

REGENT CHRISTIAN ONLINE ACADEMY MISSIONS 2019 ~ DISCOVERING THE PROMISED LAND

TOUR PRICE: \$5999 CND all-inclusive per person in a twin room

Based on 12 attendees (grade 11/12 learners in the 2018/19 school year) and 4 chaperones = 16 total participants

Rates and Itinerary Details Are Subject to Change

CHAPERONES:

Mr. and Mrs. Tim and Dennise Crowell



As principal of RCOA, it is an honour to journey with your child(ren) to The Promised Land. Such a trip is a once in a life time experience and one that Tim, my husband, and I are looking forward to with expectation that the Lord is going to move in our lives and in the lives of the students we take along. I have led two missions trips during my time as a Christian Educator and it never ceases to amaze me how profound the effect of such trips are on the lives of all that attend. We come home changed; changed by the grace of our Lord and His love for people. Touring Israel, the land where the Bible comes alive promises to be no different. Tim is a registered emergency room nurse – a great guy to have along! He describes this trip as his ‘dream’ trip. A time that he expectantly anticipates will deepen the roots of our faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris and Lauren Teichrob



As a history teacher, it's an incredible privilege to travel with your children to the Holy Land, the origin of our faith and birthplace of our Saviour. Chris and I are humbled as you entrust us to walk alongside your child in this journey of spiritual awakening for you child and eagerly anticipate the transformative impact that this experience will have on their hearts and minds. God willing, this experience will be an anchor in your child's spiritual development and we look forward to sharing this time of spiritual strengthening with them as we grow the roots of our faith. We eagerly look forward to serving alongside your children in the areas of teaching, research, construction, building, mentorship and in whatever other capacity God sees fit to use us. Our hearts are open and our eyes are on Him as we look for him to guide our footsteps as we embark on this exciting adventure together.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR:

- Round trip airfare on El Al Israel Airlines flying non-stop from Toronto to Tel Aviv.
- Round trip airfare on Westjet from Vancouver to Toronto
- Meeting/assistance at the airport
- Return transfers to/from the airport, Portage at airport and hotels
- 16 nights hotel accommodation
 - 7 days of historical discovery
 - 6 days of volunteer service with Bridges for Peace and Nazareth Baptist School
- All meals*
- Modern Air-conditioned motor coach with Free Wi-Fi if available
- English speaking licensed tour guide throughout
- All entrance fees to places of interest
- All hotel taxes and service charges; Airport taxes and air surcharges of El Al of \$700
- Tips to Driver, Guide, Hotel & restaurant staff

EXCLUSIONS:

- *Food costs during the two travel days (three days for islanders) to and from Israel and home
- Spending money and souvenirs (optional)

COURSE WORK:

Students will enrol with RCOA for three (3) courses. Course work will begin mid to late fall and finish mid to late May:

- **Intro to Hebrew 10** (4 credits) – students will study the Hebrew language via live stream with a Hebrew speaking instructor
- **Christian Studies 11 or 12** (4 credits)
- **Comparative World Religions 12** (4 credits)

THE DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Sunday, March 17: WINNIPEG/ TORONTO

Depart from Vancouver on Westjet at 9:00am arriving in Toronto at 4:23pm (Terminal 3). Connect with the El Al Israel Airlines departing at 6:45pm.

Day 2 – Monday, March 18: TEL AVIV/ JAFFA

Arrive in Tel Aviv at 12:00pm where our tour guide will meet you. We start by traveling to **Jaffa**, which affords us a breathtaking view of the city of Tel Aviv. At this picturesque port city of winding alleys, art galleries and crafts boutiques. Here King Solomon had the cedars of Lebanon rafted for the building of the First Temple in Jerusalem. After this tour we go to our hotel for check-in and the balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy Tel Aviv. **Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv.**

