



ISRAEL : A JOURNEY OF UNDERSTANDING

**A Judeo-Christian Experience, escorted by Rev. Mark Leach,
Co-Founder and CEO of Never Again Is Now.**

Travel Dates: 2-14 November 2025, 13 days.

Package price: AUD\$8290* per person (twin share)

Optional: single room supplement AUD\$1895)

*Conditions apply. Places are strictly limited. Subject to change. Price is based on minimum of 25 participants

Dear friends,

This is a one-of-a-kind trip to Israel. As a friend and believer in the Never Again Is Now movement (NAIN), you're invited to join us in Israel to be part of a very special NAIN Delegation.

We will travel together on the one bus, stay in one hotel, share our differing responses, thoughts and feelings and process this incredible and powerful trip together. This will be a truly life-changing experience.

We will be exploring contemporary Israel to gain a first-hand understanding of the realities and challenges the country is facing.

With a visit to the Nova Music site, and opportunities to engage with day to day experiences of Israelis as they rebuild their country.

We will also be delving into the classic biblical history of the land.

A history from which our shared Judeo-Christian values are derived.

Come with an open mind, and open heart, and a desire to learn & grow.

You won't be disappointed.!

Looking forward to travel with you,

Mark Leach

Co-Founder & CEO



13 DAYS ITINERARY*

Day 1: Sun 2 November

Depart Australia



Depart Australia this evening on your Emirates flight bound for Dubai.

On arrival in transit, transfer to your Emirates connecting flight (operated by Fly Dubai) bound for Tel Aviv.



Day 2: Mon 3 November

Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem



Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, you'll be met, assisted and escorted to the waiting driver and begin your transfer to Jerusalem. On the way you will visit Neot Kedumim Biblical Park - the Biblical Landscape Reserve in Israel, a unique endeavour to re-create the physical setting of the Bible in all its depth and detail. Drive "UP" to Jerusalem and straight to Mt Scopus for a beautiful view overlooking the Kidron valley to the old City of Jerusalem. Check into our hotel in Jerusalem for an early dinner and overnight.



Day 3: Tue 4 November

Old City of Jerusalem / Israel 365

Today will be a wonderful experience walking, talking and sharing the Old City together as a group! We'll commence by driving to the top of the Mount of Olives. Enjoy a panoramic view of the Old City before descending by foot along the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed on the night of his betrayal. Enter the Christian Quarter and enjoy the incredible acoustics of St Anne's Church, built in the 12th-century. Visit the famous Church of the Holy Sepulchre, thought to be the place of both the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth.



Continue through the Jewish Quarter, and find ourselves at the Western Wall, a place of prayer and pilgrimage sacred to the Jewish people. We'll have the opportunity for personal prayer and reflection and to put some written notes and wishes into the cracks of the ancient stones. This afternoon, we'll meet with Israel365 and partake in a brief Torah Study session with a local Rabbi to learn some Torah lessons from a Hebrew perspective! Enjoy dinner and overnight in the hotel in Jerusalem.



Day 4: Wed 5 November

Gaza Envelope / Nova festival Site

After breakfast, we will drive down to the area near the Gaza strip. We will make a visit to a Kibbutz that was affected by the October 7th Hamas terrorists' attacks. The Kibbutz is located near the border area, where you will understand the challenges faced by local communities.

Wonder through the fields of the Nova Festival, to learn about and pay tribute to the tragic events that transpired during the festival. Walk through the car graveyard at Re'im, to see the remains of the cars and learn some of the stories that occurred on October 7th. Meet with representatives from ZAKA, the Jewish organization that plays a vital role in emergency response and assistance during times of crisis. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight in the hotel.



Day 5: Thu 6 November

Jerusalem

After breakfast in the hotel, visit Shalva National Center in Jerusalem - the Israel Association for the Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities that provides transformative care for individuals with disabilities, empowering their families and promoting social inclusion. We also visit one of Jerusalem's hospitals and get an insight in what they are dealing with, especially since October 7. We'll try to meet with survivors to offer our thoughts, prayers and good wishes as they recover. We continue our day with a visit to the Magen David Adom (MADA) Bloomberg Station, Israel's Ambulance Service and First Response Unit and hear the testimony of some of those who were on dispatch on Oct. 7.

We do have an option for those who'd like to donate blood and make a direct impact on saving lives in Israel. This evening after dinner, there is the opportunity to return to the Old City to see the Light & Sound Show at the Tower of David, which takes you on a sensory journey of 3000 years of history!



