

Join us on the pilgrimage of a lifetime:

## Biblical Israel & Turkey

This spectacular 3-week journey includes the footsteps of Jesus, the footsteps of St Paul. Seven Churches of Revelation, including visits to Gallipoli and Cappadocia.

02 – 26 September 2023

Hosted by Chris & Susanne Donaldson



Chris is a Chaplain for the Archer Group and a resource lecturer with YWAMs University of the Nations.

Over the last twelve years Chris and Susanne have organised & led many groups through the Holy Lands of Israel and Turkey and have a wealth of cross-cultural experience and expertise.

As the hosts for this tour, Chris and Susanne bring a unique Biblical focus, including teaching, prayer, and worship, which significantly compliment a tour of these lands with Christians who are passionate about Biblical history and motivated by the Great Commission.

We invite you to join us on this special pilgrimage.

Our pilgrimage tour will depart from Christchurch. A special allocation of seats is secured with Emirates Airlines. We depart Christchurch on Saturday 02 September and travel via Dubai, to Tel Aviv arriving on Monday 03 September.

On Sunday 24 September our evening flight will depart Istanbul and transit Dubai for the return to Christchurch. If you wish to extend your travel plans, or travel separately, please contact Innovative Travel. To secure your place please fill out the tour registration form.



## September 2023

### **Mon 02: Christchurch-Tel Aviv**

Meet at Christchurch Airport. Later this afternoon, depart on Emirates Airlines and fly via Sydney to Dubai.

### **Sun 03: Dubai – Tel Aviv (L D)**

Arrive early this morning and connect to Tel Aviv. Welcome to the Holy Land. On arrival we will receive group VIP assistance through immigration procedures. We will be met by our guide and transferred to Tel Aviv where we are reserved overnight including breakfast. En route stop for a light lunch. Early this evening dinner is included at a local restaurant in Jaffa (Joppa), the oldest known port in the world. The place where Job left for Ninevah, but got side tracked! and where Peter was based at Simon the Tanner's House, when he received a vision from the Lord to preach to the Gentiles.

### **Mon 04: Tel Aviv - Galilee (B D)**

Drive north along the coast to Caesarea, originally constructed during the rule of Herod the Great around 25–13 BCE as the port city Caesarea Maritima. Later it served as an administrative centre of Judaea Province of the Roman Empire, and at that time as capital of the Byzantine Palaestina Prima province.

Acts 8:1, 40, Philip the Evangelist shared the gospel here. Paul travelled to and through Caesarea on several occasions. Acts 21:8-16 was his last visit where the disciples begged him not to go on to Jerusalem. Also, Peter visited Cornelius here and his friends and family were all converted.

During the 11<sup>th</sup> Century it was conquered by the Crusaders. Continue to Haifa and visit the Bahai Gardens. Later travel inland to Nazareth where according to the Gospel of Luke, Nazareth was the home village of Mary and also the site of the Annunciation. It was where Jesus was brought up. Later we will visit Nazareth Village, a unique reconstruction of a 1<sup>st</sup> century village. Later, transfer to the Sea of Galilee where you will be based for two nights in a Kibbutz Hotel. Dinner is included this evening.

### **Tues 05 Galilee (B D)**

Start the day with a boat ride in a traditional wooden sailing vessel on the Sea of Galilee. Explore the centre of Jesus' ministry at Capernaum and see the remains of the synagogue where he preached. Continue to the site of the Miracle of the Fishes and Loaves at Tabgha and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4<sup>th</sup> century mosaic floor. Ascend the Mt of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where the Sermon on the Mount took place.

We then drive to the Golan Heights. The earliest evidence of human habitation in the Golan Heights dates to the Upper Palaeolithic period. In Biblical times, an Amorite Kingdom in Bashan was conquered by Israelites during the reign of King Og. Throughout the Old Testament period, the Golan was "the focus of a power struggle between the Kings of Israel and the Aramaeans who were based near modern-day Damascus.

The Itureans, an Arab or Aramaic people, settled there in the 2nd century BCE and remained until the end of the Byzantine period.

Continue to Barnias (or Paneas in Greek times) an archaeological site by the ancient city of Caesarea Philippi, located at the foot of Mt Hermon a city mentioned in the Bible, described as the northernmost city of the Kingdom of Israel belonging to the Tribe of Dan. Later return the Kibbutz where dinner is included this evening.

