With option to Petra, Jordan

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April 14 – April 29, 2018
Holyland Israel and Jordan  
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Day 01 – Mon – Apr 14
Depart Toronto, for Israel

Day 02 – Tue – Apr 15
Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. Transfer to your hotel and have the rest of the day free to enjoy the Mediterranean.

Overnight Along the Mediterranean at Nachsholim

Day 03 – Wed – Apr 16
Caesarea Maritima - Drive along the coastal road to view the archaeological ruins of this ancient Herodion and crusader port. Founded by Herod the Great in 22 B.C., this was the seat of Roman government in Palestine for over 500 years. A center of the early followers of Jesus: Phillip, one of the seven deacons from Jerusalem, was the first to preach here, Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to the new faith, and the Apostle Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome to stand trial.

Continue on to Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon. The Tel Megiddo lies on the southern end of the Jezreel Valley, and protects a key pass through Mt. Carmel. This valley is thought by many to be the scene of the end-time battle of Armageddon.

Proceed to Haifa to see the Bahai Temple and the beautiful Persian Gardens, then on for a panoramic view from Mt. Carmel. Here, Elijah the prophet contested with the prophets of Baal. Continue to the ancient crusader port of Acco.

Overnight in Tiberias – Leonardo Club

Day 04 – Thu – Apr 17
Banias / Caesarea Philippi -- famous as the place where Peter first confessed that Jesus is the Messiah. Here too Antiochus III of Syria defeated the Egyptians in 197 BCE, taking control for the Seleucid Dynasty, which set the stage for the repression of the Jews by Antiochus IV and the revolt of the Maccabees

Golan Heights -- Part of the very fertile plateau of Bashan between Mt. Hermon and the Wadi el-Yarmuk east of the Jordan River. The northern security-belt of Israel, won from Syria during the Six Day War in 1967.

Return from Golan to Capernaum – This is the birthplace of Peter and important city in Jesus’ ministry. This is the city where the four men had to remove the roof of a house to let a cripple in to be healed by Jesus.

Mount of the Beatitudes - Visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered His “Sermon on the Mount”. Tabgha - The site of numerous springs on the NW shore of the Galilee. It is the traditional site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes and probably the place where Jesus met with his disciples while they were fishing and where Jesus first called his disciples, charging them to be “fishers of men.”

Sea of Galilee Boat Ride -- Take a boat ride in an authentic wooden boat, across the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias. Tonight we will visit the Galilee Experience -- A Multi-Media presentation of 4000 years of history of the Galilee.

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Day 05 – Fri – Apr 18
Continue to visit Yardenit, where you can experience Baptism in the Jordan River. A once in a life time experience to be baptized in the waters of the Jordan River as Jesus Himself did.

Continue on to Beit-Shean - The most magnificent archaeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys.

Visit Nazareth, where Jesus spent His boyhood. See the Church of the Annunciation and Joseph’s Workshop.
Visit Cana, the place of the first miracle performed by Jesus, where he turned the water into wine at that most famous wedding.

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Day 06 – Sat – Apr 19

Today we will journey south along the Jordan River Valley. Drive by Jericho – "City of Palms" and site of the famous, miraculous conquest under Joshua.

Ascend to Masada - The spectacular mountaintop fortress on the western shore of the Dead Sea built by Herod and famous as the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans.

Explore Qumran - Located near the NW shore of the Dead Sea, the site of a small settlement that existed during NT times; famous for the discovery of the so-called "Dead Sea Scrolls" in 1947.

Continue south to the Resort city of Eilat for dinner and overnight.

Overnight in Eilat – Leonardo Privilege

Day 07 – Sun – APR 20

Free day. Possibly attend a congregation for a service or relax on the beach.

(You can visit Coral Beach National Park free) or (Timna National Park and Biblical Tabernacle - $17.00)  

Overnight in Eilat – Leonardo Privilege

Day 08 – Mon – Apr 21

Today is a free day to relax in this resort town of Eilat. For those of you who have not been to Petra, an optional tour will be arranged for a day trip to Petra.

