

# ISRAEL AND ROME - FEBRUARY 12 - 23, 2010

## GUEST - DON HOBAN

**DAY 01 – FEB 12 – FRIDAY** - WINNIPEG TO ROME

***OVERNIGHT IN FLIGHT TO ROME, ITALY***

**DAY 02 – FEB 13 – SATURDAY** - ARRIVE ROME AFTER CHECKING INTO YOUR HOTEL AND A TIME FOR REST AND HAVE DINNER. THIS EVENING OUR ITINERARY GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ROME BY NIGHT IN A ROMANTIC SETTING FULL OF SPLENDOR. DISCOVER THE CITY'S RENOWNED MONUMENTS FROM INSIDE OUR COMFORTABLE COACH BUS. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF LIT UP PIAZZAS, FOUNTAINS, AND RENAISSANCE AND BAROQUE BUILDINGS. ADMIRE THE BEST AND MOST INTERESTING PLACES AWAY FROM THE CROWDS AND TRAFFIC.

***OVERNIGHT IN ROME***



**03 – FEB 14 – SUNDAY** - THE TOUR FIRST STOPS AT PIAZZA VENEZIA, ROME'S HISTORICAL CENTER WHERE VISITORS CAN VIEW "THE VITTORIANO" THE ALTAR DEDICATED TO THE KING VITTORIO EMANUELE II IN 1911. THE TOUR'S SECOND STOP IS AT THE CAPITOL SQUARE. MICHAELANGELO'S RENAISSANCE PALACE BUILT ON THE RUINS OF THE ACROPOLIS AND DATING BACK TO THE 16TH CENTURY IS NOW THE SEAT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT. THE SQUARE IS MARKED BY SEVERAL NOTABLE WORKS OF ART, AMONG THEM THE TWO COLOSSAL STATUES OF CASTOR AND POLLUX THAT STAND GUARD ON THE MAGNIFICENT STAIRCASE LEADING TO THE PALACE. THE ROMAN EMPIRE'S POLITICAL, MILITARY AND SOCIAL CENTER IS THE ROMAN FORUMS. THE OLDEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS OF THE EMPIRE ARE USUALLY LOCATED IN THE FORUM. THESE DAYS, THE RUINS OF THE FORUM CONSISTS OF THE TEMPLE OF JULIUS CAESAR, BASILICA EMILIA, THE ARCH OF TITUS AND THE HOLY ROAD. THE TOUR ALSO VISITS ROME'S GREATEST AMPHITHEATRE BUILT BY THE EMPEROR VESPASIAN IN 72 AD – THE COLOSSEUM. THE NEXT STOP IS THE BASILICA OF SAN PIETRO IN VINCOLI THAT HOUSES MICHELANGELO'S MASTERPIECE, THE STATUE OF MOSES. THIS AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE VATICAN. THE SISTINE CHAPEL BUILT IN XV CENTURY BY POPE SIXTUS AND ADORNED BY MICHELANGELO, BOTTICELLI, PERUGINO AND GHIRLANDAIO - THE BERNINI STAIRCASES OF THE XVI CENTURY - ST.PETER'S BASILICA THE LARGEST CHURCH ALL OVER THE WORLD, WITH MILLIONS OF GOLDEN MOSAICS AND SEVERAL TOMBS OF POPES WHERE LIES THE MOST IMPORTANT STATUE OF MICHELANGELO, "THE PIETÀ"

***OVERNIGHT IN ROME***



**DAY 04 – FEB 15 – MONDAY** - DEPART ROME FOR TEL AVIV WHERE YOU WILL BE MET AND ASSISTED THROUGH CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION. UPON ARRIVAL WE WILL DRIVE TO JAFFA (THIS IS THE PORT OF JOPPA FROM WHICH JONAH SAILED) AND THEN NORTH ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST TO CAESAREA. THE BOOK OF ACTS REFERS REPEATEDLY TO THE CITY; PETER VISITED CAESAREA (ACTS 10); PAUL WAS HELD PRISONER IN CAESAREA FOR TWO YEARS (ACTS 23:23-23:30), WHILE AWAITING TRIAL. IT WAS FROM HERE PAUL SAILED TO ROME (ACTS 27:1). ORIGEN AND EISEHOUS WERE BOTH IMPORTANT CHRISTIANS OF CAESAREA. THE CITY