### **Wed 06: Galilee – Jerusalem (B D)**

Drive south to Jericho (entry subject to local security clearance, please have your passport with you). Take the cable car to the Mt of Temptation in the Judean Desert where Jesus was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:8). - We then drive up to Jerusalem for a spectacular view of the city upon arrival.

*If other sites are gems, Jerusalem is the crown. Here every place comes to life, the sites of various events and miracles, the very hills and paths which have been part of the eternal landscape of the city. By whichever route you approach Jerusalem; you are retracing the steps of the pilgrims who have been making this journey for thousands for years. Kind David's mountaintop capital is holy to the world's three monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Jerusalem is the capital of the State of Israel. Located in the Judean Mountains it is between the Mediterranean Sea and the Northern Edge of the Dead Sea. Jerusalem has grown far beyond the boundaries of the Old City. During its long history, Jerusalem has been destroyed twice, besieged 23 times, attacked 52 times, and captured and recaptured 44 times. Defying warfare and time, Jerusalem's architecture remains in remarkable shape – you could spend days (or weeks) getting lost in its labyrinth of alleys and bustling bazaars. The Old City is surrounded by relics of ancient and modern times. To the south lies the City of David (the original Jebusite city). Predominately Palestinian East Jerusalem is home to consulates, museums, and the Garden Tomb, while West Jerusalem has the Israeli capital building and a patchwork of secular and religious neighbourhoods.*

On arrival drive to the Mount of Olives, a mountain ridge in East Jerusalem with three peaks running from north to south. It is named for the olive groves that once covered its slopes and is frequently mentioned in the New Testament as the route which Jesus took from Jerusalem to Bethany and the place where he stood when he wept over Jerusalem.

Jesus is said to have spent time on the Mount, teaching and prophesying to his disciples and according to Acts, gave them the Great Commission before ascending to heaven. We visit the Garden of Gethsemane with its grove of 2000+ year old olive trees. This is the place Jesus agonised in prayer on the evening of his arrest. On this site is the Church of All Nations that encompass a rock that is claimed to be the one Jesus prostrated himself in prayer, with tears like drops of blood. Later continue to the Eyal Hotel, located near to the Old city. This hotel is of a simpler standard, but its superb location, 15 minutes' walk to the Jaffa Gate will ensure we make the most of our extended time in Jerusalem. Dinner is at our hotel this evening.

### **Thurs 07 Jerusalem (B D)**

This morning depart at 8am. Walk the via Dolorosa through the Old City arriving at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the supposed site of Christ's burial and resurrection. The church has been an important Christian pilgrimage destination since at least the 4th century AD. We then visit the Western Wall (The Wailing Wall), the most sacred site in the world for Jews today. Later, we take a tour through the Kotel Tunnel, underneath the Western Wall, where you will see and touch

massive blocks the size of buses that Herod used in the reconstruction of the second temple. Finally, today we will head over to East Jerusalem and spend time at The Garden Tomb, sometimes referred to as “The Protestant” Golgotha for a time of worship and communion. We then return to our hotel.

### **Fri 08 Jerusalem (B T D)**

Today start with a visit to the Knesset and menorah shrine of the book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are carefully stored. Continue to the Jerusalem Model, built to depict the end of the Second Temple Period. Later visit the Mahane Yehuda market foodies tasting tour in the New City. End our day with a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum. This evening we will join a Jewish family to share in a Shabbat dinner.

### **Sat 09: Jerusalem – Masada – Dead Sea – Qumran – Jerusalem B D)**

Today travel south and visit Masada, one of the Palace Fortresses built by Herod the Great. Continue to the Dead Sea – with time to float in these amazing therapeutic waters. (Please bring your togs, sun hat & sunglasses today. Towels are for hire locally at an additional cost). Finally, we will visit Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, also the ruins of an Essene 1<sup>st</sup> century BC community. Dinner is included this evening.

### **Sun 10 Jerusalem – Bethlehem (B D)**

This morning visit Bethlehem, including the Church of Nativity and the Shepherds Fields. This afternoon is at leisure with time to further explore the Old city. Tonight, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant is included.

