

The Lebanese Canadian Heritage Association (L.C.H.A.) is proud to invite you to a 17-Day trip to
~ LEBANON ~ JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND ~ISRAEL ~ April 9 to April 26, 2010

- ❖ **09 April-Montreal – Beirut**
- ❖ **10 April-Arrival at Beirut** Airport, meet and transfer to luxurious 5* Safir Heliopolitan Hotel and in the evening, enjoy a dinner at Historic Beirut Centre
- ❖ **11 April-Beirut** – Free day for personal activities
- ❖ **12 April-Baalbek-Zahlé and the wine road-** Full-day Tour. We start with a visit of Baalbek, the most famous Greco-Roman ruins in the world including the temples of Jupiter, Bacchus and Venus. We then make a stop at the Ksara Wine caves (including a wine tasting) and then proceed to Zahlé for a lunch by the Berdaouné river. On the way back to Beirut we'll drive through the wine road and stop at a vineyard for a short visit.
- ❖ **13 April-Beirut** – Free day for personal activities
- ❖ **14 April-Jeita-Harissa-Byblos-** Full-day Tour. Visit Jeita Grotto fashioned by millions of years of stalagmites and stalactites meeting one another to create one of the most spectacular grottos in the world, then proceed to Byblos, the ancient Phoenecian city and visit the crusader citadel and the medieval port.
- ❖ **15 April- Beirut-**Free day for personal activities
- ❖ **16 April-Beirut-Amman-**Transfer to airport for departure to Amman, then meet and drive to the beautiful 5* Hotel Landmark in Amman.
- ❖ **17 April-Amman-Petra-**After breakfast at the hotel, leave for a tour to the south of Amman to visit Madaba and Mount Nebo (the highest in the Moabit range which has been a center for pilgrimages since earliest Christian times). Madaba has some of the finest Byzantine mosaics in the world including the famous 6th century mosaic map of Palestine. Afterwards drive to Petra, check in at Taybet Zaman hotel (5*). In the afternoon drive to Wadi Rum, a moon-like desert landscape (2 hour visit by 4x4) and then return for overnight stay in Petra.
- ❖ **18 April-** After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour to the Red Rose City of Petra. Upon arrival you will begin an unforgettable trip on horseback ride, then by foot. The local guide will give a brief history of the city, the greatest tourist attraction in the Middle East. The Nabateans carved this capital of theirs from the living rock of the surrounding mountains in Petra. Among other glorious monuments for the visitors today are Pharaoh's Castle, the Triumphal arch, the Amphitheatre and Monastery. We then head back to Amman.
- ❖ **19 April-Baptism Site-Allenby-Tabaria-**After breakfast we drive down to the Baptism site visit (where John the Baptist baptized Jesus) and then on to the Allenby bridge. You will be met by our Guide in Israel, then we will drive through Jericho, with a short stop at the Dead Sea, on to Nazareth, then a visit to the Church of the Annunciation built over the house of Mary and then to Joseph's carpentry workshop. Dinner and overnight at the wonderful 5* Hotel Sheraton in Tabaria.
- ❖ **20 April-Tabaria-Cana and the Golan-** North Israel. After breakfast we proceed to the Sea of Galilee, take a boat ride to the other side of the Lake to Capernaum, the town of Jesus, visit the Synagogue built at the time of Jesus, where He stood and preached. Visit Tabga (the place where the miracle of multiplication of five loaves and two fish took place). Proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes. Lunch break-Enjoy the famous Peter's Fish (meal not included). Afternoon drive to Cana, where Jesus did His first miracle turning water into wine. Continue to view the Golan. Dinner and overnight in Tabaria.
- ❖ **21 April-Tabaria-Haifa-Caesarea-Bethlehem-** Coastal Plains/Jerusalem: After an early checkout we proceed through the valley of Armageddon and then to Haifa, the northern Capital of Israel. Visit the famous Bahai Temple and its fabulous step garden. Stop at Stella Maries and the Monastery Mount Carmel. We then proceed to Caesarea. Visit the ancient ruins and the panoramic view of the ancient Roman Aqueduct. We then proceed to Jaffa, the port city of ISRAEL. Visit the Clock Square of Jaffa. Stop in Jerusalem for a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem from Mount Scopus and arrive in Bethlehem. Check in to the hotel, followed by dinner and an overnight stay.
- ❖ **22 April-Bethlehem-Jerusalem-** After breakfast we travel to the Shepherds Field, Church of Nativity and on to Mount of Olives, to visit the Garden of Gethsemane. We then visit the Church of Agony/Church of all Nations and through the Kidron Valley Drive to Mount Zion, Bethany and off to the Tomb of King David, The Last Supper Room followed by a visit to Caiaphus' house and the Prison of Jesus and The Holy Steps where He was taken before He was arrested, and also the place where Peter denied Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.
- ❖ **23 April-Jerusalem-** OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM After breakfast we do a walking tour of the Old City. It starts through the Dung gate entrance to the Old City of Jerusalem. We visit the Wailing Wall, then the Tunnel by the Western Wall and walk through the Jewish Quarters via the Roman Cardo, then off to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and then we complete the 14 Stations of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) and exit through the Damascus Gate. Free time for shopping in the old city and later we visit the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight at Hotel in Jerusalem.
- ❖ **24 and 25 April- Jerusalem-**Free day in Jerusalem for personal activities
- ❖ **26 April- Departure from Tel Aviv-**After breakfast, an early checkout and then we transfer to Ben Gurion airport for our flight back to Canada.

Prices: Rates per person sharing Double room

LCHA member: \$4,600 CAD including airfare, \$4,900 CAD for non LCHA member. Single-room supplement: \$1,300.

Deposit: \$500 by Jan. 31, 2010 (\$150 non refundable after Jan. 31). Deposit is fully non-refundable after Feb. 28, 2010.

Supplement for business class: \$3,300 p.p.

PRICE INCLUDES:

Flight in economy class with Royal Jordanian Airlines

Hotels: All 5 Stars

Beirut: Hotel Safir Heliopolitan

Amman: Le Meridian or Landmark Hotel

Petra: Taybet Zaman or Movenpick Petra

Tabaria: Sheraton or similar

Bethlehem: Intercontinental

Jerusalem: Crown Plaza or Sheraton

Two meals per day (Breakfast and lunch or dinner)

All entrance Fees to most sites

All transfers and air-conditioned bus

Accompanying professional English-speaking guide

This tour may be cancelled if a minimum of 12 passengers are not confirmed. Please book ASAP. For booking and more information please call Nabil Fawaz at (514) 285-2200.