WAS EVENTUALLY DESTROYED BY THE MOSLEM INVASIONS OF 638. CONTINUE ON TO VISIT THE PORT CITY OF HAIFA FOR A VIEW OF THE CITY FROM ATOP MT. CARMEL. ELIJAH THE PROPHET TAUGHT IN THE "SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS" ON THIS MOUNTAIN. ON THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT CARMEL, ELIJAH CONFRONTED THE PROPHETS OF BAAL. (1 KINGS 18:19-20). WE WILL VISIT THE BEAUTIFUL PERSIAN GARDENS AT THE BAHAI TEMPLE. WE WILL SEE CANA AND STOP IN



NAZARETH TO VISIT "NAZARETH VILLAGE". BASED ON SOLID NEW TESTAMENT SCHOLARSHIP AND THE MOST UP-TO-DATE ARCHAEOLOGY, NAZARETH VILLAGE BRINGS TO LIFE A FARM AND GALILEAN VILLAGE, RECREATING NAZARETH AS IT WAS 2,000 YEARS AGO. YOU WILL MEET THE PEOPLE AND EXPERIENCE FIRST-CENTURY HOSPITALITY. STEP THROUGH A STONE DOORWAY INTO THE DIM INTERIOR, AND SMELL THE SMOKE FROM THE OIL LAMPS. YOU WILL BEGIN TO IMAGINE LIFE WHEN JESUS LIVED HERE IN NAZARETH. IN THE COURTYARD PEER INTO THE CISTERN, A VITAL PART OF ANY HOUSEHOLD. HAND-HEWN CAVES STORE WHEAT AND OTHER SUPPLIES. CONTINUE ON TO TIBERIUS.

***KIBBUTZ FOR THE NIGHT***



**DAY 05 – FEB 16 – TUESDAY** – LEAVE THIS MORNING FOR THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND CAESAREA PHILIPPI. VISIT CAPERNAUM. VISIT THE SITE OF THE MIRACLE OF THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND. THIS EVENING TAKE A SUNSET BOAT RIDE FROM CAPERNAUM TO EIN GEV FOR DINNER. RETURN TO TIBERIAS FOR OVERNIGHT.

***KIBBUTZ FOR THE NIGHT***

**DAY 06 – FEB 17 – WEDNESDAY** - WE WILL HEAD SOUTH ALONG THE JORDAN VALLEY, THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY AT THE JORDAN RIVER WHERE YOU CAN BE BAPTIZED IF YOU WISH. VISIT THE HISTORIC CITY OF BEIT-SHEAN. ON ROUTE WE WILL STOP AT "GENESIS LAND" SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE JUDEAN DESERT BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND THE DEAD SEA. THIS IS THE LAND WHERE THE PATRIARCHS LIVED. A BIBLICAL PLACE, IT ENABLES VISITORS TO EXPERIENCE LIFE AS IT WAS IN BIBLICAL TIMES. VISITORS TO GENESIS



LAND ARE GREETED BY ELIEZER, ABRAHAM'S MANSERVANT, AND BY A TRAIN OF CAMELS WHICH LEAD YOU DOWN TO ABRAHAM'S TENT, WHERE

YOU WILL EXPERIENCE HIS LEGENDARY HOSPITALITY. PERHAPS YOU'LL WITNESS THE COURTSHIP OF ISAAC AND REBECCA. YOU MIGHT EVEN COME ACROSS JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS, JUST BEFORE THEY THROW HIM IN THE PIT. AT GENESIS LAND, THE STORIES OF THE BIBLE COME TO LIFE IN THE VERY LANDSCAPE IN WHICH THEY TOOK PLACE.

***OVERNIGHT - JERUSALEM***



**DAY 07 – FEB 18 – THURSDAY** - THIS MORNING IS A FULL BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL. BEGIN YOUR WALK DOWN THE OLD ROMAN ROAD AND TOUR OF MODERN DAY JERUSALEM. VISIT THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM. CONTINUE TOURING SITES OF MODERN DAY JERUSALEM.

RETURN TO THE HOTEL FOR DINNER AND OVERNIGHT.