### **Mon 11 Tel Aviv – Istanbul (B D)**

This morning transfer to the Airport for your flight to Istanbul. Arrival into Istanbul with one of the most modern airports in the World. Transfer to our hotel for a three-night stay. Dinner is included this evening at our hotel.

### **Tues 12: Istanbul (B D)**

Today we will have an “Ancient City” tour with highlights that include: the magnificent Topkapi Palace (the main residences of Ottoman Sultans), then walk across the Byzantine Hippodrome that was the scene of chariot races. In the afternoon we visit Saint Sophia Basilica, historic seat of the Byzantine church, built in 537AD and now a mosque whose mosaics, stained windows and decorated domes have been crafted to create an environment of breath-taking beauty. Visit the immense, Byzantine era, underground Cistern. A short walk-through gardens takes us to the Blue Mosque of Sultan Ahmet 1 built in 1616. Overnight in Istanbul.



Discover Istanbul



Experience Gallipoli



Visit Ephesus

### **Wed 13: Istanbul – Gallipoli - Canakkale (B D)**

Early departure from the hotel, drive through Istanbul and through the countryside to the Northern Aegean city of Canakkale, driving alongside the Sea of Marmaris. We visit the WW1 battlefields of the Gallipoli Peninsula including ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Australian cemetery, and the Chunuk Bair New Zealand memorial. Then, across the Dardanelles by ferry, to our hotel in Canakkale for dinner and an overnight stay. (B D)

### **Thu 14: Troy, Pergamum and Thyatira, Smyrna. Rev 2:18-29, Acts 16:14 (B D)**

We leave the hotel for the legendary city of Troy, immortalised by Homer in the stories of King Priam, Hector, Paris, and the beautiful Helen. Also, nearby, are the ruins of Troas, where Paul received a vision to take the gospel into Europe (Acts 16:8-11). Continue to Pergamum, the first in our 7 churches tour. (See Revelation 2:12-17 in which Jesus commends them for remaining true to His name but warns them about the teachings of “Balaam” and the “Nicolaitans”).

This early Hellenistic city was once a kingdom and was the centre of culture, commerce, medicine, philosophy, and artisans who created masterpieces of the ancient world such as the Altar of Zeus, which was described by John in Revelation as the Throne of Satan. It was the place where parchment was first invented and had, by the Roman period, a famous library with more than 200,000 books which Mark Antony gifted to Cleopatra. Some of the most famous works of antiquity are found here in Pergamum. See the world's steepest Hellenistic style theatre with seating for 10,000. Continue to the marble columned temple of Trojan, Temple of Dionysus, Temple of Athena, the sanctuary of Demeter, and the altar of Zeusare. We then proceed to Asklepion, the great medical centre of the ancients, then on to our second of the 7 churches – Thyatira (modern day Akhisar), where John penned what the Spirit was saying to the church. Finally, we travel to Izmir (ancient Smyrna). Smyrna is the third of “The 7 Churches of Revelation” which we visit, where Jesus encourages them to not be afraid of the persecution and suffering that is to come upon them because he has for them “the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10 -). This is also the place where one of the early church Fathers, Polycarp, was martyred. Check into our Selcuk hotel, our base for two nights.

### **Fri 15: Ephesus, Ephesus Museum and St. John’s Basilica (B D)**

Today we explore Ephesus, the 6<sup>th</sup> church on our “Seven Churches” tour. The church was commended for their deeds, hard work and perseverance, but rebuked for having lost their first love. Ephesus is the most visited place in Turkey, an incomparable archaeological treasure. In the Apostle Paul’s day, this was a major port city, a centre of commerce and religion – the Temple of Artemis and its sanctuary was classed as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The third Ecumenical Council was held here in 431, where it was decided that Mary was “The mother of God”. Of note is the amazing two storied Celsius Library, Marble Road, Arcadian Way, and a great theatre that still hosts concerts, and was the place where the Ephesians rioted in response to Paul’s preaching (Acts 19:23-34) and cried out “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians” for two hours. Here we will stand and worship the Lord, declaring aloud that Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords – maybe not for two hours though! From Ephesus we will drive for 5 minutes into the beautiful village of Selcuk, where we will visit the Ephesus Museum, which contains a veritable treasury of artefacts excavated from Ephesus. We then explore the immense ruins of St John’s Basilica which is nearby and where the remains of the Apostle are supposedly buried. Overnight in Selcuk.