Day 6: Fri 7 November

Jerusalem

After breakfast, visit the very moving Yad Vashem, that explores the history of the Holocaust. Aside from the main exhibits and displays, we'll spend some honouring those gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews as we wonder through the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.

Enjoy some free time at the Machane Yehuda market, also called the "shuk", is one of the most beautiful markets and familiar icons in Israel. Return to the hotel to refresh and change ahead of a very special Shabbat Experience with Communal Worship at the Western Wall (Kotel) followed by traditional Shabbat dinner with a local Orthodox Jewish family. You'll be able to chat and ask any questions as you learn about the Shabbat traditions. Overnight is at the hotel in Jerusalem.



Day 7: Sat 8 November

Jerusalem (Shabbat)

Today is the Sabbath (Day of rest), where the city comes to a virtual standstill. We'll return to the Old City for a walking tour and discover some hidden gems along the way. Continue to Mount Zion and visit the Tomb of King David. This afternoon we will visit the Garden Tomb, part of an ancient cemetery, outside the Old City walls, where Protestants recall the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight Jerusalem hotel.



Day 8: Sun 9 November

The Dead Sea

Check out after breakfast as we drive South towards the Dead Sea. Our first stop is Qumran, where we'll learn about the Essenes and the discovery of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls, found in a cave here. Continue to the fortress mountain of Masada, overlooking the desert panorama. Hear the thrilling story of the site that reveals the courage of the Jewish defenders of Masada and their battle against the conquering Romans. Proceed to our hotel at the Dead Sea and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon floating on the salty waters at the lowest point on earth. Enjoy dinner and overnight at our resort hotel.



Day 9: Mon 10 November

Beer Sheva

After breakfast, we drive down into the Negev Desert and to the town of Beer Sheba, where we visit the Commonwealth Military War Cemetery that contains 1,239 graves of Anzac heroes.

Visit the incredible Anzac Museum that tells the story of our brave soldiers, especially the Lighthorse Brigade and their famous conquest against the Ottomans in the Battle of Be'er Sheba that took place on 31st October, 1917. Beer Sheba is also an ancient archaeological site, famous for the wells dating back to the time of Abraham. Return to our hotel at the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.



Day 10: Tue 11 November

Sea of Galilee

After breakfast, we check out and journey north to the picturesque Sea of Galilee. Our first stop is the town of Magdala, to view a 1st century AD Synagogue that's only very recently been discovered and excavated. Explore a few of the famous sites around the sea, also known as the Kinneret for it's in the shape of a harp (Kinor). Enjoy an afternoon sail on a traditional boat fashioned like an ancient fishing vessel. Visit the Anzac Memorial at Tsemach, the old railway station. Check into our hotel at the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.



Day 11: Wed 12 November

Sea of Galilee / Tel-Aviv & Departure

After breakfast and check out, we make our way to the Ayalon Institute (Bullet Factory), located on the northern outskirts of Rehovot, this was an underground ammunition factory used by the Palmach under the British Mandate. Drive into Tel Aviv and visit Rabin Square, the biggest public Tel Aviv square honoring Itzhak Rabin, a symbol of peace and democracy. Time permitting, we'll also get to Hostage Square and Tel Aviv beach. Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for your departure flight home with Emirates bound for Dubai and onward to Australia



Day 12: Thu 13 November

In Flight

Day 13: Fri 14 November

Arrive Australia



Arrive back to Australia today with wonderful memories of your tour to Israel.

*Itinerary subject to change

Next Steps:

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Olive Tree Travel or by CLICKING [HERE \(https://www.olivetree-travel.com.au/wp-content/uploads/NAIN-Booking-Form.docx\)](https://www.olivetree-travel.com.au/wp-content/uploads/NAIN-Booking-Form.docx)
2. To secure your place on the trip, a \$500 pp deposit is payable by 24 April (unless sold out prior)
3. The final balance will be due in early September 2025

Inclusions:

- Return economy class airfares from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Adelaide and Perth via Dubai and on to Tel Aviv with Emirates (& Fly Dubai).
- 10 nights hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Breakfast and Dinner daily. Breakfasts and Dinners at hotels unless otherwise specified.
- Shabbat of Lifetime Dinner in Jerusalem
- Welcome Pack
- All tips, gratuities and portorage
- Whisperer headsets
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary.

Exclusions:

- Drinks with meals
- Travel insurance
- Incidentals, laundry
- Lunches

Proposed Hotel Accommodation (or similar):

Caeser	Premier Jerusalem	6 nights
Enjoy	Dead Sea	2 nights
Golan Hotel	Tiberias	2 nights

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