EYEWITNESS TOUR

ISRAEL

Come and See. Then Go and Tell.

For Christians aged 20-30

14- 25 February 2027



CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL NEW ZEALAND

CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL INTERNATIONAL

INTRODUCTION

This is not a coach tour with a checklist and a photo stop.

You will stand on the hill where Gideon's three hundred were chosen and look down at the valley below. You will float in the lowest place on the planet, watch the sun rise over Masada, sleep in the desert, and cross the Sea of Galilee with the engine off. You will also walk the ground of 7 October, meet people who live fifteen seconds from a bomb shelter, and go up into the hill country the world constantly argues about but almost never actually shows you.

Two threads run through all twelve days. One is the Bible, read on the ground where it happened. The other is the people who live in this land today — their security, their faith, their history, and the very one-sided version of their story that the rest of the world is served. And then, for three days in Jerusalem, you will sit down with Israeli professors, teachers, and journalists, alongside a room full of young people from six continents who are asking exactly the same questions you are.





WHAT THE TWELVE DAYS HOLD

- Sunrise on Masada over the Dead Sea, and a night under the stars in the Judean Desert
- The Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat, Capernaum, Magdala and a first-century synagogue floor
- The Golan Heights and the Syrian border — Israel's security seen as geography, not opinion
- Sderot, the Gaza envelope and the site of the Nova festival, where hundreds of young people were murdered on 7 October 2023
- Shabbat in Jerusalem: the Mount of Olives, the Old City, and communion at the Garden Tomb
- Samaria — Shiloh, Shechem, Gerizim and Ebal — and the Jewish families who returned, and will tell you why
- Three seminar days in Jerusalem with Israeli professors, teachers and journalists.

THE TWELVE DAYS

SUN 14 FEB Arrivals · Tel Aviv

The group lands from every direction — Fiji, Chile, the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia — and sits down to eat together as complete strangers.

MON 15 FEB Tel Aviv & Surroundings · Jaffa by night

The city where the modern state was declared in 1948, and after dark the four-thousand-year-old port Jonah sailed from.

TUE 16 FEB Caesarea Maritima · Megiddo · Nazareth Village

Herod's harbour city on the Mediterranean, the valley Revelation calls Armageddon, and a working reconstruction of a first-century village.

WED 17 FEB Galilee Boat Ride · Capernaum · Magdala · Hippos & the Syrian Border

Silence on the lake in the morning; a ranger tour up the Golan Heights to the border in the afternoon.

THU 18 FEB Gideon's Spring · Jordan River · Dead Sea · Camel Ride · Kfar Hanokdim

From the spring where three hundred men were chosen down to 430 metres below sea level, and a night in a desert camp.

FRI 19 FEB Masada at Sunrise · Sderot · the Gaza Border · the Nova Festival Site

Sunrise from Herod's fortress, then the hardest day of the tour — and up to Jerusalem as Shabbat begins.

SAT 20 FEB Mount of Olives · Old City · Garden Tomb

Shabbat in Jerusalem: the view over the city, the Via Dolorosa and the souk, and bread and wine at the empty tomb.

SUN 21 FEB Samaria

The biblical heartland, and the Jewish families who chose to come back to it — why they returned, what it costs, and what faith in God has to do with it.

MON 22 FEB Seminar: Biblical Archaeology

Three thousand years in the ground — from the Tel Dan inscription to Hezekiah's tunnel and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

TUE 23 FEB Seminar: the Red-Green Alliance

A full day on the alliance between the radical left and militant Islamism, and what it looks like on streets and campuses around the world.

WED 24 FEB Seminar: the Media, Israel Today, and What Now?

How this conflict is reported and by whom, the country as it actually is — and how to tell the story honestly once you are home.

THU 25 FEB Departures

Flights home, back out to every continent you came in from.



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THE THREE SEMINAR DAYS

The last stretch of the tour is deliberately different. You have spent a week walking, driving and climbing; now you sit down in Jerusalem and work out what to do with it. The seminars are taught by Israelis who do this for a living — professors, teachers and journalists — so you hear it from people inside the story. Mornings are for teaching, afternoons for discussion in smaller groups, with room for the awkward questions rather than the polite ones.

Biblical Archaeology — Three Thousand Years in the Ground

The Tel Dan inscription naming the House of David. Hezekiah's Tunnel, cut through solid rock just as 2 Kings describes it. Clay seal impressions bearing the names of officials who appear in Jeremiah. The Dead Sea Scrolls, the coins of the revolts, the burnt houses of Jerusalem's destruction. Stone, ink and pottery, dug out of the places you have just walked through — and a plain answer to a claim you will often encounter at home: that the Jewish people are newcomers here.

The Red-Green Alliance — What is Happening on your Streets

Where the alliance between the radical left and militant Islamism came from, who funds and organises it, the language it uses, and why a cause that presents itself as a human-rights movement so reliably ends with Jewish students being told to keep their heads down. Because the group comes from all over the world, the discussion is unusually valuable: Sydney, Santiago, Chicago and Manila turn out to be the same phenomenon in local clothes.

The Media, Israel Today, and What Now

How this conflict is reported, who supplies the pictures and the figures, and why the coverage so rarely resembles the country you have just spent eleven days in. Then the return journey — not the flight, the other one: how to tell the story honestly, and how to handle the conversation when it turns hostile.



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WHO THIS TOUR IS FOR

This tour is for young adult Christians aged 20 to 30*, from anywhere in the world and from any denomination — Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical, Pentecostal, Free Church, or a congregation that fits none of those labels.

