

To travel around Israel is a very special experience, and in spring, we can see the Lord's Land in bloom. Absolutely all entrances are included, but there is no pressure to go on all the trips provided. We spend a full week in both hotels which cuts down on the travelling and unpacking. All tips to hotels, coach driver and Israeli guide are also included

ITINERARY

A two week stay gives enough time to visit the much loved sites in the land, but also those off the beaten track – leaving time to relax and unwind. Our first week is spent in Jerusalem, 'The City of the Great King and the second week in Galilee which is sometimes referred to as the 'Fifth Gospel'. We will be walking 'in the footsteps of Jesus literally in the places we visit and spiritually as we explore the 1st C world and culture that He was so much a part of.

On Thursday 2nd May we will fly direct with Easyjet from Manchester to Ben Gurion Airport in Israel. On arrival we will be met by Avi our coach driver and travel up to Jerusalem for our first night (in either Knights Palace or its sister hotel The Gloria). After our meal we can relax for the evening.

On Friday morning we visit the Tower of David museum, then walk down to the Temple overview where we remember Jesus being taken there as a baby by Mary and Joseph. Following lunch we visit The Shepherds Fields and Bethlehem where we focus on Jesus' birth and the fulfilment of prophecy.

Saturday is our day to visit the Dead Sea, Qumran, the Wilderness. Masada (depending on the state of the road) and time to experience a swim in the lowest place on earth.

On Sunday we visit Yad VaShem, documenting the Nazi Holocaust of the Jewish people in WW2. After an early meal we join the Sunday evening worship at Christ Church.

Monday we explore the Jerusalem Jesus knew, visiting the Temple Mount, Burnt House, Herodian Quarter, something special at the Western Wall and the City of David

On Tuesday we walk down the Mount of Olives, visiting Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit churches, to Gethsemane. After visiting the Pools of Bethesda, we walk the Via Dolorosa (The Way of Sorrows) thinking of Jesus being condemned and His walk to the cross ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (if busy we will return after our evening meal.)

On Wednesday our day begins on Mount Scopus where we remember Jesus' ascension into Heaven. We then visit Mount Zion, site of Caiaphas's Palace and the Upper Room. In the afternoon we visit the Davidson Centre and the Southern Steps of the Temple Mount where Jesus would have walked and the place of Peter's Pentecost preaching. We end our day at Garden Tomb with Communion.

On Thursday we head north up the Mediterranean Coast to Caesarea. After stopping for lunch on the way, we then continue through the Jezreel Valley to Maagan on the shores of Galilee, our home for the next 7 nights.

On Friday we travel to Nazareth where we consider Mary and Joseph, Jesus childhood and his early ministry. We end our day at Yardenit, River Jordan baptismal site.

Saturday begins on the Mount of Beatitudes, then down to the lakeside where we call in at Tabgha where we think of Jesus feeding the 5000, Nof Ginnosar and the 1st C. boat. After lunch we sail to Capernaum where we explore the 'home town of Jesus'.

On Sunday we have our service by the lake. After this we leave for Katzrin, the Talmudic village where we think about the 1 CE world Jesus lived in.

Monday is spent in beautiful natural settings in Northern Galilee, Tel Dan, Banias (Caesarea Philippi), Banias Waterfall, ending the day at Har Bental.

Tuesday sees us begin the day at Kursi remembering Jesus meeting the demoniac, then to Tabgha, where Jesus reinstated Peter after the resurrection. We finish today by visiting the recently excavated 1st C village of Magdala where we share communion.

On Wednesday, our final day, we visit Belvoir Castle, then on through the Jezeel Valley to Megiddo. We return over Mount Gilboa to the beautiful springs at Gan HaShlosha where there will be time for swimming or feeding the kangaroos! Then we return for the last time to Maagan.

Thursday, for those travelling home, we drive down to one of the resorts on the Mediterranean for a relaxing few hours before making our final journey to Ben Gurion Airport. Those stopping for the third week will be setting off earlier to travel to Eilat

If you are interested in taking up the optional week in Eilat please contact UCHM as soon as possible as it affects return flights

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Flights:

We will be flying from Manchester Airport T1 direct to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv with Easyjet. Hold Baggage allowance is 23 Kilos. Hand luggage ($56_{cm} \times 45_{cm} \times 25_{cm} \max$) currently no weight limit but must be able to be lifted into the overhead lockers. Handbags must fit into hand luggage.

Travel:

Within Israel all travels will be in air-conditioned coach.

Accommodation

Accommodation is based on half board twin bedrooms with private facilities (Single supplement is available at £54 per day). We are pleased to confirm that our accommodation is booked as follows:

JERUSALEM – Knight's Palace

Situated in the north-west corner of the Old City, the hotel was converted from a theological college. Pleasant rooms are all en-suite and the meals are excellent. For those wanting refreshments in their room it is advisable to bring a kettle etc. There is a bar in the lounge. It is an ideal base for exploring the Old City.

GALILEE – Ma'agan Holiday Village

Situated right on the shores of beautiful Lake Galilee. Accommodation is in chalets or flats, with twin bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette and lounge. Meals are taken in the Dining Room overlooking the Lake. The grounds are beautiful and there is a swimming pool. There is a small shop on site and a supermarket nearby where we call regularly. The setting is very natural and much quieter than staying in Tiberias!

Tips/Gratuities

For your convenience, ALL TIPS ETC FOR BOTH HOTELS, COACH DRIVER AND GUIDE ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE.

<u>Meditation</u> – there will be times of meditation and worship at various sites, Liz will share some of the historical background to the sites and the world that Jesus lived in, drawing on the Hebraic roots of our faith. We will have the opportunity to take communion at Magdala, by the lakeside, and in the Garden Tomb, led by Rev Harry Gwinnett.

