



Peace שלום سلام

Australian Council for Christians and Jews Multi-Faith Israel Encounter

October 24 – November 3, 2017

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Join us for this unique experience where Christians, Jews and Muslims will explore Israel together while learning about the common roots of their respective faiths.

- Our goal is to promote understanding and tolerance amongst Muslims, Christians, and Jews.
- The program will enable participants to gain respect for and knowledge of both their own and others' religions and beliefs while exploring Israel.
- Get an up close and unfiltered view of Israel in all its diversity and vibrance.

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Time	Program	Notes
Tuesday 24 October, 2017		
15:00	Meet at Beit Shmuel	
15:30	Welcome program with “Father Abraham” meeting group overlooking Jerusalem – a multi-faith welcome	
17:00	Orientation Program - Aims & Goals of program	
18:30	Dinner	
<i>Overnight: Jerusalem Mercaz Shimshon</i>		
Wednesday 25 October, 2017		
8:00	Breakfast	
9:00	Jerusalem – Holy City to Many Faiths	
13:00	Lunch on own in Old City of Jerusalem	
16:00	Return to Beit Shmuel	
17:30	Religious Diversity & Pluralism in Israel	
19:00	Group dinner	
	Optional Tower of David Light Show	
<i>Overnight: Jerusalem Mercaz Shimshon</i>		
Thursday 26 October, 2017		
8:00	Breakfast	
9:00	Depart for Bethlehem	
10:00	Tour of Bethlehem	
13:00	Lunch (on own or hosted)	
14:30	Tour of Efrat or other Settlement	
18:00	Return to Beit Shmuel	
19:00	Dinner at Beit Shmuel with small group processing	
20:00	Group processing of day	
<i>Overnight: Jerusalem Mercaz Shimshon</i>		
Friday 27 October, 2017		
8:00	Breakfast	
9:30	Depart for Abu Ghosh	
10:30	Muslim Encounter, study & Sabbath Prayer – to be determined	

Time	Program	Notes
13:00	Lunch in Abu Ghosh	
14:00	<u>Benedictine Monastery tour</u>	
15:00	Return to Beit Shmuel	
	Break	
19:00	Jewish Encounter, study and Sabbath Prayer – to be determined	
20:00	Dinner at Beit Shmuel	
<i>Overnight: Jerusalem Mercaz Shimshon</i>		
Saturday 28 October 2017		
8:00	Breakfast	
9:00	Text Study – Sabbath in our three Faiths	
10:30	Walking Jerusalem with the Psalms and poetry of Yehuda Amichai	
13:00	Lunch at Beit Shmuel	
14:00	Israel Museum – optional visit	
15:30	Break	
17:30	Paul Liptz - Islam in the Middle East- theological and political components	
19:00	Distinctions – Havdalah ceremony to end the Jewish Sabbath	
19:30	Free evening & dinner on own	
<i>Overnight: Jerusalem Mercaz Shimshon</i>		
Sunday 29 October 2017		
7:30	Breakfast	
8:00	Check out & load bus	
9:00	Christian Encounter, study & Sabbath Prayer – to be determined	
12:30	Lunch on own	
13:30	Travel north	
16:30	Arab Jewish Youth Circus	
18:00	Drive to Sea of Galilee hotel	
19:30	Hotel check in	
20:00	Group Dinner, walk along the Tiberius Boardwalk, enjoy the Sea of Galilee light show	
<i>Overnight: Sea of Galilee Hotel</i>		

Monday 30 October 2017

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Load bus and depart
9:30	Visit Yardenite or Capernaum or Taghba
12:00	Depart for Kibbutz Ein Shemer
13:30	Lunch at Kibbutz Ein Shemer
14:30	Ein Shemer Environmental Greenhouse Program
17:00	Depart for Tel Aviv
19:00	Check in Tel Aviv hotel
19:30	Free evening and dinner on own