### **Sat 16: Sardis, Philadelphia and Pamukkale (B D)**

We drive to Sardis, the fourth of our 7 churches of Revelation, in which Jesus exhorts the church to, "Wake up! Strengthen what remains...". This was once known as the "Richest city in the world". Coins were first minted here, and it was the capital of the Lydian Realm of Croesus, located beside the ancient Pactole River.

The city was the beginning of the famous "King's Road" that stretched from Sardis to the Black Sea. We will enter Sardis from the Marble Way, passing by old Byzantine shops. Another "must see" here is the old synagogue (3<sup>rd</sup> century AD) with its dazzling decoration and style. We then drive on the Philadelphia (Alasehir), the fifth on our 7 churches tour, and the only one that did not receive a rebuke from the Lord, but a challenge to take advantage of, "...an open door, that no one can shut." That He has set before them. Finally, we drive on to ancient Hierapolis, today's Pamukkale, Cotton Castle, because of the white cliffs of calcium deposits caused over the centuries by thermal mineral cascades. Other highlights of this area include the Roman baths in which one can swim, the temple of Apollo and the Nymphaeum located next to the Acropolis. Tradition holds that Philip was martyred here and we will visit the ruins of a church dedicated to his memory. The Necropolis here is the biggest in the world with over 1200 graves and hundreds of sarcophaguses dating back to the Hellenistic and Roman eras. Overnight in Pamukkale.

### **Sun 17: Colossae, Laodicea, Fethiye (B D)**

In the morning we'll drive to Colossae, the destination of Paul's letter to the Colossians with his exhortation to them to recognise the supremacy of Christ over all things. Later we drive to Laodicea, the 7<sup>th</sup> and final church of Revelation with the Lord's sharp rebuke to them being "lukewarm". This was a wealthy textile town and medical centre from the early Hellenistic period. Many interesting ruins are within and easy walking distance and the view over the valley to Hierapolis. We then drive on to Fethiye, a delightful coastal town on the Mediterranean where Chris and Susanne lived for two years.

### **Mon 18: Fethiye Blue Cruise (B L)**

This will be a day of relaxation, fun and fellowship as we cruise on a traditional wooden Gulet boat on the crystal-clear waters of the southern Mediterranean, visiting some of the outlying islands and swimming in the balmy waters. Lunch will be provided on board. Bring your togs, sunscreen hat and camera! Dinner will be at a restaurant of your choice back in Fethiye with plenty of time to explore the delightful town centre.

### **Tue 19: Fethiye to Antalya (B D)**

Today we take a drive over the mountains to another coastal city – Antalya; ancient Attalia, the port city that served Perga, some 8 kilometres inland. This is the port and city where Paul and Barnabas first entered on their first missionary journey. Acts 13:13 – 14:25. There will be ample opportunity to wander around the delightful "old town" and port as well as do shopping for those that love to shop. Our hotel tonight, is also in the "historic old town".

### **Wed 20: Perga, Aspendos, Konya (Iconium) (B D)**

The city of Perga rivalled Ephesus in beauty and celebrated its Greek culture in architecture and presentation. Paul and Barnabas arrived here along with Barnabas's nephew, John Mark, who abandoned the team from here and returned home to Antioch. This proved to be a point of contention that eventually divided Paul and Barnabas with Paul taking Silas on his second

missionary journey. Thirty kilometres further on we come to the ancient Greco-Roman city Aspendos.

It was situated on the Eurymedon River, about 16 kms inland from the Mediterranean. Finally, we travel over the Taurus Mountains to Konya (Iconium). Paul and Barnabas and later Paul and Silas visited Iconium (Acts 13:51; 14:1-21; 16:2; 2 Timothy 3:11). This city was situated in the very fertile Lycaonian district and today grows grains, plums, and apricots. Today's Konya reflects very little of its Biblical past as it is now quite a conservative, Muslim city. It is also the centre of the famous whirling dervishes, which we may observe on our visit. We stay the night in this city.

