

JOURNEY TO JORDAN AND ISRAEL

8th – 23rd January 2020



Escorted by Robert Ayoub,
Pastor of Logos Christian Church



"Logos Christian Church is pleased to announce it will be leading a Devotional Study Tour to Israel and Jordan in January 2020. You are invited to join us on this trip of a life time. Come to Jordan and view the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, dip in the waters of the baptismal site of Jesus, cross the Jordan River to Israel; Come to Israel and behold the Nativity in Bethlehem, sail the Sea of Galilee, visit Peter's house in Capernaum, sit by Jacob's well in Samaria, pray by the Garden of Gethsemane, enter Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, stand at the foot of the cross, enter into the tomb of Jesus and much more!
This devotional study tour will enrich your understanding of the Scriptures as it will give you a graphic picture that will never leave you. The Bible will come alive as we experience the topography, geography and culture of Jesus. You will never read your bible the same again!"

DAY 1: WED 08 JAN DEPART SYDNEY

Depart Sydney today on your flight to Dubai.

DAY 2: THURS 09 JAN ARRIVAL AMMAN, JERASH, AMMAN OVERNIGHT

On arrival into Dubai, transfer to your connecting flight. On arrival into Amman, you'll meet your waiting guide, driver and coach and visit Jerash, one of the Decapolis cities with extensive and impressive archaeological excavations. Transfer to Amman and check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 3: FRI 10 JAN BAPTISMAL SITE, MT NEBO, MADEBA, PETRA

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. Drive down to the Jordan Valley to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and is buried. Visit Madaba to view the ancient mosaic of Jerusalem. Transfer to Petra for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 4: SAT 11 JAN PETRA

Enjoy a full day to explore "the rose - red city" of Petra which, from 300 BC was inhabited by Nabateans. Take a horse ride 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. (BD)

DAY 5: SUN 12 JAN ALLENBY, JERICHO, BET SHEAN, TIBERIAS

Check out early this morning to cross Allenby Bridge into Israel. Visit Jericho to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world. View the Mt of Temptations. 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 is at your hotel in Tiberias. (BLD)

DAY 6: MON 13 JAN SEPPHORIS, CANA, NAZARETH

Start with a visit to Sepphoris, home town of Anne, mother of Mary. Visit Cana, scene of the first miracle and visit the Church of the Wedding. Then go to Nazareth and see the oldest Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well. Proceed 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. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 7: TUE 14 JAN SEA OF GALILEE, CAPERNAUM, TABGHA, MT BEATITUDES, JORDAN RIVER

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. Also by the shore you will visit Tabgha site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. Return to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 8: WED 15 JAN KORAZIM, GOLAN HEIGHTS, BANIAS, KURSİ

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 Kursi and Korazim. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Meet back at the hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (BD)

DAY 9: THUR 16 JAN MEGIDDO, MUHRAKA, HAIFA, CAESAREA, JERUSALEM

Drive to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. Proceed to Mukhraka, the site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal. Continue to Haifa and from Mount Carmel have a wonderful view of the area. Drive to Caesarea, 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. (BD)

DAY 10: FRI 17 JAN BETHANY, QUMRAN, DEAD SEA, MASADA

Start the day with a visit to Masada the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Continue to visit Ein Gedi with time to dip into the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Drive on to Qumran, where the Essene enclave was and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and later discovered. Drive up through the Judean hills to Bethany, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. See the wine-press. Return to your hotel and enjoy dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (BD)

DAY 11: SAT 18 JAN OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM, MT ZION, CITADEL

Enter the Old City once again. See the Pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water, and St. Anne's Church, the traditional birthplace of Jesus' mother. Visit the Convent of the Sisters of Zion and pass the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa ending at the Church of The Holy Sepulchre. Leave the Old City through the bustling souk (bazaar). Visit the Tomb of the Kings on Mount Zion and visit the tomb of David, the Upper Room and the Church of the Dormition. Continue with a visit to David's Citadel at Jaffa gate. End the day with Communion at the Garden Tomb. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 12: SUN 19 JAN NABLUS AND SEBASTE (WEST BANK)