***OVERNIGHT – JERUSALEM***



**DAY 08 – FEB 19 – FRIDAY** - TRANSFER TO THE TOP OF THE MT. OF OLIVES TO BEGIN YOUR WALKING TOUR. WALK DOWN THROUGH THE KIDRON VALLEY TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE AND THE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS. ENTER JERUSALEM AT ST. STEPHEN'S GATE DOWN THE WAY OF THE CROSS, THE VIA DOLOROSA. VISIT THE POOLS OF SHILOAH. VIEW KING DAVID'S TOMB ON THE WAY TO UPPER ROOM. WE WILL VISIT THE DOME OF THE ROCK. TEMPLE AREAS AND IF POSSIBLE, WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GO UNDERGROUND VIA THE WESTERN WALL TUNNEL. RETURN TO YOUR HOTEL FOR DINNER.

***OVERNIGHT - JERUSALEM***

**DAY 09 – FEB 20 - SATURDAY** - DEPART JERUSALEM THIS MORNING AFTER BREAKFAST TO JERICO, VISIT THE MT. OF TEMPTATION. CONTINUE SOUTH TO MASADA WHERE, ON ARRIVAL, WE EMBARK THE CABLE CAR TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. ON OUR RETURN WE WILL STOP AT THE DEAD SEA TO EXPERIENCE THE BUOYANCY OF THE WATERS. RETURN TO THE HOTEL FOR OVERNIGHT.

***OVERNIGHT – JERUSALEM***





**DAY 10 – FEB 21 – SUNDAY** - THIS MORNING AFTER BREAKFAST, DRIVE TO BETHLEHEM. VIEW THE CAVE OF THE NATIVITY, SEE SHEPHERD'S FIELDS, BOAZ'S FIELDS AND PASS BY RACHEL'S TOMB ON THE RETURN TO JERUSALEM. YOUR GUIDE WILL MOST LIKELY STOP AT A SOUVENIR SHOP IN BETHLEHEM TO ALLOW YOU TIME TO BROWSE AND SHOP FOR LOCAL HANDICRAFTS AND SOUVENIRS. THIS AFTERNOON VISIT THE GARDEN TOMB AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH A COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE GARDEN, THE EVANGELICAL SITE OF THE DEATH AND BURIAL OF CHRIST. RETURN TO THE HOTEL FOR DINNER AND OVERNIGHT.

***OVERNIGHT - JERUSALEM***

**DAY 11 – FEB 22 – MONDAY** - AFTERNOON TRANSFER TO AIRPORT.

***OVERNIGHT – IN FLIGHT***

**DAY 12 – FEB 23 – TUESDAY** – ARRIVE IN TORONTO AND CONNECT TO HOME



**COST: \$3895.00 cnd**

**(The prices for airfare and land were calculated one year in advance. This cost could change)**

\$ 400.00 EXTRA FOR A SINGLE ROOM

**INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR:**

- ✧ AIRFARE FROM WINNIPEG TO TEL AVIV AND RETURN TEL AVIV TO WINNIPEG
- ✧ ALL AIRPORT TAXES
- ✧ FIRST CLASS HOTELS THROUGHOUT
- ✧ TWO MEALS PER DAY
- ✧ ALL ENTRANCE FEES
- ✧ ALL SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY
- ✧ ALL TRANSFERS AS PER ITINERARY
- ✧ CANCELLATION INSURANCE IF YOU MUST CANCEL DUE TO ILLNESS OF YOU OR AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER, OR YOUR TRAVELING COMPANION.
- ✧ GRATUITIES ARE ALSO INCLUDED

\$200.00 PAYABLE UPON REGISTRATION

THIS DEPOSIT IS REFUNDABLE UP TO 60 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE IF YOU MUST CANCEL

OCTOBER 02, 2009 - \$1000.00

NOVEMBER 15, 2009 - \$1000.00

JANUARY 02, 2010 – \$1695.00 OR BALANCE IS DUE

**DELUXE PACKAGE TOUR**

SUM INSURED PRIOR: \$1500.00.

AFTER DEPARTURE FROM YOUR HOME: \$UNLIMITED

INSURANCE INCLUDED

THIS INSURANCE PROVIDES CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION, FLIGHT ACCIDENT, TRAVEL ACCIDENT, BAGGAGE & PERSONAL EFFECTS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL. IT ALSO OFFERS, AT NO EXTRA CHARGE, EXTRA PROTECTION JUST IN CASE YOUR LUGGAGE IS DELAYED, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR AN INFANT TRAVELING WITH YOU. PLEASE REFER TO THE PACKAGE COVERAGE CHART IN YOUR POLICY BOOKLET FOR SUMS INSURED AND OTHER DETAILS

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