

# 約旦和以色列

今年 2015 最愛的遊點；十一天，約旦和以色列

最危險的地方，最安全，太太安排了兩對夫婦，一行六人，十一月十五日飛約旦首都，亞曼市，下機當地時間早上四時（十一月一日用冬季時間），首先最感受到是 US\$470 元換來 Dinars\$200 元的本地貨幣，要交入境 Visa 費，每人 Dinars\$40 元，這個中東回教非產油國，入境已狠狠的收一筆，比美“越南”，但是還是籍得，因有世界著名景點，Petra – Capital of the Nabataeans，建立於公元一世紀，年紀大的遊客有馬匹，馬車，駱駝和驢仔代步，整個景點要用上一整天並在景點內的 Crown Plaza Hotel，吃午餐才算盡興，我們六人用雙腿由入場口，九點開始，步行到中午飯點也快下午二時，當中以 The Siq, The Treasury, The Theatre, The Royal Tombs, The Church, The Colonnaded Street, Great Temple 等令人嘆為觀止的遊點，吃過午餐，祇我一人決定上最高祭點，Ad Deir-Monastery，其他人決定原路回酒店休息，上山，大概要走山路一個小時，下山也半個小時，因山路實在崎嶇，比 2014 年行秘魯，馬丘比丘，Machu Picchu 那是多麼舒服，當然不計土人古徑，人長一歲了，幸好體力還在，澳門黃漢堅前會長，算是秘魯人，1964 年舉家回澳門，西班牙語流利。

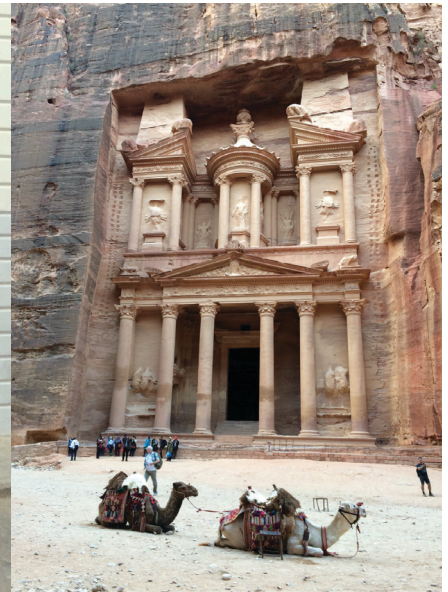
約旦另一個要同大家分享地方，水平線下 420 米的死海暢泳，有超過廿種利皮膚礦物質，男女士都合適，加死海泥海浴，又環保，死海水比一般海水多鹽份 30%，一坐即浮，根本不需太懂游泳，約旦這邊的死海渡假酒店比以色列更勝一籌，大家想不到呢。

過境入以色列，有不同感受，回到文明地區，但警衛深



嚴，約旦的導遊不過境，以色列導遊又在那一邊候著，但雙邊人民和邊防的英文溝通能力非常好，有世界語言護身，冇驚險。晚上到達聖城耶路撒冷，Jerusalem，傳統先到橄欖山祝福（耶穌升天的山），聖城夜境盡入眼廉，住美國領事館附近，市中心區，也近舊城區，遙望舊城燈式，Hotel Waldorf, Astoria，最近裝修完畢，算城中最高級，The David Citadel hotel and Mamilla hotel，也不俗，去年，關溢康高球會長住 Mamilla 懂選擇。





聖城遊點多，如果是基督徒，七天也不夠，或會，長住下來，世界各地猶太人每有節日，必盡法回來，因它是各人心目中世界的中心，我自己牧養在基督教環境十三年，從前仇笑紅和柳震亭老師，精彩的聖經故事描述，必須走走主耶穌受難的十三個點，釘十字架的地方，放聖體和山洞位置，大衛城和水道，以色列博物館，和The Holocaust History Museum，比德國慕尼黑更加震撼人心，人類歷史上一大教訓，中國人也有南京大屠殺一頁但比猶太人滅族，在離開展館時，你們會看到以下一句，“I will put my breath into you and you shall live again, and I will set you upon your own soil”我也不想多談，大家自己體會。