Day 3— Tuesday, March 19: CAESAREA/MT.CARMEL/MEGIDDO

We drive north along the Plain of Sharon, the Mediterranean and the old coastal road- the Via Maris that linked Egypt and Babylon as we journey towards Galilee. We stop at **Caesarea** the incredible fortress city built by King Herod the Great. Here, Pontius Pilate had his base; where Cornelius lived and was baptized (Acts 10); where Paul embarked to Tarsus (Acts 9:30) and where Philip preached (Acts 8:40). Visit the Roman Theatre, the Hippodrome, and the Crusader City. We then travel north towards Haifa and ascend **Mt. Carmel** the site where the prophet Elijah fought the 400 false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:30). We will stop for an incredible panoramic view of **Haifa**. We turn inland and proceed to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's walled fortified cities (1 Kings 9:15; 10:26), with ruins of 20 levels of civilization. From here the Books of Daniel and Revelation will come alive as we read about the final Battle of Armageddon, while viewing the Plains of Jezreel. Continue to Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee. **Dinner and overnight at Rimonim Nazareth Mary's Well Hotel, Nazareth.**

Day 4 – Wednesday, March 20: NAZARETH

After breakfast volunteering at the Nazareth Baptist School.

Dinner and overnight at Rimonim Nazareth Mary's Well Hotel, Nazareth.

Day 5---Thursday, March 21: NAZARETH

After breakfast volunteering at the Nazareth Baptist School.

Dinner and overnight at Rimonim Nazareth Mary's Well Hotel, Nazareth.

Day 6--- Friday, March 22: NAZARETH

Dinner and overnight at Rimonim Nazareth Mary's Well Hotel, Nazareth.

Day 7---Saturday, March 23: JESUS' MINISTRY IN THE GALILEE

We start the day with a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee. Visit the **Jesus Boat Museum** at Kibbutz Ginossar. Drive to **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry and the site of many of his miracles (Mark 2:4; Matt.8:5; 14-7; 9; 1-7; 17:18). We will see the remains of Peter's house and the synagogue site where Jesus taught and worshipped (Mark 1:21; Luke 4:31). Drive to **Tabgha** and visit the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. Continue to the **Mt. of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered what is perhaps the most famous sermon ever preached – “The Sermon On The Mount” (Matt.5). Visit to **Magdala** the newly excavated site to see the 1st century synagogue where Jesus taught. Continue to **Bethsaida**- An ancient fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is known as the birthplace of three Apostles Peter, Andrew and Philip. We finish the day at **Yardenit**- the Jordan River Baptismal site. **Dinner and overnight at Rimonim Nazareth Mary's Well Hotel, Nazareth.**

Day 8 – Sunday, March 24: GALILEE/ GOLAN HEIGHTS

We will drive north stopping at **Safed**, one of the 4 holiest cities in Israel. Visit the ancient synagogues and the artist colony. Continue to **Tel Dan** one of the most important sites for the archaeological and historical recovery of ancient Israel. The city of Dan represented the norther border of the biblical Kingdom of Israel. We drive to the **Golan Heights** and visit **Banias**, one of the sources of the Jordan River and the site of ancient “**Caesarea Philipi**”, where Peter made the confession of faith in Christ (Matt; 16:16). On the Golan Heights we will visit one of the bunkers from the Six Day War in 1967 at **Har Bental**. Return to your Guest House via the east side of the Sea of Galilee stopping at **Kursi** to see the place where the demons entered the swine and entered the Sea of Galilee. **Dinner and overnight at Rimonim Nazareth Mary's Well Hotel, Nazareth.**

Day 9 – Monday, March 25: GALILEE/ JORDAN VALLEY// JERUSALEM

Drive to **Nazareth**, the boyhood town of Jesus. We will visit **Nazareth Village** depicting a village from the time of Jesus. We drive southward to **Beit Shean**, where we will walk through the incredible excavations of the largest ongoing

archaeological dig in the land of Israel with its Roman theatre, colonnaded Roman streets, mosaics and Roman bathhouses. It is also the city where the body of King Saul and his sons were nailed to the walls by the Philistines (1 Samuel 31:10). We then drive through the lush Jordan Valley. We make our ascent to Jerusalem through the Judean Wilderness.

Dinner and overnight at the Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 10—Tuesday, March 26: BRIDGES FOR PEACE PROJECTS

After breakfast volunteering for Bridges for Peace projects.

Dinner and overnight at the Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 11—Wednesday, March 27: BRIDGES FOR PEACE PROJECTS

After breakfast volunteering for Bridges for Peace projects.

Dinner and overnight at the Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 13: Thursday, March 28: BRIDGES FOR PEACE PROJECTS

After breakfast volunteering for Bridges for Peace projects.

