

29 April – 15 May 2018



If you have never been to Israel before - this is the tour for you!

Introductory Tour



"Stand in the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls."

Jeremiah 6:16

**The Land is our classroom
the Bible is our guide.**

Join us for this life-changing journey of discovery.

What makes this tour different

CMJ & Shoresh Tours

Background

CMJ South Africa is part of the worldwide CMJ Family. CMJ is an acronym for *The Church's Ministry among the Jewish People*. It was established in England in 1809 by prominent Christians such as Charles Simeon and William Wilberforce.

CMJ set up mission stations throughout the world. Schools, churches, clinics, hospitals, printing presses and bookshops were established primarily in Europe and the Middle East to help alleviate the suffering of the Jewish people.

CMJ staff were instrumental in combating anti-semitism, and Christians in the British government (many involved with CMJ such as Wilberforce and Shaftesbury) played a key role in the Jewish return to the Land of Israel.

CMJ not only built the Protestant church in the Middle East, Christ Church Jerusalem, but also the first schools, the first houses of industry for job training, and the first hospital with state-of-the-art equipment and medicine, all of which which helped bring modern standards of health, welfare, and education to the area.

CMJ in Israel continues its ministry of being a witness to both Jews and Gentiles of God's love and faithfulness as found in Jesus the Messiah.

Today we express this in many practical ways: supporting and educating local believers, praying for the peace of Jerusalem, combating anti-semitism, teaching Christians about the Jewish Roots of the Christian faith, and proclaiming the return of the King.

For 178 years CMJ has been actively involved in Israel as a witness to the love of God in Yeshua the Messiah.

Shoresh Tours

Study Tours

Shoresh is Hebrew for root. Shoresh Tours is a part of CMJ Israel's education ministry. We provide in-depth teaching on the Jewish roots of the Christian faith. The sights and sounds of modern and ancient Israel. Fellowship with local Israeli believers. Since 1986, this is what we've offered on Shoresh Study Tours - a unique experience of the Land of Israel and chance to know the God of Israel better.

Our study tours are designed to give you new ears to hear biblical teachings in their original context and to help you grasp the Jewish roots of the New Testament faith.

INTRODUCING YOUR TOUR LEADER

John has been conducting educational tours to Israel (Holy Land), Jordan and Egypt since 1992.

Since 1981 John has been involved in a pastoral and teaching ministry specializing in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Hebraic background of the New Testament.

His tours offer time in Israel with expert local guides .

Israel with John Atkinson



Tour details

Tours Include

- ▶ Hotels, breakfast and dinner, transfers included
- ▶ Entrance fees to all sites, luxury coaches all included
- ▶ Experienced Tour Leader and Expert Guides
- ▶ Comprehensive preparation before departure

Experienced leadership.

John has been travelling to Israel both individually and with tours since 1992. He is well known to the tour operators in Israel and has an excellent working relationship with them.

Biblical background.

He is an Old Testament lecturer who runs courses in the Old Testament designed to bring Scriptures to life for the average reader. This background knowledge of the Bible, and the geography of the land of Israel, ensures an educational tour that will enhance your knowledge of the Bible and inspire your faith.

Spiritual Leadership.

An ordained minister since 1981. His excitement and enthusiasm about the relevance of Christianity for the post-modern world fuel this ministry. His commitment to Christian teaching and evangelism are well known.

A Jewish Perspective.

John is the Director of CMJ SA (Messiah's People) and the Chairman of the Board of CMJ ISRAEL.

He has a special interest in Judaism, the Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith, and in the rediscovery and understanding of Jesus in His own context.

He is the author of *Indelible Connections: Jewish roots in Perspective.*

Unique Preparation.

Informative preparatory lectures on geography, culture, history and aspects of the tour before we leave. will ensure that you





CMJ South Africa & Shores Study Tours Presents:

Israel Tour 29 April - 15 May 2018

Host: The Revd John Atkinson

Saturday, 29 April – 15 May 2018 : *Cape Town/Johannesburg - Istanbul - Tel Aviv*

Day 1 Sunday, April 29th

The Desert World of Abraham & Moses

After our late morning arrival we begin our journey leaving the coastal plain traveling south in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region called the Negev in the Bible (a name is still used today). Here we visit Tel Beersheva, one of the most impressive and ancient fortified cities of the Kingdom of Judah. As we travel we will discuss the importance of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt in Jewish religious thinking and its influence on Jesus and the Gospels.