We leave Jerusalem along the road north to Samaria. We pass Shiloh where the Ark of Covenant was kept then drive through the beautiful Levonah Valley, referred to in Judges as the Valley of the Dancers. We then see the Twin Mountains of Mt Gerizim and Mt Ebal, known in the Old Testament as Mt Blessing and Mt Cursing. Mt Gerizim is today the home of the few remaining Samaritans and you will be able to view their new Temple at the top of the mountain. We then go to visit Jacob's Well. It is hewn out of solid rock and measured to be 135 feet deep (41 metres) in 1935 but is now about 75 feet deep because of debris. Because it has been manually dug out it is almost certainly the same well mentioned in the Gospel of John. The water at the bottom of the well is fed by flowing water which is why ancients gave it the name of "living water". It is at this well that Jesus met the Samaritan woman and said to her: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." We will continue to Sebaste, former capital of the northern Kingdom of Samaria and see the largely untouched ruins. Lunch in Sebastia (own arrangements). Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 13: MON 20 JAN MT OLIVES, BETHLEHEM

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. Drive south to Bethlehem and to the Nativity Church, the birth place of Jesus Christ. Continue to the Shepherds' Field and the Milk Grotto. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for overnight. (BD)



**DAY 14: TUE 21 JAN
TEMPLE MOUNT, WESTERN WALL, CITY OF DAVID, NEW CITY**

Begin the day early with a visit to 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. Proceed to the Western Wall and then to the Davidson Archaeological Centre to explore the Southern Wall Excavations. Continue to the City of David and Pool of Siloam. In the afternoon, visit Yad Vashem to see the Museum of the Holocaust. Pass by the Hebrew University and the Knesset on the way to visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the world famous Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Also, see the 2nd Temple miniature Model of Jerusalem. Return to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

**DAY 15: WED 22 JAN
DEPART JERUSALEM, ALLENBY, DEPART AMMAN**

Depart Jerusalem this morning and journey back to the Allenby Bridge for crossing back into Jordan. Transfer to Queen Alia International Airport. Check-in for your flight bound for Dubai. On arrival into Dubai, transfer to your connecting flight. (B)

**DAY 16: THU 23 JAN
ARRIVE SYDNEY**

Arrive back into Sydney with wonderful memories of a fantastic journey!

****Itinerary subject to change****

TOTAL ESTIMATED PACKAGE PRICE TO JORDAN & ISRAEL (based on per person, twin share):

Price per person based on 15-19 full paying passengers:	AUD\$7,490*	Optional Single Room Supplement: AUD\$1,750
Price per person based on 20-24 full paying passengers:	AUD\$7,090*	
Price per person based on 25-29 full paying passengers:	AUD\$6,990*	
Price per person based on 30-34 full paying passengers:	AUD\$6,890*	

* Conditions apply. Subject to change.

PROPOSED HOTELS TO BE USED (or similar):

Amman	Crown Plaza Hotel (5 star)	1 night
Petra	Movenpick Hotel (5 star)	2 night
Tiberias	Ron Beach (4 star)	4 nights
Jerusalem	Olive Tree Hotel (4 star)	6 nights

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class airfares Sydney - Dubai - Amman with Emirates
- 13 nights' hotel accommodation including daily buffet breakfasts & dinners throughout
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of local professional English speaking guide throughout the tour
- Airport meet and assistance and transfers and transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to museums and all sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- Border crossing fees and Jordan Visa
- Tips & gratuities throughout
- Current airport & departure taxes
- Whisper headsets

PRICES EXCLUDE:

- Lunches
- Beverages with meals
- 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 Robert Ayoub or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place a deposit of \$350 per person is required by 01st October 2018
3. Full payment is required by 1 November 2019.

ATTEND AN INFORMATION GATHERING:

8pm on Sunday, 23rd September 2018
at Logos Christian Church 16 Harrow Road, Auburn NSW 2144

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

Please RSVP to Katrina Maggs at Olive Tree Travel by 14th September, 2018 **Hope to see you there!**



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