#### **Thu 21: Cappadocia, Goreme Open Air Museum (B D)**

After breakfast we depart to the region of Cappadocia. This is an immense region where wind and weather have eroded the soft volcanic rock leaving pillars, cones and phenomenal "fairy chimneys." Cappadocia was a centre of medieval Christianity where great men of the faith such as St Basil and St Gregory taught. We also read in Acts 2 that folk from Cappadocia were present in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. We visit the picturesque village of Goreme with its dozens of rock churches and dwellings hollowed out by early Christians seeking refuge from persecuting Romans in the early centuries and then the Muslims in the 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. They are decorated with vivid frescos which have remarkably withstood the corrosive effects of time and date from as early as the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Check into a cave hotel, our base for two nights. Dinner is included this evening at our hotel.

#### **Fri 22: Kaymakli Underground City, Pasabag Valley (B D)**

Today we have an early start with an **optional hot air balloon ride** with spectacular views. We then drive to the underground city of Kaymakli where 1400 years ago the people carved down through the earth and created huge complexes as deep as 50 metres underground where thousands of people could live for up to two years. They could defend themselves here and thousands of early Christians lived concealed from persecutors in underground cities such as this. In the Pasabag Valley you will see the finest examples of the amazing "fairy chimneys" up close. (B D)

#### **Sat 23: Cappadocia - Istanbul (B D)**

This morning transfer to the Cappadocia Airport. Fly to Istanbul. On arrival we will be met and visit to the 17<sup>th</sup> century Spice Bazaar, one of Istanbul's most colourful and bustling attractions. Next, we take an unforgettable cruise along the Bosphorus, the majestic straight that runs through Istanbul, dividing Europe and Asia. From our boat, we view the dramatic sights lining the shores: historic mosques, palaces, fortresses, ancient city walls from the time of Constantine, the 19<sup>th</sup> century mansions of the Ottoman elite and the Sultan's fanciful "Ginger Palaces" and hunting lodges. Check into our hotel located in the "old city" of Istanbul. Dinner this evening is at a roof top restaurant. (B D)

#### **Sun 24: Istanbul (B D)**

This morning is at leisure to relax and pack. Depart early afternoon to the Grand Bazaar for some last-minute shopping, or perhaps find a local café and watch the traders following hundreds of years of tradition. Continue for an early dinner, before travelling to Istanbul Airport, one of the most modern airports in the World. Depart later this evening for Dubai.

### **Mon 25: Dubai-Christchurch**

Arrive Dubai in transit, then connect to our flight to Christchurch.

### **Tue 26: Christchurch**

Arrive at Christchurch this morning.

### **Tour Price: Ex Christchurch:**

Share Twin/Double: NZD \$14,950 per person

Single: NZD \$19,950 per person

### **Tour Inclusions**

- ✓ Tour Hosted by Chris & Susanne Donaldson, Christchurch to Istanbul
- ✓ Economy class Emirates Airlines tickets: Christchurch/Tel Aviv x Istanbul/Christchurch
- ✓ VIP meet & assist inside immigration at Tel Aviv Airport
- ✓ Israel departure tax
- ✓ Economy class sector Tel Aviv-Istanbul
- ✓ Economy ticket from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- ✓ All transfers airport - hotel return (group transfers only)
- ✓ Transport in air-conditioned coaches
- ✓ English speaking professional licensed guides in Israel & Turkey
- ✓ Accommodation with private facilities – a combination of 3\* and 4\* hotels
- ✓ Sightseeing as specified & entrance fees
- ✓ Daily breakfasts
- ✓ Lunch in Tel Aviv on arrival
- ✓ Dinner in Jaffa (Joppa)
- ✓ Two dinners in the Galilee
- ✓ Five dinners in Jerusalem, including a special Sabbath dinner with a Jewish family
- ✓ Plus, a farewell dinner in Jerusalem
- ✓ Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- ✓ Cable car ride at Masada
- ✓ Economy class airfare Tel Aviv to Istanbul
- ✓ VIP Airport assistance at Istanbul Airport
- ✓ Fethiye Blue Gulet Cruise including lunch
- ✓ 12 dinners in Turkey
- ✓ Private Bosphorus Cruise
- ✓ Plus, a farewell Rooftop restaurant dinner in Istanbul
- ✓ Entrance fees to all included sites
- ✓ A bottle of water, daily on the coach
- ✓ Tipping for group activities in Israel & Turkey
- ✓ The support of local agent regional offices in Tel Aviv and Istanbul
- ✓ Travel notes

### **Tour Exclusions**

- Connecting flights to/from Christchurch – if required
- Personal Expenses
- Optional Hot Air Balloon flight in Cappadocia
- One dinner in Fethiye
- Early check in / Late check out
- Meals not specified
- Hotel minibar
- Fuel surcharges
- Currency surcharges if any
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Any other items not specified
- Airfare surcharge for return from different city
- Tipping for non-included group activities
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### **General Information: Terms and Conditions**

This tour is hosted by Chris and Susanne Donaldson, with operations by destination specialist, Innovative Travel, with the assistance of their professional in country local representative Agents. The tour price is subject to a minimum of 20 participants travelling. If less than 20 Passengers travelling, the tour price maybe subject to increase.