Evening Programme

Throughout the pilgrimage there will be an evening programme of events and speakers, some sharing teaching, others sharing their testimony. You are free to attend as many or as few as you wish. <u>**Guides**</u> – due to changes in the Israeli law, even though this is a meditative pilgrimage not a study tour, we will be accompanied by a licensed Israeli (silent) guide. As always, you will receive printed information about the different sites, Israeli customs, historical background, useful words etc. Please bring your own guide, your Bible.

Food/Meals – Breakfast and Evening meals are provided. Lunches are extra, you can make your own by using local supermarkets or use self service restaurants where you may purchase as little or as much as you wish.

<u>Currency</u> – The shekel is Israel's currency and is ideal for lunches and purchases and major credit/debit cards are usually accepted in shops. In the **supermarkets** payment is in shekels. Currently the cost of living is higher than in the UK.

Passports and Visas – British & or Irish passport holders do not need a visa to visit Israel, but a full 10 year passport valid for all countries is required. Your passport must not expire within six months of your return to the UK.

<u>Insurance</u> – Holiday Insurance must be taken out by all participants. You need to be satisfied that your policy covers you for any medical conditions, travelling within Israel, any disruptions to flights etc.

Booking and Payments – To UCHM with completed form and non-refundable deposit of £500 (to purchase flights immediately). The next instalment of £900 will be due on 30/11/18. The balance of £995 to be paid by 28/02/19.

Single supplement charged by hotels is £54 per day

UCHM is running a savings scheme and the money will be stored in a building society account. This can be done either as cash or if you wish a regular direct debit. Please ask for details.

Final Price is subject to confirmation especially in relation to the exchange rate of the pound to the dollar or surcharges imposed by the airline.

* Effects of Brexit

Because of Brexit the value of the £ against the \$ has dropped considerably. This has had to be taken into account in pricing the pilgrimage. UCHM faithfully promises that if the rate recovers appreciably we will issue an equivalent refund.

£2220 + £175 silent guide fee

WHAT THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1. Scheduled flight Manchester to Tel Aviv and return
- 2. 14 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal
- 3. Airport taxes & transfers in Israel
- 4. Guided sightseeing as per itinerary
- 5. Porterage & Gratuities
- 6. Required licenced Israeli Guide

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- Single room accommodation, unfortunately the rate charged by the hotels is £54 per day. If you are coming with friends it is possible to get triple rooms to avoid the expense.
- 2. Lunches
- 3. Holiday Insurance



Enquiries -

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UCHM (hereinafter known as the 'charity') accepts bookings subject to the following conditions.

- 1. A deposit of £500 plus a completed Booking Form is required. When the booking has been confirmed in writing by UCHM, the deposit is accepted as the first instalment of the tour fare and is non-refundable.
- 2. Cancellation of a booking must be in writing and when any such cancellation is received, the deposit is forfeited to the charity. Additional cancellation charges will be as follows:

4-6	wks	before	departure,	50%	of	the	fare	
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- 3. Cancellations for medical or compassionate reasons are covered by your insurance policy.
- 4. If, for any reason, the whole or a part of a tour is cancelled by the charity, UCHM's only liability will be the refund of the money paid by the applicant, less the cost of any services already provided
- 5. Neither the charity nor its servants or its agents shall be liable for personal injury, damage or loss including consequential loss to any passenger howsoever caused
- 6. The charity shall not be liable for any loss or damage to baggage or personal possessions or any consequential loss resulting therefrom. If a passenger becomes ill, all hospital expenses, doctor's fees and repatriation are the passengers responsibility and the charity shall not be liable for any refund of the tour fare. See your insurance
- 7. Passengers must comply with all customs and foreign exchange regulations of countries visited. Should any contravention be detected at any frontier by the company, the passenger may be asked to leave the tour without any refund of the tour fee
- 8. Charity prices and itineraries are subject to alteration without notice
- 9. The charity reserves the right to refuse to continue to carry any passenger or passengers causing inconvenience or annoyance to other passengers
- 10. Information contained in the pilgrimage brochure is correct to the best of the charity's knowledge. The company is not liable for inaccuracies therein
- 11. Any agreement of which these conditions form a part shall be covered by the Law of England

NOTE: Itineraries described in this brochure are subject to alteration with or without prior notice according to local conditions prevailing at the time of the tour.

All prices in this leaflet are calculated and based on current air fares and exchange rates as known to us at the time of going to print. They are subject to any air-fuel surcharge that may be imposed by the airlines, and variations in the value of the pound against the dollar. At the end of UCHM's Pilgrimage there is the opportunity to extend your stay in Israel for one week, staying in the Red Sea Hotel in Eilat and exploring the wonders of God's creation on the Coral Reef

> 16 May – 23 May 2019 Flights Tel Aviv – Eilat & return B & B Accommodation £355 (approx)





The Red Sea is a more basic hotel. The rooms all have aircon, fridge/freezer, TV, there is a pool and the breakfasts are good.

It is situated in Eilat Town, opposite a supermarket, lots of places nearby to eat out if you prefer. Bus stop outside which goes to the Coral Nature Reserve

Please note this is not part of the pilgrimage. UCHM is responsible for booking the flights and accommodation only

If you wish to check out the hotel on the internet, please go to: www.booking.com/hotel/il/red-sea.en-gb.html





If you are interested in this option, please contact UCHM as soon as possible as rooms need paying for immediately and it also affects your flights

BOOKING FORM FOR UCHM PILGRIMAGE 2019

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Tel 01484 461098			
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- Guided sightseeing as per itinerary
 Porterage & service charges
- 6. Licensed Israeli Guide

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- 1. Single room accommodation, subject to availability (£54) per night.
- 2. Lunches
- 3. Holiday Insurance

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