



Exegetical FAM Tour

*A Shoresh Study Tour
February 6-16, 2018*



This FAM (familiarization) tour of Israel is primarily designed to introduce potential future tour leaders to the ministry of Shoresh Study Tours, and to prepare them to lead future trips if they feel so called. The secondary purpose of this tour is to give teachers and preachers of Scripture new exegetical insights.

We will examine the historical, geographical, cultural and linguistic context of the Bible as we move from the Negev to Galilee in order to gain a Hebraic perspective of our faith. We will pay special attention to the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) and how its themes are used and developed in the New Testament. Equally, we will focus on Jesus of Nazareth to come to an understanding of ways we can better present his life and teachings to our communities. We will also ask ourselves how can we create a culture of Bible in our churches so that the word of God remains vital and relevant in each generation.

Bring a Bible and a large, empty notebook. Be prepared to join the discussion as we learn from Scripture, the Land and each other.

Day 1: Tuesday, February 6

Afternoon arrival and transfer to our accommodation in the desert city of Beersheva.

Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beersheva

Day 2: Wednesday, February 7

OUR FATHER ABRAHAM

We examine in some detail the stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as we explore Biblical Negev, Tel Beersheba and Tel Arad. Time permitting, we will visit the graves of the Patriarchs in Hebron. Evening discussion: *Preaching/Teaching Jewish Holidays*.

Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beersheva

Day 3: Thursday, February 8

PREACHING THE EXODUS

We recount the stories found in Exodus and Numbers as we visit Wadi Zinn, Mitzpe Ramon and Sde Boker. Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beersheva

Day 4: Friday, February 9

IN THE WILDERNESS PREPARE THE WAY

Today we visit the Dead Sea area beginning at Masada, then spending much of our day at the Essene settlement of Qumran. Here we will view Cave 1 or 11 (time permitting) where the first Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. If time permits we take a dip in the Dead Sea. Evening Shabbat Meal and discussion: *The Sabbath in the Life Our Communities*.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 5: Saturday, February 10

THE FAITHFUL CITY

We begin with an introduction to Jerusalem at the Tower of David. We will walk around the Old City stopping at key sites: the Holy Sepulchre, the Pools of Bethesda and Hezekiah's Broad Wall. Time permitting, we may visit the Israel Museum. After dinner we will enjoy a short stroll to a rooftop panorama of the Old City and talk with the Director of Shoresh Study Tours. Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 6: Sunday, February 11

WORSHIP

We join in worship this morning at Christ Church. In the afternoon, we will visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we will discuss the value and pitfalls of using modern Jewish history (the Holocaust in particular) in our teaching and preaching. After dinner we will have a talk on how to book and lead a tour with Shoresh.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 7: Monday, February 12

BUILD ME A SANCTUARY

We will walk through Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter and visit the Temple Mount, Western Wall and the Southern Wall Excavations. Our afternoon is free for rest, reflection, shopping or, for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 8: Tuesday, February 13

THE REIGN OF GOD



We depart early this morning for the Galilee where we focus on Jesus' message, *Repent the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand* in its Jewish context. Sites today include Jericho, the Jordan River, and Mount Arbel. Evening discussion: *Changing the Way the Church Thinks About the Kingdom*.

Overnight: Ein Gev Holiday Resort, Sea of Galilee

Day 9: Wednesday, February 14

COME AND FOLLOW ME

In the Galilee and Golan Heights we examine discipleship in its 1st century setting while visiting Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes and Chorazin. Evening discussion: *Preaching and Teaching – Discipleship*. Overnight: Ein Gev Holiday Resort, Sea of Galilee

Day 10: Thursday, February 15

NORTHERN ISRAEL - "WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM?"

In the morning we will visit a reconstructed Jewish village at Katzrin, where we will take another close look at life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. At Dan Nature Reserve, we consider ancient Israel's apostasy and the meaning of "living water" in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching.

Overnight: Ein Gev Holiday Resort, Sea of Galilee

Day 11: Friday, February 16

Morning departure.

Please note:

- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions (especially weather) necessitate.*
- *Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable tour members to fully participate at all sites, but in some cases that may not be possible.*

Flights:

Flights from the UK are included with this tour and are with El Al Israel Airlines:

Outbound

Departs London Heathrow 14:20 on 6th February 2018, arriving in Tel Aviv at 21:10

Return

Departs Tel Aviv 09:05 on 16th February 2018, arriving London Heathrow 12:35

(All times are local)