Dinner and overnight at the Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 14—Saturday, March 30: JERUSALEM/ BETHLEHEM

We start the day at the **Mount of Olives**, for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Walk down to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the Church of All Nations. From here, we proceed by bus across the Kidron Valley, past the Tombs of Absalom, Zechariah and James and proceed to **Mt Zion** to visit the traditional site of the **Upper Room** (Room of the Last Supper) and the Church of **St. Peter's in Gallicantu**, built on top of the High Priest Caiphas' house. We walk to the Zion Gate and enter the Old City of Jerusalem through this gate and walk through the Armenian Quarter to the **Jewish Quarter**. Visit the **Western Wall**, Judaism's holiest spot. We continue our walk along the **Via Dolorosa** to visit the Pools of Bethesda & St. Anne's Church; we pass through the colourful bazaars, alleyways and market places and reach the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** for a brief visit. We finish the day in **Bethlehem** to visit the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus.

Dinner and overnight at the Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 15—Sunday, March 31: JERUSALEM

We begin the day at **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust commemorating the six million Jews who perished. Visit and walk through the Museum, visit the Children's Memorial, walk along the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles for those who risked their lives to save Jewish lives. Continue to the **Israel Museum** to the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest manuscripts of the Bible ever found. Drive to the excavated **City of David** to see remains of Jerusalem from the time of King David. See the **Hezekiah's Tunnel** and visit the **Pool of Siloam**. Continue to the **Davidson Center** to start at the facility using the state of art technology and film showing what the Temple Mount was like from the time of Jesus. You will continue to the **Southern Wall Excavations** and see the walls from the time of King Herod and walk on the same steps Jesus walked on going up to the Temple. Visit the Western Wall Tunnels and the excavations along the length of the Western Wall from the time of the Second Temple. We finish the day at the **Garden Tomb**-preserved by the Garden Tomb Association these beautiful gardens surround the traditional site of the Garden Tomb.

Dinner & overnight at the Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 16 – Monday, April 1: MASADA/DEAD SEA/EIN GEDI/ QUMRAN

This morning we drive to the lowest point on earth the Dead Sea and to **Masada**. You will take a cable car to the summit of this magnificent fortress built by King Herod the Great and the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots. Visit the historic ruins and see the palaces, bathhouses, swimming pool, and the oldest synagogue in the world on this mountain in the middle of the desert. We stop on the shores of the Dead Sea for a chance to float in the saltiest body of water in the world. Continue to the oasis of **Ein Gedi** and walk through the nature park to see the waterfalls in the desert. We will stop at **Qumran**, where a young shepherd boy discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 in the cave that you will see. These scrolls are the oldest scriptures of the Bible ever found. You will see where the Essenes who wrote these scrolls lived and wrote these scrolls. Return to Jerusalem

Dinner & overnight at the Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 17 – Tuesday, April 2: JERUSALEM

We start the day visiting the **Jerusalem Assistance Centre**-Bridges for Peace.

Dinner & overnight at the Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 18---Thursday, April 4: CANADA

Depart Tel Aviv on El Al Israel Airlines at 1:15pm, arriving in Toronto at 6:45pm. Connect to your Westjet flight departing Toronto at 10:15pm and arriving in Vancouver at 12:21am (April 5)

Day 19 – Friday, April 4: CANADA (ISLANDERS ONLY)

Islanders depart for Vancouver Island via BC Ferries

To apply to join us on this trip:

- Complete the Application Form by clicking [here](#).
- Complete an online application for enrolment, cross enrolment or registration in grade 11 or 12 to RCOA. Find the online application for at www.rcoa.ca --> Admissions --> Online Application
- Pay a \$100 nonrefundable deposit (Due by Oct. 15th)
 - by e-transfer (e-transfer question: What fees? Answer: registration) to clangley@rcoa.ca
 - credit card payments will be taken by phone (250 592 1759 or toll free 1 866 877 1737)
 - cheques can be mailed to the office (#105 – 4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, BC V8Z 6L8)
 - cash can be received in person if it is convenient to come into one of our offices.
- Email a digital copy of the first page of your passport to jocelyn@rcoa.ca

Interested in the trip and want to let us know that you are but don't feel quite ready to commit to the application process? Email Mrs. Teichrob (lteichrob@rcoa.ca) so that we can add you to our missions update emails.

He is alive!

