

# Journey To Jordan & Israel

18 Days

Fully Escorted

23rd March – 9th April, 2019



TOUR PACKAGE PRICE

**\$6,990\*** per person (twin share)

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL **\$2,025**

\* Price is based on minimum group size of 25 paying participants. Conditions apply. Subject to change



## Escorted by Pastors Ian & Kathy Freestone

Kathy and I are excited to host our next Jordan-Israel tour. We first went to Israel in 1988 to study 'Historical Geography' at Jerusalem University College. It changed our lives in many ways and revolutionised (forever!) the way we read the Bible. This has been the experience of many who have been able to come with us in recent years. It's a big investment, but we are deeply committed to providing participants with a rich, reflective, personal journey that ensures an unforgettable educational, spiritual and fun experience. Drawing on our collective experience in education and ministry we provide a purposeful orientation prior to flying out so that your investment will be absolutely maximised on this 'extended spiritual retreat'. The itinerary has been carefully thought through to ensure you visit the 'must-do' sites, as well as some very special surprises.

*We would love you to join us!*

### BASED ON FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATION (OR SIMILAR):

**Petra** Old Village 2 nights    **Dead Sea Jordan** Movenpick 1 night  
**Tiberias** Nof Ginosar 4 nights    **Tel Aviv** Dan Panorama 1 night  
**Mitzpe Ramon** Isrotel Ramon Inn 2 nights    **Jerusalem** Olive Tree Hotel 5 nights

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy airfares Sydney - Amman – Sydney with Emirates or Etihad
- Current airport and departure taxes
- 15 nights' hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Daily breakfasts and dinners at hotels.
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- Whisperer headsets
- All guiding and entrance fees
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Astronomy – Stargazing experience in the Ramon Crater
- Border crossing fees and taxes
- All tips, portage and gratuities

### PRICE EXCLUDES

- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Deep Desert Israel extra activities (see below)
- Lunches
- 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 Pastor Ian Freestone or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place, a booking deposit of \$350 per person will be required by 16th July 2018 (unless sold out prior)
3. The balance payment is required by 21st January 2019.

### DAY 1: MARCH 23 Saturday Depart Australia

### DAY 2: MARCH 24 SUNDAY Amman, Kerak, Petra

Arrive this morning into Amman International Airport. Visit Kerak Castle. Transfer to Petra for check in, relaxation, early dinner and overnight. (D)

### DAY 3: MARCH 25 MONDAY 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. This evening we enjoy the Petra By Night experience. Overnight at hotel. (BD)

### DAY 4: MARCH 26 TUESDAY Machaerus, Madeba, Mt Nebo, Baptismal site, Dead Sea

Drive up the desert highway to Machaerus where Herod had his palace and believed to be the site where John the Baptist was beheaded. Visit Madeba to view the ancient mosaic of Jerusalem. On to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and is buried. Drive down 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 site of Jesus by John the Baptist. Dinner and overnight at our Dead Sea Hotel. (BD)

### DAY 5: MARCH 27 WEDNESDAY Allenby Crossing, Bet Shean, Tiberias

Enjoy a leisurely morning before we transfer to Allenby crossing point into Israel. After border formalities we drive to Bet Shean, one of the Decapolis of the Roman Empire and see the excavations there. Continue on to the Sea of Galilee and check in to your hotel. Dinner and overnight is at your hotel in Tiberias. (BD)

### DAY 6: MARCH 28 THURSDAY Sefhoris, Mt Precipice, Nazareth Village, Mt Arbel

Start with a visit to Sefhoris, home town of Anne, mother of Mary and to Mount of the Precipice for view and photo opportunity. Enjoy the wonderful panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley and the surrounding hills. Then continue to Nazareth Village. 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. End the day with a time of quiet at Mt Arbel overlooking the Sea of Galilee. (Optional walk down hill) Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### DAY 7: MARCH 29 FRIDAY Mt Beatitudes, Jesus Trail walk, Primacy, Capernaum, Jesus Boat Museum & Boat Ride

Begin the day with a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. Continue Walk down the hillside to the seashore, enjoying the views and fauna of the area. Also by the shore you will visit St. Peter's Primacy and Capernaum; there you will see an ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house which was later converted into a church. Visit the 1st century "Jesus Boat" found at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Return to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### DAY 8: MARCH 30 SATURDAY Golan Heights, Banias

