

B^{TM9161} BIBLICAL LANDS STUDY TOUR

9th – 24th April 2018



Led by
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A key task of Biblical Studies is placing Jesus of Nazareth into his many contexts - historical, social, political, religious, and geographical. Under the leadership of Dr Spence, whose expertise is in NT studies, and Dr Cousins, whose expertise is in OT studies and with the assistance of local guides, this study tour will help you place Jesus' words and deeds into their living context. Students will see many key biblical sites including Bethlehem, Capernaum, Nazareth, the Mount of Olives and the City of David. This will be a special part of any student's educational journey. Those who are enrolled in a degree program will have access to FEE-HELP to cover the teaching costs of the tour.

DAY 1: Monday 9 April DEPART ADELAIDE

Depart Adelaide this evening on your Emirates flight, departing to Dubai.

DAY 2: Tuesday 10 April ARRIVAL AMMAN, JERASH

Arrive into Dubai this morning and transfer to your connecting flight, bound for Amman. Arrive into Amman this morning at 09:50. This morning we tour Amman to visit the Roman Theatre and Amman Citadel (Acropolis), including the Temple Hercules. This afternoon visit Jerash (Gerasa), another of the Decapolis cities with extensive archaeological excavations. Drive to Amman for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Wednesday 11 April BAPTISMAL SITE, ALLENBY BRIDGE, JERICHO, BEIT SHEAN

Drive to the Jordan Valley to visit Bethany Beyond the Jordan, one of the most recent archaeological and religious discoveries. The five springs here form a tributary of the Jordan River and believed to be the Baptismal site of Jesus by John the Baptist. Cross the Allenby Bridge into Israel. After border formalities, we visit Jericho to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world. Visit Qasr El Yahud Baptismal site before we drive up the Jordan Valley to the Galilee. Visit Bet Shean, biblical Scythopolis to visit the Roman theatre, paved road and the excavations. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 4: Thursday 12 April SEPPHORIS, NAZARETH, NAZARETH VILLAGE

Start with a visit to Sepphoris. Then go to Nazareth and see the oldest Church of the Annunciation as well as the Synagogue Church. Proceed to Nazareth Village, where we will spend the rest of our afternoon. This is an excavated village dating from around 1 AD. The excavations have carefully renovated the synagogue and houses to give a unique insight into village life and agriculture, as it would have been at the time of Jesus. Return to the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 5: Friday 13 April SEA OF GALILEE, CAPERNAUM, MAGDALA, MT BEATITUDES

Visit the 1st century "Jesus Boat" found at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Capernaum; there you will see an ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house which was later converted into a church. Then onto the recently excavated first century synagogue at the Magdala Center before we visit the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered.

DAY 6: Saturday 14 April BANIAS, TEL DAN, KORAZIM

This morning we head up the Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou art Christ". Continue to Tel Dan. Returning towards the Sea of Galilee we will visit Korazim. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Meet back at the hotel for dinner and overnight at the Sea of Galilee.

DAY 7: Sunday 15 April MEGIDDO, CAESAREA, JERUSALEM

Drive to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. Drive to Caesarea, once the capital of the Roman province, and see the aqueduct, theatre, Herod's Palace and the harbour from which St. Paul was taken to Rome. Drive to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: Monday 16 April CITY OF DAVID, TEMPLE MOUNT, JEWISH QUARTER, WESTERN WALL TUNNEL

After breakfast we will spend the morning beside the Old City. Visit the City of David to enjoy an interesting walk to the Siloam Pools and Hezekiah's Tunnels. View the Temple Mount and have a close observation of the mosques. Walk through the Jewish Quarter and visit the Palatial Herodian Mansion and Burnt House, which form part of the Wohl Museum. Then visit the Davidson Centre and the Western Wall. We finish the day with a tour of the Western Wall Tunnel. Return to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9: Tuesday 17 April GARDEN TOMB, ISRAEL MUSEUM, YAD VASHEM

Start the day with a visit and Communion Service at the Garden Tomb. Continue to the Israel Museum and view the Model of Jerusalem as it was at the time of Jesus. End the day with a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. Return to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: Wednesday 18 April MT OLIVES, VIA DOLOROSA, ST PETER IN GALLICANTU (ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY)

Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension and the Pater Noster Church, and view the Palm Sunday Road. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. See the Pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water, and St. Anne's Church. Walk the Via Dolorosa ending at the Church of The Holy Sepulchre. Leave the Old City through the bustling souk (bazaar). Continue onto Mount Zion to the Church of St Peter in Galllicantu and the home of Caiaphas. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for overnight.