If you are a solo traveller and would prefer to be in a share twin room, please advise Innovative Travel at the time of registration. Twin room sharing will be subject to availability.

If you are based outside of New Zealand and wish to join in Tel Aviv, please email [info@innovativetravel.co.nz](mailto:info@innovativetravel.co.nz) for further information

Touring information: We welcome you to this pilgrimage tour which will at times literally follow In the footsteps of biblical times. This will involve at times, walking on very old and at times, broken cobble stones. It is therefore important to be able to walk up to 1 km including on uneven terrain. Please pack some sturdy footwear.

### **Tour Registration**

To register for the tour, a registration form should be completed and returned to Innovative Travel. If domiciled in NZ, registration may be made via your local TAANZ travel agent or or broker, by completing the Registration form, along with a deposit of \$3,000 per person, with the balance due on 01 June 2023.

Cancellation fees.: 02 Apr – 31 May \$2,500 pp; 01 Jun- 31 Jul 75%.

01 Aug – Departure 100%. If you are based internationally, please contact Innovative Travel for international transfer details.

For full terms and conditions please view [www.innovativetravel.co.nz](http://www.innovativetravel.co.nz)

A tour registration is deemed acceptance of full terms and conditions.

Note when Innovative Travel is in receipt of your registration form a, confirmation will then be please advised subject to availability. Travellers over 75 years will require a Doctor's certificate.

If you reside outside NZ, contact Innovative Travel for SWIFT account details.

All tour payments should be made to Innovative Travel  
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**Travel insurance** covering normal travel interruptions, medical events, including pandemic cover should be purchased. Innovative Travel can provide recommendations if required.

**Itineraries** are prepared as a guideline only. Some variations may apply due to prevailing local conditions in a country. Transfer times, ferry schedules and flight schedules booked by Innovative Travel may be reconfirmed by the local operators upon arrival and are subject to change.

**Itinerary descriptions and photographs:** All photos and hotel descriptions are general impressions of the property booked. These do not necessarily represent the room or view you will receive.

#### **Israel: Visa procedure on entry into Israel - Electronic Gate Pass**

For passengers who wish not to have their passports stamped with an Israel visa, Israel authorities have developed the "Electronic Gate Pass" as a substitute for the visa stamp. With the press of a button, a card is printed at the Border Control station and includes the principal details of the traveller as in the first page of the passport. The Electronic gate pass is available at Ben Gurion Airport.

**Bethlehem** – Israeli guides and drivers may not be allowed to enter Bethlehem. The tour is generally operated by locals who also own their own local shops. We are reliant on using the locals for the tours and therefore spending part of the tour in a local merchant shop is part of the experience.

**Old Jerusalem** – Due to parking and road restrictions in Old Jerusalem transfers and sightseeing coaches have limited access. You may be required to walk a short distance to meet tours or transfers.

**Hotels in Israel & Turkey normal check-in/out** times are normally IN: 2pm /OUT: 12noon  
The only way to guarantee an early check-in or late check-out is to pre-book the night before (early check-in) or night after (late check-out). Otherwise, early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability when you are there.

**Non-Smoking Rooms:** As a policy Innovative Travel request non-smoking rooms for all guests. These rooms are requested and are subject to availability.

**On a lighter note:** Please remember that religious beliefs, traditional customs, and daily manners may differ from country to country, these may seem quite strange at first. These idiosyncrasies are part of what makes travelling a special experience. Please be patient if you think things are happening at a different pace than you are used to and respect the differences in culture.

**Dress Codes:** Modest dress is required for entrance to holy sites – Men: Long pants, Women – skirt or long pants and shoulders covered. A scarf is often required to be worn– please pack one. Shoes are often removed to enter a holy site.

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