

Israel Experience makes history come alive

Back to the Bible Canada

Picturing the land where Jesus and His disciples travelled can be difficult when one has never been to Israel. We read the Bible, but it is hard to visualize those famous landmarks.

Imagine if you could get an up-close view of where Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, if you could sail the historic Sea of Galilee where much of Jesus' ministry occurred, or have a transformational worship experience at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

"Visiting Israel allows me to actually visualize the Bible as I read," says Back to the Bible Canada radio teacher John Neufeld. "To walk in the places that Jesus walked and experience the culture Jesus experienced. The Bible references Jerusalem but also the New Jerusalem that is to come. Being in Israel allows me to anticipate what God will yet do?"

This fall, Back to the Bible Canada is offering the opportunity to join Neufeld, Laugh Again's Phil Callaway, CEO Ben Lowell, and musical guests The Wiebes to visit the places read about in the pages of Scripture.

Taking place October 30-November 9, The Israel Experience will be an unforgettable 11-day journey featuring four-star accommodation, as well as daily breakfast and dinner buffets. Participants will be able



Back to the Bible Canada is inviting interested people to experience Israel this fall during a unique travel opportunity.

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to taste a cultural St. Peter's fish lunch, visit the City of David, see the powerful temple of prayer, visit the Wailing Wall and take a dip in the Dead Sea as well as much more.

When travelling to Israel, whom you travel with is a high priority. Back to the Bible Canada, in partnership with Premiere Journeys, offers the experience and insight that allows visitors to gain all of the benefits Israel has to offer.

To book your Israel Experience, call 1 (877) 277-2122 or for more information, call 1 (800) 663-2425.

THE ISRAEL EXPERIENCE PRICING

Pricing is listed as followed, per person, including all taxes and airline fees:

Leaving from Toronto	\$3698.00
Airline Surcharge, Airport fees & Taxes	\$696.00
Total CAD	\$4394.00*
<i>Leaving from...</i>	<i>Add On</i>
Vancouver	\$210
Calgary/Edmonton	\$210
Winnipeg	\$465
Regina/Saskatoon	\$372

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However, Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario, still sees an increasing demand for on-campus housing and the community that naturally develops in close quarters.

"The demand for on-campus housing reflects the commitment that we place on developing community," says Tim Wolfert, Director of Communications at Redeemer. "Our students are looking for a place where they can grow together with fellow students, but also with faculty and staff, intellectually, socially, spiritually and emotionally."

Redeemer's residences, where six to eight students live together in community, praying, studying, and eating together, are ideal for this focus on community.

While Redeemer has not invested a lot in alternative course offerings because they believe the best

way to serve their primary group of students is through an on-campus educational experience, they do have a number of students who complete courses over the summer, mostly online. Redeemer also works to accommodate their students taking courses from other universities.

"It allows them the flexibility to take courses that we don't offer," says Wolfert. "Being able to 'catch up' on courses through the summer in this way gives them the freedom to pursue alternatives during their fall and winter semesters."

Students can, for example, take a reduced course load in order to pursue a volunteer opportunity during a semester, knowing they can make up the course during the summer.

Redeemer also offers a summer program for in-service teachers which includes several weeks of courses and workshops that

teachers can attend.

"Many of these courses include an online component as well, allowing teachers to connect not just during their class time on campus, but throughout the year in various collaborative projects."

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Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, does not have residential facilities, though many of the students live in community houses or shared apartments close by.

Having launched a Summer

School program back in 1969, Regent's Summer School offers a variety of course selections taught by faculty and many visiting scholars.

"The variety and scope of subject matter has long been a hallmark of Regent's Summer School," says Patricia Seto, Director of Enrollment Services at Regent College. "In fact, to improve access and flexibility for learners, Regent is offering more one week courses than ever before."

Regent has been offering courses by distance education courses for over 25 years as well as condensed weekend courses in fall and winter, which allows students to complete a course over two or three weekends.

Seto says, "All these options are well subscribed to and Regent is looking at ways to offer more courses in these creative formats to be more flexible in addressing the needs of today's graduate students."