出了聖城，伯利恒 Bethlehem，主耶穌的出生地，馬槽已建成教堂，但是也保留下出生點和包裹出生小耶穌的地方，因伯利恒交巴勒斯坦人進駐，又好似入監獄一樣，要經過關卡，車牌也從IL黃牌轉P字頭白牌，各方一部車。

另一景點，加里里海，Sea of Galilee主耶穌，少年生活和傳道的地方，行神蹟，水變酒，五餅二魚，醫好麻瘋病人，和八福山 Mount of Beatitudes的教堂，同大家溫習一下八福是什麼好嗎？

**Blessed are the Merciful for they will be shown mercy**

**Blessed are clean of heart, for they will see God**

**Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God**

**Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven**

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be satisfied**

**Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the land**

**Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be**





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### Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven

又Golan Height, 自然生態農場和酒店在山上, 約旦河受浸的地方, 最開心是吃到新鮮冰震的棗 天下美食之一, 可能從前未吃過. 死海和加里里海 (其實將來會變鹽湖), 主因兩大亞洲板塊互動而成. 跟南美洲玻里維亞的鹽湖, ”天空之城” 不似, 那兒還餘一些冰冷泉水從地下湧出, 那裏海拔三千米。

最難得被安排參加一頓猶太人家中晚飯。猶太人週五, 在家中守節 Sabbath, 吃魚造主菜, 週六休息, 週日返工回復正常, 家中成員為美國籍太太和加拿大籍丈夫, 加女方父母, 全部精英回歸以色列長住, 我提出一條問題, 當今以國總理, 給世人強而不屈的宣事主權和對各鄰國(回教國家) 不

友善回應對待, 如何評價PM, Benjamin Netanyahu? 整餐晚飯, 也談不完, 也反問我, 在澳洲一住廿五年, 有否想回祖國, 可能今世代的中國人, 交通方便, 資訊發達, 又沒有強烈宗教信仰感, 缺乏; ” 少少離家老大回, 村童笑問, 客從何處來”, 那種離鄉別井的心境。我支持李嘉誠先生說, 我要投資生活在有法律的地方。今日中東, 世人避而遠之, 宗教種族仇恨, 一波又一浪, 回看八福, 人求的是什麼。

台拉維夫, Tel Aviv和Halfa, 我們包括在行程內, 主因兩次坐郵船都被船公司更改了航程, 未嘗所願, Java和Caesarea 在台拉維夫附近都是從前, 往羅馬帝國船隊出發點, 希律王建港化了不少心思, 大家藉得研究和參觀, 可惜冇安排潛水活動, 我舉腳贊成, 還有找到古代金幣機會, 又以色列唯一高爾夫球場 Caesarea Golf Club, 因以色列國比起其鄰國, 大家都是沙漠地域, 多了一些綠色, 主因有動腦筋灌溉, 用上有小洞的膠喉, 精準淋水, 巴國人卻貪污, 天天想着挖隧道入侵以色列, 造汽車炸彈, 總之你死我活, 不想共存. 以色列有美國水平的公路網, 人民又多擁有車輛, 但市內欠停車場, 更不用說地下停車場, 大家明解. 台市十分先進, Hilton, 建五百間房大酒店於海邊, 也摩天大廈林立, 都能停直升機。

以色列南北長500km, 南至紅海有海港, 北接黎巴嫩 Lebanon和伊拉克 Syria 伊斯蘭國 ISIS戰區, 東接壤約旦算是Friend些, 但因1966年, 六日戰爭, 佔據 West Bank, 算富裕土壤, 卻不歸還約旦, 約旦人站在 East Bank, 心中媽媽聲, 西接地中海, 大概最寬不到100km, 這些英國人和聯合國留下来的廿十世紀歷史, 加鄂圖曼帝國 Ottoman, 加十字軍東征, 再加穆斯林聯軍反撲, 千年歷史, 行公義, 求憐度, 在這個地方不再, 再加聖經預言, 大家不可不去感受一下。

又女士們一定入貨, AHAVA, 是香港 Lane Crawford 連卡佛 2/3 價, 多過 IL\$400 元後, 送回扣 17% 稅. IL\$2=US\$1