DAY 11: Thursday 19 April FREE MORNING, HERODIAN, BETHLEHEM (ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY)

This morning we have a leisurely start. Early afternoon we will visit Herodian then continue to Bethlehem to the Nativity Church, the birth place of Jesus Christ. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 12: Friday 20 April MASADA, QUMRAN, DEAD SEA, ARAVA

After breakfast we drive to Masada, the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Then on to Qumran, where the Essene enclave was and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and later discovered, with time to dip into the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Drive south to the Arava land crossing into Jordan. Dinner and overnight in Aqaba.

DAY 13: Saturday 21 April WADI RUM, PETRA

This morning after Breakfast and check out, we drive to Wadi Rum, scene of Lawrence of Arabia's triumph; meet some Bedouin and see the outstanding scenery. Drive to Petra for dinner and overnight.

DAY 14: Sunday 22 April PETRA

Enjoy a full day to explore "the rose - red city" of Petra which, from 300 BC was inhabited by Nabateans. Walk through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon. See the Treasury, carved out of the pink stone, and continue past the Roman theatre, the Corinthian Tomb and Palace Tomb to the Roman road. If time permits, climb up to the High Place or the Deir or Monastery. Return to your nearby hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 15: Monday 23 April MT NEBO, MADABA, DEPART AMMAN

Drive up the desert highway to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and is buried. Visit Madaba to view the ancient mosaic of Jerusalem. Transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for your departure flight from Amman to Dubai. Arrive into Dubai and transfer to your connecting flight to Adelaide.

DAY 16: Tuesday 24 April RETURN TO AUSTRALIA

Return to Adelaide today with wonderful memories of your trip!

Itinerary subject to change



PACKAGE PRICE:

The price of the tour will be discussed at the information evening. Students who are enrolled in a postgraduate course (e.g., a Graduate Diploma in Ministry) will be eligible to place part of the cost of the tour on FEE-HELP.

HOTELS TO BE USED (or similar)

Amman	Amman International (1 night)
Nazareth	Ramada Olivie Hotel (4 nights)
Jerusalem	Rimonim Shalom Hotel (5 nights)
Aqaba	Radisson Hotel (1 night)
Petra	Marriot Hotel (2 nights)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class airfares from Adelaide – Dubai -Amman – Dubai – Adelaide with Emirates.
- 13 nights' hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms.
- Breakfast and Dinner daily, from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the last. All meals at hotels unless otherwise specified.
- 4 lunches in Jordan
- 10 light lunches in Israel
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of local professional English speaking guides throughout the tour
- Airport meet and assistance and transfers and transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to all sights and museums as mentioned in the itinerary
- Border crossing fees and taxes and Jordan group visa
- Whisperer Headsets
- Tips, portorage & gratuities throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Beverages with meals
- Individual Jordan Visas.
- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Single supplement
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room service etc.
- Any services not listed in 'Price Includes' above

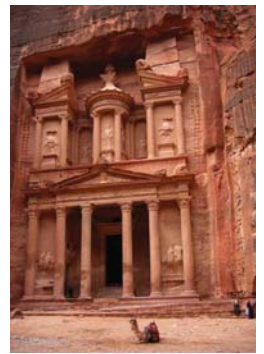
WHAT TO DO NEXT:

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Samantha Owens at Tabor or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place a deposit of \$350 per person is required by 30th June 2017 (unless sold out prior)
3. Full payment will be required by 8th February 2018.

ATTEND AN INFORMATION EVENING

WHEN: 7pm Wednesday, 14th June
WHERE: Tabor College of Higher Education
181 Goodwood Road, Millswood

It is essential that you RSVP your attendance to the College at https://information_evening_for_2018_study_tour.eventbrite.com.au by Wednesday, 31st May



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