Welcome Potential Pilgrims! We’re excited about the possibility of travelling to Israel in 2016 . . . with you! This will be Tom’s fourth and Diane’s third trip. Experiencing Israel in person helps the Bible come alive in many new and fresh ways. Experiencing Israel as part of a group deepens existing friendships and introduces you to new ones. We hope the size of the group is small enough to keep it intimate yet large enough to keep costs as low as possible. We hope you are able to join us next January!

**JOURNEY TO ISRAEL**

**16TH JANUARY – 2ND FEBRUARY 2016**

**ESCORTED BY TOM & DIANE GOLDING**

**DAY 1: Saturday 16th January 2016**

**DEPART ADELAIDE**

Depart on your flight from Adelaide to Melbourne and connect with your onward flight on Thai Airways to Bangkok and then with El Al Israel Airlines onto Tel Aviv.

**DAY 2: Sunday 17th January 2016**

**ARRIVE TEL AVIV**

Arrive in Tel Aviv at Ben Gurion Airport this morning. From here you will be transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv. Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel

**DAY 3: Monday 18th January 2016**

**TEL AVIV**

Today we tour Tel Aviv. You will visit the Old City Jaffa. Located close to Tel Aviv, ancient port is winding with cobble-stone streets and old stone buildings. The gospels tell of the Apostle Peter receiving a vision from God in Jaffa, regarding fellowship between Jews and Gentiles. From here you will go to Carmel Market. This modern open-air market is located in the heart of Tel Aviv, and features shopping for local foods, produce, clothing, and much more. After the markets we visit the Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, which is the birthplace of the modern State of Israel, where the "Israel's Declaration of Independence" was signed on May 14, 1948. Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

**DAY 4: Tuesday 19th January 2016**

**CAESAREA, MT CARMEL, MEGIDDO**

Today we visit Caesarea by the Sea, which is a harbor built by Herod the Great in 25 BC, and today features some of the best examples of Herodian ruins. Visit Mt. Carmel (Jezreel Valley) The location of the epic battle between the Prophet Elijah and 450 false prophets of Ba’al. Mt. Carmel gives breathtaking 360-degree views of the entire region. We then move on to Megiddo, listed as an official World Heritage Site, Megiddo National Park and Hazor were in biblical times, the centre of Canaanite civilization. Dinner and overnight: Ein Gev Hotel, Sea of Galilee

**DAY 5: Wednesday 20th January 2016**

**NAZARETH, ARBEL, NOF GINOSAR**

Today we tour Nazareth. This is the "hometown" of Jesus, where he lived most of his life and trained as a skilled craftsman. We move onto Arbel which provides beautiful overviews of the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Arbel features the remains of 2nd temple-period cliff dwellings and other discoveries. From here we go to Nof Ginosar which features a fascinating remnant of Jesus’ day - a completely intact 2,000 year old fishing boat. Overnight: Ein Gev Hotel, Sea of Galilee

**DAY 6: Thursday 21st January 2016**

**CAPERNAUM, KORAZIN, BETHSaida, GALILEE BOAT RIDE**

We start the day with a visit to Capernaum. This includes many archaeological treasures, including a first-century Synagogue, as well as the ruins of what some believe to be the home of the Disciple Peter. We then visit Korazin, another village located close to Capernaum, Korazin (Chorazin) features ancient synagogues and the sites of ritual baths (mikvahs.) You will then visit Bethsaida Tiberias which is found on the northern-most tip of the Sea of Galilee, Bethsaida was a biblical fishing town, and the birth-place of a number of Jesus’ disciples, including Peter, James, & John. Here, Jesus performed signs by healing the blind. We end the day by a Galilee Boat Ride ride back in time as you step onto a fishing boat, and launch out on an exciting adventure on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight: Ein Gev Hotel, Sea of Galilee

**DAY 7: Friday 22nd January 2016**

**DAN, GOLAN HEIGHTS, CAESEA PHILIPPI, MT HERMON**

Today we visit Dan Tel Dan, the location of the Israelite Tribe of Dan, at the Foot of Mt. Hermon. Visitors are able to walk among the ruins of the "High Places" of idol worship mentioned in the Old Testament. Continuing on to Golan Heights with views overlooking Syria and Lebanon, the Golan Heights have been one of the most disputed strips of land in modern history. Caesarea Philippi you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. These words were spoken by Peter the Disciple at Caesara Philippi, an ancient location often associated with idol worship. We continue onto Mt. Hermon which is the highest peak in Israel, reaching an elevation of 2,800 meters (9,200 feet), and displays a snowy cap for much of the year. Overnight: Ein Gev Hotel, Sea of Galilee

**DAY 8: Saturday 23rd January 2016**

**BEIT SHEAN**

Travel to Jerusalem, Beit Shean. Drive through the Jordan River Valley. This magnificent Roman city was destroyed by a massive earthquake. Over the past 80 years, archaeologists have meticulously excavated and restored this site, and visitors can once again walk the streets and promenades of Beit She’an. Overnight : Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem.