Overnight: Tel Aviv Gilgal Hotel

Tuesday 31 October 2017

8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Depart for Beer Sheva
11:30	Meet with Arab-Jewish SCHOOL Volunteers
14:00	Lunch on own en route
	Be'er-Sheva Australian Light Horse Memorial – Reenactment http://www.beersheba2017.com/tour-to-beersheba.html
18:00	Depart for Dead Sea
	Dinner on way to Dead Sea
20:00	Check in to hotel
21:00	Shared Stories of the Desert

Overnight: Ein Gedi or Massada

Wednesday 1 November 2017

7:30	Breakfast
8:30	Check out of hotel, load bus
9:00	Dead sea, Masada, Ein Gedi options
12:30	Lunch near Dead Sea
13:30	Depart for Tel Aviv
15:00	Check-in at hotel
18:00	Free evening & dinner on own

Overnight: Jerusalem Mercaz Shimshon

Thursday 2 November 2017

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Depart for Jaffa
9:30	Two Peoples Sharing One City – dual narrative tour
12:30	Lunch on own in Jaffa
14:30	Visit to Independence Hall or Palmach or Rabin Museum or Rabin Square
17:30	Return to hotel
18:30	Depart for Na Laga'at Center for the Deaf and Blind - Show and dinner
21:30	Return to hotel

Overnight: Tel Aviv

Friday 3 November 2017

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Depart for Yad Vashem
12:30	Return to Beit Shmuel
	Closing Ceremony

4 December 2016

ACCJ Multifaith Israel Study Mission
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The rates are in **Australian Dollars** per fully paying person sharing a twin room:

Groups of:	Double room with <u>20-29</u> paying participants	Double room with <u>30-39</u> paying participants	Single Supplement
Rate per person in Australian Dollars	\$4150 AUD	\$3480 AUD	To be determined

The above rates include the following tour services:

1. **Accommodation:** For a total of 10 nights: 5 nights at Beit Shmuel/Mercaz Shimshon Jerusalem; 1 night at Kibbutz Ein Gev Guest House or similar, 1 night Prima Dead Sea Spa Club or similar, 3 nights Tel Aviv Gilgal or similar.
2. **Meals:** daily breakfast at hotel and following meals are included:

Day	Date	Meal	Location
Tuesday	24 October	Dinner	Jerusalem Restaurant or Hotel
Wednesday	25 October	Dinner	Jerusalem Restaurant or Hotel
Thursday	26 October	Dinner	Jerusalem Restaurant or Hotel
Friday	27 October	Lunch	Abu Ghosh Restaurant
Friday	27 October	Dinner	Beit Shmuel
Saturday	28 October	Lunch	Beit Shmuel
Sunday	29 October	Dinner	Restaurant
Monday	30 October	Lunch	Kibbutz Ein Shemer
Tuesday	31 October	Dinner	Hotel or Restaurant
Wednesday	1 November	Lunch	Restaurant
Thursday	2 November	Dinner	Dinner Na Lagaat – Café Kapish

3. **Transportation:** As per itinerary. **Does not include airport transfers.**
4. **Saltz Educator to be with group along with site guides as needed.**
5. **Entrance/Site fees included per your itinerary**

Not included:

- Meals not specified above
- Drinks with meals
- Extras at hotels
- Tips to hotel & restaurants' staff
- Travel and baggage insurance
- Medical insurance
- Early check in and late check out of hotels
- No free tour leaders
- Airport transfers

Notes:

1. The rates are based on a minimum of 20 or 30 fully paying participants as listed above. In case there will be fewer participants, the rate will have to be adjusted accordingly.
2. Please note that this proposal is based on current rates of exchange. Should there be a major change in the exchange rate, then hotels or suppliers may increase rates. Should this happen, our rates would need to be amended accordingly although we will do all possible to avoid this.
3. Itinerary is subject to change based on availability of speakers and sites.

Payments & Deposit:

1. \$200 AUD refundable good faith deposit required with application.
2. 20% non-refundable deposit is 6 months in advance (April 15th 2017).
3. Payment in full is required no later than 1 month in advance (September 15th 2017).

Payments and deposits can be made via cheque to the Council Christians and Jews 326 Church Street Richmond Victoria 3121. To pay by **Visa or Mastercard** contact Dr. Philip Bliss (see below).

For more details and to register go to our website: www.saltz-center.org

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