full single supplement charge will apply.

## RESERVATION CHANGES

If you want to change your reservation, such as change your departure city or plan an extended stay, you must submit your request to Rostad Tours in writing

via mail or email ([flights@rostad.com](mailto:flights@rostad.com)) at least 100 days prior to departure. Please note that your airfare may increase if you travel on different dates than the group or if you travel to a different city. Any subsequent changes, cancellations of extension arrangements or changes requested within 100 days (December 8, 2018) of departure are subject to a service fee of \$100 per person in addition to any fees charged by the various travel suppliers.

## TOUR PRICE

Prices are based on currency levels, airfares, fuel surcharges and taxes valid as of June 27, 2018. Although unlikely, we reserve the right to adjust prices if there are significant changes to any of the above elements.

## CANCELLATIONS

Your deposit is fully refundable for any reason up to 100 days (December 8, 2018) prior to departure. Cancellations after this date are subject to the following maximum cancellation charges:

100 to 61 days prior to departure	50%
60 to 31 days	75%
30 to 0 days	100%

If you cancel, you will receive back all money paid towards the tour less the applicable cancellation fee. The charges apply to the base price of the tour only and do not include cancellation charges for any extra arrangements such as single supplement, accommodation upgrades, additional tours, etc.

## INSURANCE

We recommend that all passengers buy insurance to protect themselves against any possible cancellation charges or out-of-country medical expenses. An all-inclusive policy which has cancella-

tion, hospital/medical and baggage coverage will be offered to Alberta residents prior to making their final payment. For passengers residing outside of Alberta, we will explain how you can obtain our special group rates for travel insurance direct from Old Republic Insurance Group.

## PASSPORTS

A passport is required for all tour participants. Some countries require that your passport to be valid for at least six months past your intended return date. If you do not already have a passport, or if your current passport will expire within this period, apply for your new passport at least 125 days (3-4 months) prior to departure.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

During walking tours you will likely experience uneven ground, cobblestone streets and various amounts of steps or stairs. For your enjoyment, and in fairness to your fellow passengers, you should be in good physical condition, with the ability to stand for reasonable periods of time and walk several kilometres easily. Should you feel a particular excursion may be too strenuous, you are welcome to forego the sightseeing tour and rest or explore on your own. It is recommended that you consult your doctor or a travel clinic for any necessary inoculations and recommendations for your travels.

## TOUR DOCUMENTS

An extensive set of tour documents will be sent approximately 2-4 weeks prior to departure. Please notify our office in writing if you require any information in advance of this date.

## BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Typically airlines allow you to check one suitcase free of charge but this is subject to change. In order to avoid excess bag-

gage fees, the dimensions of your suitcase should not exceed 60" (i.e. 30" length + 20" height + 10" width) and the weight should not exceed 23 kgs. Your suitcase will be portered at all hotels but tour members are responsible for their flight bags/carry-on luggage at all times. Rostad Tours accepts no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, any baggage or any tour member's personal belongings.

## ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Rostad Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to airline schedule changes or any other circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to keep the tour as close as possible to the original itinerary.

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If paying by credit card, you may also register by phone, fax or email a pdf of this form to Rostad Tours

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**Departs: March 18, 2019**

### PASSENGER INFORMATION

(1): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: 19 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Title Last Name First Name Year/Month/Day

(2): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: 19 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Accommodation Requested:  Twin/Double or  Single Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ If unknown, would you like us to find you a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

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