We will then visit the home of one of the founders of Israel David Ben Gurion at Kibbutz Sde Boker. In the afternoon we'll stop at the Carmey Avdat Wine Estate along the ancient Spice Route, before checking into our hotel.

Overnight: Ramon Inn,

Day 2: Monday, April 30th

The Way of the Wilderness: Biblical Spirituality

We begin today looking over the spectacular Ramon crater. Here we consider the true location of Mount Sinai and study the geology of the area at the Mitzpe Ramon Visitors Centre. Traveling through the wilderness of Zin where Moses struck the rock in disobedience we discuss the lessons we can learn from this incident today. In the afternoon we stop at Tel Arad, a pre-Abrahamic major city and later an Israelite fortress.

Overnight: Ramon Inn

Day 3: Tuesday, May 1st

The Kings Highway

Today we travel South into the Aravah Valley towards the Israeli port of Eilat. We cross into Jordan and continue North on the Ancient King's Highway from Aqabah to Petra. We rest overnight before exploring Petra.

Overnight in Petra.

Day 4: Wednesday, May 2nd

The Nabateans

Today we visit the spectacular rose- red city cut from the rock. Petra was chosen as the capital of the Nabateans because it was located in a valley surrounded by sandstone mountains. The main entrance to Petra is called the Siq which has sides as high as 200 m (650 ft.). We will spend the day exploring this ancient settlement.

Overnight in Petra:.

Day 5. Thursday, May 3rd

Moses View of the Promised Land

Travel North from Petra to the King Hussein Bridge and cross into Israel. On the way we visit the town of Madaba where we see the beautiful mosaic map of the Middle East on the floor of St Georges Church. We stop on the summit of the Mountain from which Moses saw the Promised Land. From there we travel across the border into Israel and travel almost the length of the Dead Sea to reach our hotel at Ein Bokek.

Overnight in Israel: David Resort at the Dead Sea

Day 6: Friday, May 4th

The Judean Wilderness: John the Baptist, the Kingdom of God, and the Parties of Judaism

We begin the day at Masada, one of Herod the Great's magnificent fortresses and the last Jewish stronghold to fall captive to the Romans. Here we will discuss the nature of the Herodian dynasty and Zealot ideology. We then visit the Qumran ruins where the Apocalyptic Essene Community lived during the ministry of Jesus. Qumran is the home of probably the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls. Here we will discuss the relevance of the scrolls and their impact on Christianity. We return to the hotel to float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea and enjoy a relaxing a free afternoon.

Overnight: David Resort at the Dead Sea

**Day 7: Saturday (Shabbat), May 5th****The Jordan Valley: Promised Land, Trade Routes, and Power Struggles**

Today we journey north through the up the spectacular Syrian African rift to the Galilee. We'll stop for an overlook of Jericho – the oldest and lowest city on earth, then continue on to Beit Shean, to examine the recent excavations of its Roman-Byzantine period when it was the location of Scythopolis, one the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis. We'll stop briefly in Tiberias before continuing on to our hotel along the Sea of Galilee.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Galilee

Day 8: , Sunday, May 6th**Lower Galilee: Prophets and Miracle workers**

Today we focus on the political, social and religious turmoil existing prior to and during the first century C.E. We visit the site of ancient Nazareth and see how this climate influenced Jesus' home life, town and early ministry. At the spectacular remains of Sepphoris we will examine Jesus' relationship to Elijah and Elisha. We finish the day with an overlook of the Sea of Galilee from Mt. Arbel.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Galilee

Day 9: Monday, May 7th**Lake Kinneret: Rabbi Jesus and His Talmidim**

Our day will be spent visiting various sites around Lake Galilee as we try to picture the Galilean ministry of Jesus and the lives of His disciples. We will start the day with a view from the traditional site of the Mount of Beatitudes where we'll study together about the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings.

