

**Under the Auspices of the
Australian Council of Christians and Jews**

We are proud to announce the
Second Inter-Faith Tour of Israel

7th June to 17th June 2012
TENTATIVE OUTLINE [Aug 14, 2011]

Travelling to many different sites in Israel, we will be visiting ancient religious places that give a taste of the biblical and historical sites that have created faith and conflict.



The tour will start in Jerusalem and we will be visit religious and historical sites that are relevant to Judaism, Christianity and Islam and include the Dead Sea, Massada and the Qumran. At times we will have two streams, one for first time visitors and different sites for those who have been before.

- **With an opportunity to spend an evening at the Opera "Carmen" in the open air at Massada (Optional Extra)**
- **Golan and Upper Galilee through the Ages**
- **The ancient mystical city of Safed (Zvat)**
- **Bethlehem and Church of the Nativity**
- **Visit to the ancient city of Akko (Acre) and Rosh Hanikra**
- **Haifa and see Christianity, Judaism and Islam co-existing together with a visit to the Bahai world centre**
- **Jerusalem and it's multi faith roots and history**
- **Tel Aviv and experience the wonderful museums and galleries**

Package including accommodation, Professional educators and guides, travel within Israeli breakfasts and some meals, will be \$2850.00 Optional extra for the Opera

Thurs June 7

Arrival in Jerusalem. Dinner in Beit Shmuel Dining room.

Introduction: "Jerusalem : The City of Three Faiths"--lecture and discussion

Accommodation: Mercaz Shimshon and near-by hotel in Jerusalem

Fri June 8

David's City and the Second Temple Period: text and study tour - dilemmas of politics, power and religion.

(The group will be divided : second timers will visit sites in the Old City sites that they didn't see in 2010)

Lunch on your own

Services at Kol Haneshema.

Dinner at Beit Shmuel followed by a discussion on concepts of peace in conflict regions of the world.

Accommodation : Jerusalem

Sat June 9

Optional activities: Religious service at the Harel Synagogue or Bible Lands Museum or Israel Museum

Lunch at Beit Shmuel

"Jerusalem in poetry and literature-walking tour"

Dinner on your own and free evening

Accommodation: Jerusalem

Sun June 10

Optional church services in morning or Israel Museum or Bible Lands Museum

Travel to Bethlehem for lunch and tour of the Church of Nativity and market area

Dinner on your own

Evening lecture-"The Complexity of Christianity in the Holy City"

(For second timers) "Christianity in the Sources: Their Relevance for Contemporary Bethlehem and Jerusalem"

Accommodation: Jerusalem

Note: The Opera "Carmen" is being presented at Masada on Sat June 9 and Sun June 10 (optional extra)

Mon June 11

Yad Vashem and Mt Herzl

(For second timers) Guided tour of Israel Museum.

Lunch on your own.

Afternoon: Islam in the Holy City -tour and meet Muslim religious leader

Dinner: at residence of Brenda and Paul Liptz and discussion on "The Middle East in 2012"

Accommodation: Jerusalem

Tues June 12

Early departure: Visit Qumran, Dead Sea and Masada to discuss community and belief during the Second Temple and Roman periods.

Arrive at hotel in the Galilee.

Dinner in Tiberias

Accommodation: Galilee

Wed June 13

Christian Sites around the Sea of Galilee: [a choice of sites depending on the interests of the group] The Church of Loaves and Bread, Mt of Beatitudes, Church of the Apostles, Capernaum, Bethsaida

After dinner discussion: Christianity and its Relationship to Judaism and Islam

Accommodation: Galilee

Thurs June 14

Tour of the mystic city of Safed (Zefat) and the Golan Heights to discuss security and strategic questions, the role of post-1967 territories for Israel and the dilemmas facing the Golan Druze.

Accommodation: Galilee

Fri June 15

Travel to Rosh Hanikra to see the Israeli-Lebanese border, the Jewish-Arab city of Akko, Haifa and the Bahai World Center

Travel to Tel Aviv

Optional services at Beit Daniel.

Accommodation: Tel Aviv

Sat June 16

Optional walking tours of Tel Aviv -Jaffa

Discussion: Making Sense of Complexity

Dinner on your own in the Tel Aviv port

Accommodation: Tel Aviv

Sun June 17

Tour of Tel Aviv Art Museum or Museum of the Diaspora

Walk through the Nahalat Binyamin area.

Concluding late lunch.

\$100 per person to secure a place before October 30th then 50% by January 31st 2012 Completion by April 30th

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