What you need is not a particular tradition, but a Bible you take seriously and a genuine desire to understand more of what God is saying through it.

This is for people who want more than a holiday. You do not need to be a Bible scholar. You do not need to arrive with an opinion about the Middle East that you are ready to defend, and you certainly do not need to have it all worked out. You simply need to be willing to walk a lot, get up early at least once, sit with things that may be uncomfortable, and talk honestly with people you met only three days ago.

What you leave with is a country you have stood in rather than merely read about—the geography behind



the headlines, the theology behind the map, and the voices of the people who live there. Afterwards, it becomes difficult for anyone to argue you out of what you have seen, heard, and experienced for yourself—and that is rather the point.

WHAT IT COSTS

NZ$2,000 PER PERSON (ALL IN) (approximately US$1,130)

Included in the Price

- Return flight to Tel Aviv
- Hotels for the whole tour
- Most meals
- The full seminar programme
- Touring coach throughout
- Israeli tour guide
- Travel insurance within Israel

Not Included

- Personal costs (souvenirs, drinks outside the arranged meals, free evenings in Jerusalem)

REGISTRATION

Please go to

www.c4israel.org.nz to register.

Please note that registering does not automatically guarantee your participation in the tour. Your registration will only be considered final once you have received confirmation from the Christians for Israel New Zealand Head Office by email.

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Eyewitness Tour Application Form 2027

In cooperation with Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Christians for Israel International (C4I) is offering a unique study tour in Israel for young adults. The tour is heavily subsidised by both the MFA, as well as by C4I. For a very heavily subsidised price, you are offered the opportunity to apply to join our:

10-Day *(plus international travel)*

EYEWITNESS

Study Tour in Israel

For young people aged 20—30* years

14—25 February 2027

APPLICANT

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Full (legal) Name, and Preferred Name *(if applicable)*

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2. Date of Birth .....

3. Nationality .....

4. Country of Residence .....

5. Email Address .....

6. Mobile Phone Number ..... WhatsApp .....

7. Current Status *(Select one)*

☐ High School Student
☐ University Student
☐ Gap-Year Programme Participant
☐ Recent Graduate
☐ Employed
☐ Other *(please specify):* .....

8. Name of Current School, College, University, Employer, or Programme

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9. Marital Status:

☐ Single
☐ Engaged
☐ Married. Name of Spouse: .....

BACKGROUND

1. Have you previously visited Israel? If so, when, and in what capacity (tourist, student, other).

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2. Describe any educational, leadership, volunteer, or exchange programmes you have participated in.

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3. The main programme will be delivered in English language, in which all participants must be able to function conversationally. What languages do you speak and at what level?

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CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

1. Are you a Christian? Please explain.

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2. How are you involved in your Church or Christian community?

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MOTIVATION FOR THE PROGRAMME

1. Are you familiar with Christians for Israel International? If so, please explain.

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2. Why do you want to participate in this study programme in Israel?

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3. What do you hope to learn during the programme?

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RECOMMENDATIONS & UPLOADS

1. Reference (Pastor/Church Leader/Mentor): Name, Position, Organisation, Email, Phone

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☐ Attach Recommendation Letter

☐ Attach passport copy

COMMITMENT & REFLECTION

1. How do you intend to share what you have learned when you return home?

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2. Why should you be selected for this programme?

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3. There will be some written components during the study programme, which will be completed upon returning home after the tour, in conjunction with local Christians for Israel affiliates in each country. This will involve some preparation work prior to departure, engagement/records/key notes during the tour, and preparation for delivery of a completed course-work upon return.

Describe one project, presentation, church activity, article, video, or community initiative you will undertake after the programme, that brings the experience and knowledge gained on the programme to your community.

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PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The programme is intense, and involves considerable movement, long hours, and some emotionally intense experiences. Applicants must be physically able to complete every aspect of the programme.

1. Do you have any physical or medical challenges that may restrict your ability to participate in all aspects of the programme?

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2. Do you have any other health challenges that may impact your ability to participate in all aspects of the programme? Please list these, so they can be discussed with your C4I affiliate.

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FINAL DECLARATION

- I certify that all information provided is accurate.
- I understand that submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance. Acceptance is determined by the Board members of national affiliates, who will consider your application as received.
- If selected, I agree to participate respectfully and fully in all programme activities. (Since this study tour is heavily subsidised, participation in all parts of the programme is mandatory).
- I agree that I will be representing Christians for Israel International and national affiliates. Any behaviour unbecoming of such representation may result in the traveller being sent home.
- I will make all efforts to engage with Zoom meetings and WhatsApp group functions in preparation for the programme.
- I agree that full payment will be required at the time advised upon notification of acceptance to the programme. All fees must be paid before departure.
- Limited insurance covering activity whilst in Israel, is included. I must communicate with my local Christians for Israel affiliate to determine additional insurance requirements to cover international travel, luggage, significant personal items etc.
- In the event of cancellation or other unforeseen event, Christians for Israel's liability is limited to a pro-rata component of the fees paid by each attendee.

☐ I agree

Name: .....

Date: .....

Signed: .....

Applications will only accepted with all components:

☐ This form completed

☐ A copy of a letter of recommendation

☐ and a copy of your passport.

Please return this form and supporting documents to your local Christians for Israel affiliate, at the details below. All applications will be considered until places are full. You will be advised quickly of the outcome of your application.

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