**DAY 9: Sunday 24th January 2016**

**OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM**

We start the day with a visit to the Kotel, also known as the Western Wall or Wailing Wall, it is the last remaining remnant of the second temple, and is considered a sacred site of worship by Jewish people around the world. We visit Via Dolorosa ("Way of Suffering") is the traditional path that Jesus took from his place of trial to his crucifixion on Calvary - and includes the “14 Stations of the Cross." We then move to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre First erected in 325 AD, this 1,700-year-old church marks the traditional site of Jesus’ burial and resurrection three days later. Garden of Gethsemane Some of the olive trees located in the Garden of Gethsemane ("The Oil Press") are more than 2,000 years old, and saw Jesus and his disciples come to pray before his arrest and subsequent crucifixion. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

**DAY 10: Monday 25th January 2016**

**DAY OF LEISURE**

Enjoy the day to relax, do some independent sightseeing or go shopping during a day of leisure. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem.

**DAY 11: Tuesday 26th January 2016**

**JERUSALEM MODEL, WALL WALK**

Today we visit Jerusalem Model located at the Israel Museum. The complete model of the City of Jerusalem is detailed recreation of Jerusalem and the City of David from the time of Jesus. The model features a fascinating look at the Second Temple. Later today we do the Wall Walk. With 8 gates and 34 watchtowers, the ramparts of the Old City of Jerusalem give an excellent view of the area, and provide an inspiring prayer experience. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem.

**DAY 12: Wednesday 27th January 2016**

**CITY OVERLOOK, MT OF OLIVES**

We start today with a City Overlook at Mt. Scopus. At different times in history a military fortification and a scenic overlook, Mt. Scopus rises above...
the city of Jerusalem and is now the home of the main campus of the Hebrew University. We then proceed to Mt. of Olives. The Mount of Olives provides a famous view of Jerusalem, and is the site of Jesus’ future return. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

**DAY 13: Thursday 28th January 2016**

**CITY OF DAVID, BETHESDA**

Today we visit City of David including Hezekiah’s Tunnel & the Pool of Siloam Bethesda. City of David is one of Israel’s most active and important archaeological areas. Features include tunnels, ancient homes, and many antiquities from the 1st and 2nd temple periods. The Pools of Siloam and Bethesda were both sites of Jesus’ healing miracles. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

**DAY 14: Friday 29th January 2016**

**HERODIUM, VALLEY OF ELAH, LACHISH**

Today we visit Herodium The only site that is named after King Herod the Great, Herodium is located 5 miles south of Jerusalem, and was built by Herod as a fortress to commemorate his victories in battle. It is believed to be his final burial place. We then proceed to Valley of Elah Lachish. Named for the large, shaly terebith trees found there, the Valley of Elah is renowned as the location of the epic battle between the young shepherds David and Goliath the Philistine giant. Later today we visit Lachish. Tel Lachish is located in the ancient region of Samaria, and is mentioned many times throughout the bible - including as part of Joshua and the Israelite’s conquest of Canaan. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

**DAY 15: Saturday 30th January 2016**

**MASADA, DEAD SEA SWIM, EN GEDI HIKE**

Today we visit Masada, a Roman fortification perched on the cliffs overlooking the Dead Sea. Masada is the location of both triumph and great tragedy. Cable cars transport visitors to the well-preserved archaeological site. Today we take a swim in the Dead Sea, one of the natural Wonders of the World. The Dead Sea is the lowest point of land on the face of the earth. It is a must-see location for every visitor to Israel. Later today, enjoy your hike to En Gedi. This and many other famous psalms were penned by David as he lived among caves and water streams of En Gedi during his time fleeing King Saul. Overnight: Prima Oasis Hotel, Dead Sea

**DAY 16: Sunday 31st January 2016**

**DEAD SEA, QUMRAN, DEPARTURE**

Enjoy a leisurely morning to swim, relax, have breakfast and check out. Later today, we’ll journey to Qumran, which was the home of the ancient Essene community close to the Dead Sea. It is also the location of one of the greatest archaeological finds in history - the jars containing the Dead Sea Scrolls. After our tour, we’ll journey towards Tel Aviv and depart from Ben Gurion Airport this evening for our return flight to Australia via Asia.

**DAY 18: Tuesday 2nd February 2016**

**ARRIVE ADELAIDE**

Arrive back to Australia today with wonderful memories!