Overnight in Eilat – Leonardo Privilege

Day 09 – Tue – Apr 22

Travel north today along the Dead Sea -- The lowest place on the surface of earth, in which one cannot swim but only float. Sodom, Gomorra, and "the cities of the plain" were located in and around the southern portion of the Dead Sea. Today, the Dead Sea is famous for its rich mineral content, and is renown for their healing properties.

En route to Jerusalem we will stop at Ein Gedi, Have an opportunity to Ride a Camel and meet Abraham in his tent at Genesis Land for Dinner. Enjoy a trip back in time at this site, a reliving of life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, and authentic food.

Arrive in Jerusalem and begin with a view from the top of the Mount of Olives. From here Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding the back of a donkey, ascended after his resurrection, and to here many believe, will first return. Follow the trail of Jesus and his disciples from the Mt. of Olives to Jerusalem, when he was hailed as king in the "Triumphal Entry." Your walk continues through the Garden of Gethsemane – where Jesus came to pray for God's will to be done before he was arrested and taken away.

St. Peter de Gallicantu

Overnight in Jerusalem – Prima Kings Hotel

Day 10 – Wed – Apr 23

Old City of Jerusalem - Ecco Homo -- A station of the cross on the Via Dolorosa commemorated by an arch. Here, Pilate brought Jesus out to the crowd for judgment. You can visit the "Upper Room" and Mt. Zion, Lion's Gate, St. Anne's Church (The Pool of Bethesda) where, according to tradition, Jesus performed a great miracle here on a man who had been lame for 38 years.

Overnight in Jerusalem – Prima Kings Hotel

Day 11 – Thu – Apr 24

Temple Mount, Jewish Quarter, Southern Wall Excavations – Here on the southern side of The Temple, parts of the giant stairs which led to the Temple, have been unearthed. It is in this courtyard, 12 year old Jesus sat with the priests and later as an adult, drove out the vendors and money exchangers.
Western Wall and Tunnel -- Underneath the present surface of the Western Wall compound lies the magnificent Western retaining wall of the Herodian Temple.

Overnight in Jerusalem – Prima Kings Hotel

Day 12 – Fri – Apr 25

The new City of Jerusalem -- Pass the Hadassah Medical Center and Mt. Herzel. Proceed to the Israel Museum / Shrine of the Book. Israel's finest and most comprehensive museum, containing artifacts and documents from pre-historical to Biblical to Modern times. Also, some of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Have an orientation of the Old City of Jerusalem with a view of the full scale model of Jerusalem of Jesus' time. Visit Yad V'Shem, the memorial to the Holocaust. View The Knesset -- home of the Israeli Parliament.

Overnight in Jerusalem – Prima Kings Hotel

Day 13 – Sat – Apr 26

This morning drive to Bethlehem / Shepherd's Field to visit the Church of the Nativity and a cave, similar to the one in which Jesus was born. Drive past the tomb of Rachel and Ruth's fields.

This afternoon we visit the Garden Tomb. Where a rock formation resembles a skull and the site accords with the biblical data of the area where Jesus was buried. It is presently a beautiful garden park, where we will take communion together.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 14 – Sun – Apr 27

Ein Kerem, Ellah Valley (Battle of David and Goliath) Biet Guvrin, Biet Shemesh.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 15 – Mon – Apr 28

Free day in Jerusalem.

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Day 16 – Tue – Apr 29

Transfer to the airport for your Depart Tel Aviv for home. Arrive home same day
COST PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY -- $4995.00

INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR

FLIGHT ORIGINATING IN TORONTO (ADD-ONS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR HOME CITY... CONTACT US FOR ADDITIONAL COST)
   FIRST CLASS HOTELS THROUGHOUT
   TWO MEALS PER DAY
   ALL ENTRANCE FEES
   ALL AIRPORT TAXES
   ALL SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY
   ALL TRANSFERS AS PER ITINERARY

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