We will do a contemplative walk down to Tabgha the traditional site of both the feeding of the 5,000 and of Jesus' final breakfast with the disciples. Our next stop will be Capernaum where we will discuss Jesus' relationship to the Pharisees. Along the way we will seek to understand the New Testament fishing industry of these places and their relationship to the miracles of Jesus. After lunch and a contemplative time by the shores of the Lake we will visit Kibbutz Ginossar to see a fishing boat from the time of Jesus. From there we will set sail on the Lake. Before heading back to our hotel we shall visit Beit Bracha, a CMJ centre on the shores of Galilee where we'll hear about the work of the ministry.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Galilee

Day 10: Tuesday, May 8th**The Golan: The Kingdoms of the East**

Three major sites will occupy our time together today. We begin at a reconstructed biblical village at Katzrin where we will examine life in New Testament times and everyday imagery in Scripture. We'll then climb up to the magnificent Golan Heights to the Gamla nature reserve we will view an impressive city from the time of Jesus and take a gentle hike to the highest waterfall in Israel. There we will study some wildlife, including one of the world's biggest birds; we will discuss how this bird is depicted in the biblical text. We'll continue nearby to Israel's highest mountain. Here we will discuss the Transfiguration and its relationship to the Hebrew Scriptures. We'll finish the day at the nearby nature reserve of Dan. During a walk through the reserve, we will discuss biblical imagery such as living water and visit the Old Testament city of Dan.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Galilee

Day 11: Wednesday, May 9th**Prophets and Prophecy**

Today we travel the route of the ancient Via Maris, first traveling south to Harod Pass visiting Beit Alpha to examine a beautiful mosaic of a very early synagogue floor. Here we will study the reasons of the separation of the early Jewish church from its Gentile siblings. Next we continue through the Jezreel Valley, to Tel Meggido to discuss Jewish apocalyptic literature and the Book of Revelation. Before continuing down the coast to our new accommodations, we'll finish the day at Mount Carmel for a spectacular view over the North of Israel. Here we will study Elijah's defeat over the prophets of Baal.

Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 12: Thursday, May 10th

Herodian Jerusalem: The Second Temple Period

Our day will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in the Second Temple era. An early start will take us up to the Temple Mount, where we'll consider some of Jesus' activities there. After a visit to the Western Wall, Judaism's most holy site, we will take a trip to the tunnels under the Western Wall plaza, affording us an exciting opportunity to walk in Jerusalem at what was street level in the time of Jesus. We then make our way through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to palatial mansions that were the home of the Sadducees. Here we study Jesus' attitude toward the priesthood and Sadducee beliefs. We complete our day at the excavations at the southern wall of the Temple Mount where we discuss Pentecost.

Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 13: Friday, May 11th

The Philistines: Judges and Kings

Today we will spend our day in the lowlands between the coastal plain and the Judean Hills, called the Shephelah. We turn our attention to some of the vast agricultural imagery found in the scriptures by visiting the biblical gardens of Neot Kedumim. Here we will discover some of the rich symbolism for the cedar, hyssop, olive and other trees and plants. We then travel to the Valley of Elah, the location of the battle between David and Goliath, before making the final ascent to the city of the Great King.

Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 14 Saturday, (Shabbat) May 12th

Jesus in Jerusalem

Today we spend time on the Mount of Olives and consider the last week of Jesus' ministry before His crucifixion. We will recount events from Palm Sunday to Good Friday and the significance of Jesus' actions during this critical period.

Our morning will conclude with a visit to the Garden Tomb.

We will travel to a viewpoint that overlooks the hills of Ephrata. From here we shall see Bethlehem, and the possible location of the fields where the shepherds first heard of the advent of Messiah. We will consider the challenge of the Lordship of the Messiah to earthly rulers then and now.

Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 15: Sunday, May 13th (Jerusalem day)

The Spiritual and Political significance of the Nativity

We will worship with the local Christians in Christ Church Jerusalem in the Old City.

Free afternoon in Jerusalem

Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 16 Monday, May 14th

Rachel Weeping for Her Children

In the morning we will visit Yad VaShem, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people prior to and during this period of time. There we will also visit the Children's memorial and discuss the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish-Christian relations today.

Free afternoon in Jerusalem

Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 17. Tuesday, May 15th

Free morning in Jerusalem - walk with John before travelling to Ben Gurion Airport after lunch.