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# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2016

From

*Norman Wong and Family*

*(Steve, Norman, Bob and Jamie,  
Grandmah Lillian 104, Jason and Bill,  
Wendy, Javi and Aiden 20 months)  
(A Jamie & Bob Original)*

December 21, 2015

Dear Friends and Family:

This September 2nd would have been my 48th wedding anniversary with Angi. She had long wished to show me New Zealand where she held fond memories growing up as a young child. I finally made that journey in November of this year. My good friend and classmate Albert Mau, who knew Angi well and was aware of her illness, arranged a small group of friends to tour New Zealand and Australia, with the hopes of all being able to travel together. But as you know, it was not to be. The timing of this trip coincided with the World Pui Ching Alumni Association's Alumni Day which was held in Australia this year. It was a memorable, epic journey joined by Angi in spirit. As it turned out, Albert himself could not make the journey because of an urgent surgery that couldn't wait. At this writing, Albert is recovering well and "resting" at home.

In Melbourne, I was a very privileged guest at the Mau's home. Shaiolin was the perfect wife and hostess, serving us 3 home cooked meals of Chinese and Australian dishes for 4 days. Albert, himself a gourmet, made quite a few dishes as well, including a delicious non-Kosher lox with brandy which I definitely will try to imitate. The Mau's invited several of our local Aussie- Hong Kong classmates for dinner in our honor. I was happy to see 伍國慶, 伍偉夫, 徐芷芬. We toured many of the sights of Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. The highlight, of course, was Sydney Harbor. There, the host Alumni Association took us on a luxurious yacht, complete with a feast of lobster, oysters and much more while cruising along sailboats and getting a spectacular view of the Dame Joan Sutherland Opera House. It was good to see classmates 蕭學泉, 陳斌兒, 趙立平 in Sidney. I guess I should explain who the "we" are. It was Josephine Cheng Chu and husband Patrick, Yan Kai and his wife

Alice, and me. Albert, Josephine, Yan and I were classmates the class of 1960 at the Pui Ching Middle (High) School in Hong Kong. The Chu's and the Kai's flew in from Canada. Albert lives in Melbourne and China. The five of us from North America traveled this trip throughout Australia and New Zealand together, and still remain to be the best of friends.

I have to admit that the most memorable of this trip was New Zealand. It was most beautiful and the most meaningful part of my journey. Albert, through a travel agent Zoe Tyros, had made meticulous arrangements for us to travel on a self-guided tour with detailed accommodations, where to eat and what to see. Yan and I drove a rental car throughout the South and North Islands of New Zealand, on the left hand side of the road, without a single scratch to the cars! We flew to Christchurch from Sydney. From there, we picked up the car and proceeded to Queenstown, a resort much like Lake Tahoe, California, with a beautiful lake, mountain trails and ski runs. Close by was



Milford Sound, a fjord amongst tall rising mountains and glaciers. While on the ferry passing seals, wildlife and braving the cold Antarctic wind standing sentry-style on the bow, I had an epiphany. It was as though Angi was very much present in those

mountains looking down upon us. As we passed each mountain range, I felt closer and closer to her presence. I could almost see her smiling face as we shared streams of tears in the cold wind.

From Queenstown, we flew to the North Island arriving in Wellington, NZ. We were met at the airport by Kay Wong,

a Kiwi friend who Angi knew as a pen pal for many decades. Kay had been to the States many times and had helped baby sit while I was away in Florida for a satellite launch. Kay had arranged for a local friends' gathering in remembrance of Angi. These were friends and offspring of neighbors of Angi when she lived in Wellington. We had a lovely dinner at a local restaurant where we got acquainted and reacquainted. The next day, Kay took me to visit Stafford Street and pointed out the house where the Ma's used to live. We also went to see St. Mark's Elementary School, the harbor where Angi's dad took her fishing and where she would have fallen into the water, but for the quick hands of her father. We saw the Chinese Community Anglican Church where she was baptized. This indeed was a closure for what Angi wanted me to see and experience. I

was treated to a wonderful home-cooked lamb shank dinner with Scotch and lox and salad at Jocelyn Gee's home. Thank you, Jocelyn. Thank you also, Harvey (Wu), for putting me up for the night in your beautiful home. The final days in New Zealand were spent in very relaxing fashion in Auckland. This is a metropolis with skyscrapers, a beautiful harbor, America's Cup winner Yachts, good eateries and a World Champion Rugby Team. I could live there.