Head up the Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou are Christ". Continue to Tel Dan. Returning towards the Sea of Galilee for a quiet afternoon. Hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (BD)

### DAY 9: MARCH 31 SUNDAY Megiddo, Caesarea, Tel Aviv

Drive to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. We have time to walk through the ancient water shaft, see the interactive model of the city. Then to Caesarea on the Mediterranean Sea, 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 Tel Aviv to check into our hotel. Free time to explore Jaffa at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. (BD)

### DAY 10: APRIL 01 MONDAY Beersheva, Ein Avdat, Mitzpe Ramon

This morning we travel alongside the ancient 'Philistine region' to Beersheva in the north of the Negev desert. Visit Tel Beersheva and ANZAC Museum. Afterwards enjoy a one-hour hike at the spectacular Ein Avdat national park\*.

Transfer to our hotel in Mitzpe Ramon for dinner and overnight. (BD)  
\*The hike itself is easy, but it requires mobility to climb steps and ladders.

### DAY 11: APRIL 02 TUESDAY Desert Activities

Optional group activities with pick up and drop off at hotel:

- 1) Two and a half hour 4x4 jeep tour of the Ramon Crater.
  - 2) Four-hour Bedouin visit and 4x4 jeep tour of the Ramon Crater.
- Later this evening you will have the opportunity to see what the night sky has to offer in the Ramon Crater. This two-hour activity will include telescopes, a bonfire, stories and tea brewed on the fire.

### DAY 12: APRIL 03 WEDNESDAY Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, Jerusalem

Start the day with a visit to Masada the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Continue to the National Park of Ein Gedi and see David's Waterfall. Then on to Qumran, where the Essene enclave was and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and later discovered. Then we drive down through the Judean Wilderness to view St George's Monastery. Transfer to Jerusalem for a panoramic view of the city from the Mt of Olives. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (BD)

### DAY 13: APRIL 04 THURSDAY City of David, Davidson Centre

Visit the City of David Museum and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel to the Pool of Siloam. Continue through the Temple Mount. Ascend to the Davidson Archaeological Centre and explore the Southern Wall Excavations. View the moving prayer site of the Western Wall. Lunch and explore the Old City at your own pace. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### DAY 14: APRIL 05 FRIDAY David Citadel, Mt Olives, Garden Tomb

This morning we visit David's Citadel at Jaffa gate. Continue to the Mount of Olives and walk down the Palm Sunday Road stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. End the day with a Worship Service at the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight at hotel. (BD)

### DAY 15: APRIL 06 SATURDAY Old City, St Anne's Church, Holy Sepulchre, Rampart Walks

Enter the Old City of Jerusalem and see the Pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water, and St. Anne's Church, the traditional birthplace of Jesus' mother. Pass the Sisters of Zion and the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa ending with a view of the Church of The Holy Sepulchre. Enjoy a walk on the Old City Walls. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem (BD)

### DAY 16: APRIL 07 SUNDAY Dome of the Rock, Western Wall Tunnel, Mt Gerizim, Samaritan Museum

Early this morning we enter the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall, the Temple Area with the Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, which is the same rock that Abraham was going to sacrifice his son. Tour of the Western Wall Tunnels. We drive the ancient route through Samaria. We then see the Twin Mountains of Mt Gerizim and Mt Ebal, known in the Old Testament as Mt Blessing and Mt Cursing. We visit the ancient Samaritan Community on Mt Gerizim and see their Torah and Synagogue. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### DAY 17: APRIL 08 MONDAY Allenby, Amman Departure

Check out after breakfast and transfer to the Allenby Bridge to cross back into Jordan for our departure flight from Amman airport. (B)

### DAY 18: APRIL 09 TUESDAY Arrive Australia

Arrive back home with wonderful memories of a fantastic journey!

#### ATTEND AN INFORMATION GATHERING:

7:30pm on Thursday, 10th of May  
Unit 53, 20 Bonner Avenue Manly NSW 2095

\* Have your questions answered  
\*Meet your fellow travellers \* Enjoy a full briefing

Please RSVP to Ian Freestone by 6th May, 2018  
Hope to see you there!

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