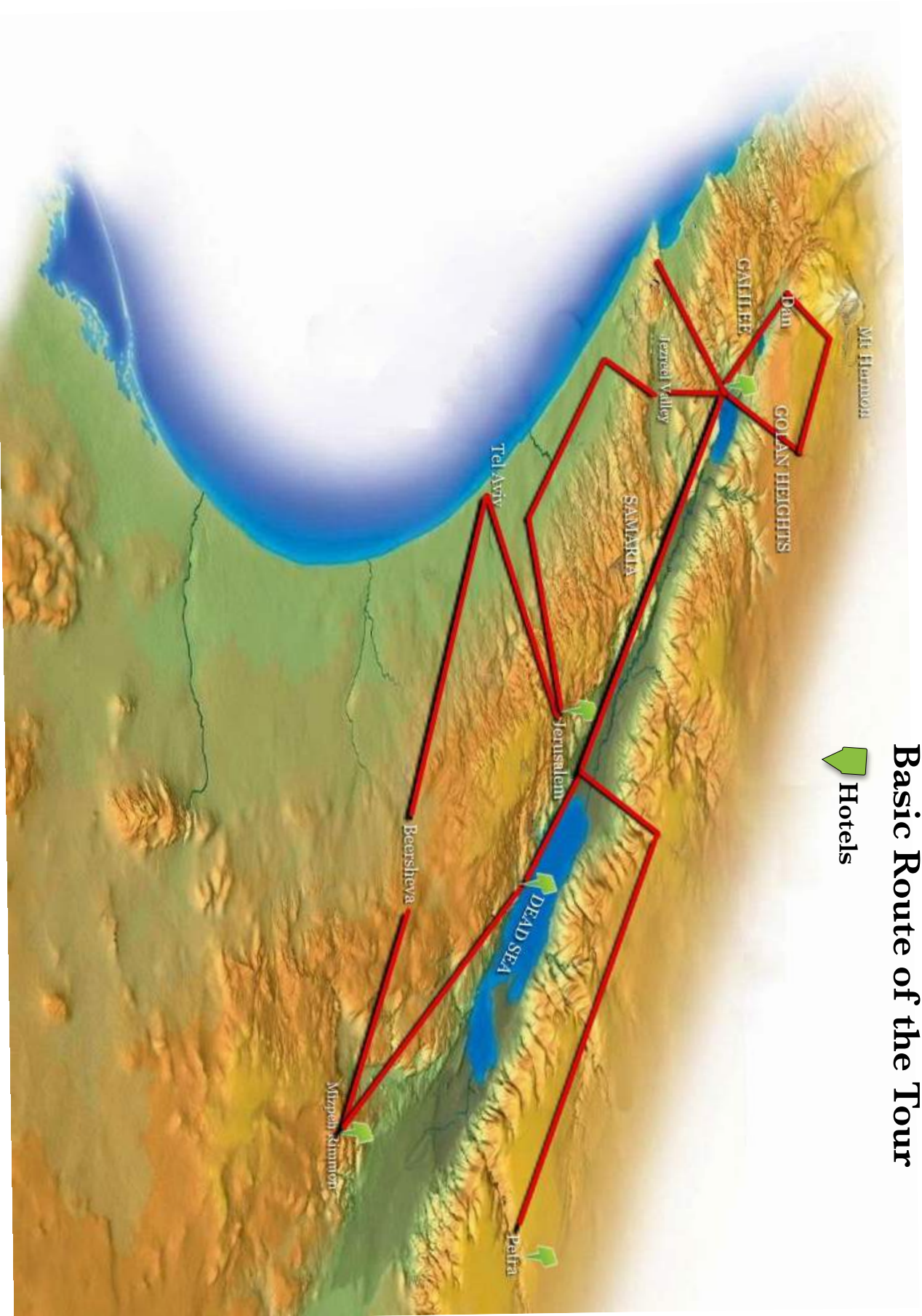
Transit; *flight - Tel Aviv - Istanbul - Cape Town/Johannesburg*

Arrive Cape Town / Johannesburg Tuesday, May 15th 2015

NB. *Itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of the tour leader based on local conditions and time constraints.*

Basic Route of the Tour

 Hotels



Application Form

All prices are based on group travel and double occupancy accommodation. Terms and Conditions apply.