Finally leaving Auckland on the midnight of November 6th I arrived in Hong Kong at 6:00 in the morning. I immediately had a 粥 attack. Just like we have In-n-out burgers and 7/11 burgers, not all burgers are created equal. This airport 粥 was of the 7/11 variety. But I didn't care. I hadn't had any for 2 weeks and I scarfed it down. Then, I sauntered in to 麥文記 to have my favorite bowl of won ton noodle. After a couple of nights in Kowloon, I joined a group of 44 classmates for a gourmet food extravaganza tour in the 4 "villages" of 順德, 東莞, 開平 and 中山. Some declare that the best food in China is in Guangzhou.

And the best of Guangzhou are in these 4 villages. We 44 stationed ourselves for 4 nights in the Hilton Hotel in 順德 and went by chartered coach to different restaurants in different villages every day for 5 days. Every meal was preplanned, reserved ahead and approved by our tour guide. Trust me, it was not the quantity of food we consumed, but it was the local, centuries old traditional recipes. We had fish, chicken, duck, goose, oysters, squab, frog and eel prepared in ways we've never seen or seen but didn't know it could be so good. Simply exquisite!! Thanks to 李信漢, Do Do Ngan, and 林鼎 for arranging this fantastic trip.

It was great to have my #4 son Steve join me in Hong Kong for 10 days after the group activities with Pui Ching friends. He and I visited some manufacturing facilities in China, thanks to cousin 黃英敏, and had a chance to visit Auntie Gertie and Uncle Philip as well as the Wongs on my side of the family, 黃文樂, 黃天澤 and their families. Father and son, we had a great time together. While in Hong Kong, I was treated royally by my good buddy Dr. Robert Tseng. We had some pretty awesome meals and had the finest in wine and Scotch to boot. Thanks Robert.

On my way back to LA, I stopped by Lubbock, Texas to spend a wonderful Thanksgiving with daughter Jamie and son-in-law Bob and nephew Brandon Ma. They have a home on-line

business designing, making and selling silk screen products. They've been very busy with orders as the holiday season approaches. I also spent a few days with my cousin Max Kwan Yau Chow in Denton, TX.

I finally arrived back in LA on December 4th. Having left on October 18, I was away for a total of 7 weeks. I came home to find the house cleaner (!!), Thanks to Bill, Jason and Corinne, the cat calmer, thanks to Corinne, and the family business in good shape, thanks to Jason and Bill. They are doing a great job helping me. I see them two days a week regularly.

From photos and videos, I see my grandson Aiden at 20 months has grown taller, runs faster, is like a perpetual motion machine. He is trying to talk. Wendy and Javi are wonderful, caring and loving parents. They're working and living in San Diego. I plan on seeing them more when I come back. Equal time, you know.

My mother at 104 years and 9 months is spry as ever. She

feeds, dresses and takes care of herself and entertains the nurses by talking to them in Spanish. She is a blessing to us. My sister Jean and Franklin keep themselves very busy with friends from abroad and reading and writing and painting. BTW, my sister Jean is an excellent water color artist, besides being a fantastic chef. Aunt Marie is growing physically stronger. The good news is she is out of hospice.

As for myself, I've been wonderfully blessed by having family and friends surround me with loving support. I'm slowly trying to modernize the house for better enjoyment and for future value. I'm still in the throes of thinking about when to move out of this large house. My dilemma is: I love the beach

area, but my friends and activities are in the San Gabriel Valley. I spend too much time on the freeway. (The most hilarious comment I've heard recently, was: "黃文輝, 你應該快D囉番個人啦", Ha ha ha ha).

Once again, I wish to thank all who came to Angi's Celebration of Life service at All Saints Episcopal Church, July 25th, 2015, and for all the love and support you've given me and my family. I truly feel very blessed.

Merry Christmas to you and a Happy new year. Stay in touch.

**Norman**