First Person

Surname: Atkinson

Names: (as they appear in your passport). _____

SA Identity No: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passport Details:

Passport Number: _____ Date of issue: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Passport nationality: _____ Number of blank pages: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Please If a Single Supplement is required (plus \$ 950.00)

Second Person

Surname: _____

Names: (as they appear in your passport). _____

SA Identity No: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passport Details:

Passport Number: _____ Date of issue: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Passport nationality: _____ Number of blank pages: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____

(Cell) _____ Email: _____

I heard about the tour through : Please the appropriate box

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A member of a previous tour | <input type="checkbox"/> A Web search | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

I have read and accept the terms and conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check the details and then return to admin@cmj-sa.org with proof of deposit payment

Terms & Conditions

The bookings and travel arrangements made by John Atkinson and Shoresh Tours in Israel (trading under Nicolayson's Ltd - hereafter referred to as Shoresh Tours) are in consideration of the mutual promises contained in these terms and conditions, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, adequacy and sufficiency is hereby acknowledged by the parties, the parties further agree as follows:

Prices

All prices are based on group travel and include: double occupancy accommodations, English-speaking qualified guides and lecturers, air-conditioned bus and transfers, meals as described in itineraries, and baggage handling.

Prices do not include: passport and visa fees, laundry, all drinks, room service, phone calls, internet access, faxes, excess luggage.

Payment Conditions and Refunds

A deposit of R 2000 is required when reservations are made. No reservation can be guaranteed without receipt of the deposit. Final payment of the balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellation: Must be made in writing.

Cancellation/ Refunds:

Deposit towards booking constitutes full knowledge and acceptance of our cancellation policy.

Cancellation must be received in writing, along with all travel documents, before it will be processed. Regardless of the cause, the following terms will apply upon cancellation.

The deposit is non-refundable.

45 days to 59 days before departure: 50% of tour price refunded.

44 – 20 days prior to departure: 25% of tour price refunded.

19 days or less prior to departure: No refund.

John Atkinson, reserves the right to cancel or postpone the tour prior to departure for any reason including insufficient number of participants. John Atkinson, reserves the right to substitute or change the itinerary in response to changing circumstances.

Baggage

ONE suitcase (preferably with wheels.) with a weight limit of 20kgs when fully packed.

ONE cabin overnight bag with a maximum weight of 8kgs when fully packed.

Single Supplement

Single supplements may be purchased subject to availability. All bookings are initially purchased as double occupancy accommodation.

Insurance

Basic Travel (including medical cover) insurance is arranged on a group basis.

This insurance is a group rate cover with a reputable travel insurance company. Insurance is compulsory.

John Atkinson and/or Shoresh Tours Responsibility.

In the event of any breach of these terms by John Atkinson and/or Shoresh Tours, the Customer's damages shall be limited to the total price the Customer paid for tour. In no event shall by John Atkinson and/or Shoresh Tours, be liable for any incidental, contingent, or consequential damages. The making and acceptance of final payment shall constitute a waiver of any and all claims, known or unknown, liquidated or contingent, by the Customer against by John Atkinson and/or Shoresh Tours.

The parties agree that under no circumstances shall John Atkinson, be responsible for any liability, loss, or damage, caused by the Customer, airline, hotel or other accommodations, conveyances, or any third party, whether or not contracted with by John Atkinson and/or Shoresh Tours. John Atkinson makes no express warranties herein. Any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and all other express or implied warranties are excluded.

Force Majeure

John Atkinson and/or Shoresh Tours shall not be responsible for errors, delays, failures, or omissions, under this Agreement due to any cause beyond its control, including but not limited to, employee, subcontractor acts and/or omissions, labour disturbances, riots, fires, earthquakes, floods, storms, lightning, epidemics, war, disorders, hostilities, expropriation or confiscation of properties, failure of and delays of carriers, interference by civil or military authorities, acts of God, perils of the sea and the like.

Entire Understanding, Choice of Law

This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties hereto (final and integrated) with respect to the subject matter hereof and the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement supersedes all prior and concurrent oral statements and representations and is the final and integrated intent of the parties.

This Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the substantive and procedural laws of the Republic of South Africa. If there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that one or more of the Agreement clauses are found to unenforceable, illegal, or contrary to public policy, the Agreement will remain in full force and effect except for the clauses found to be unenforceable.