



The Refuge "Bringing the Bible to Life" Tour to Jordan & Israel

16 Days

Fully Escorted

25th September – 10th October 2020



Escorted by Rev Dean & Denise Rerekura

We want to "Bring the Bible to life" and give you, and others, the opportunity to see and experience for yourself the land that God gave to His people. To see where the children of Israel travelled, to stand where Moses stood, to walk where Jesus walked and to open your eyes to a Bible that you will never read quite the same ever again . . .

BASED ON FOLLOWING HOTELS (or similar):

Petra	Old Village Hotel	2 nights
Amman	Amman International	1 night
Galilee	Sea of Galilee Hotel	4 nights
Jerusalem	Grand Court	6 nights

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy airfares with Etihad from Sydney – Abu Dhabi – Amman (and return)
- All current airport and departure taxes
- 13 nights' hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms.
- Breakfast and dinner daily, from dinner on first day to breakfast on last day. All meals at hotels unless otherwise specified.
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- All guiding and entrance fees
- Sightseeing as per confirmed itinerary
- Whisperer headsets in Israel only
- All tips, portorage and gratuities
- Jordanian entry visas for all participants in the main group
- Dedicated bible oriented expert local guide in Israel and Jordan

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- 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 request a booking form from Dean/Denise Rerekura or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To Secure your place a booking deposit of \$350 per person is now due (unless sold out prior)
3. The balance payment is required by 24th July 2020

DAY 1: FRI 25 SEPT Depart Sydney

Depart Sydney this evening on our Etihad flight to Abu Dhabi.

DAY 2: SAT 26 SEPT Arrive Amman, Petra (B,D)

Arrive into Abu Dhabi this morning and transfer to our connecting flight bound for Amman. On arrival into Amman we will be met by our guide and proceed to Petra for hotel check in, dinner and a restful evening.

DAY 3: SUN 27 SEPT Petra (B,D)

Enjoy a full day to explore the world heritage listed site of "the rose - red city" of Petra which was inhabited by Nabateans from 300 BC. Enter the city through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon, see the Treasury carved out of the pink stone, and continue past the Roman theatre, Corinthian Tomb and Palace Tomb to the Roman road. Those with energy can climb to the High Place or the Monastery. Return to our nearby hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: MON 28 SEPT Mt Nebo, Madaba, Jerash, Amman (B,D)

We depart Petra and drive up the desert highway to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and is buried. Continue on to Jerash, one of the cities of the Decapolis with extensive archaeological excavations. Drive to Amman for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: TUE 29 SEPT Border Crossing, El Yahud, Jericho, Bet Shean, Tiberias, Mt of Temptation (B,D)

After an early start we cross the Allenby Bridge into Israel. Visit Qasr El Yahud, the most likely site of Jesus' baptism on the Jordan River. Next we enter Jericho to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world. Take a cable car to Mt of Temptation before we drive up the Jordan Valley to Galilee. Visit Bet Shean, another city of the Decapolis to visit the Roman theatre, paved road and excavations. Dinner and overnight is at our hotel on the Sea of Galilee near Tiberias.

DAY 6: WED 30 SEPT**Magdala, Sepphoris, Nazareth, Mt Precipice (B,D)**

Start with a visit to the recently excavated 1st century synagogue at Magdala, the town of Mary Magdalene. Drive onto Sepphoris, hometown of Anne, mother of Mary. Travel to nearby Nazareth and see the Church of the Annunciation as well as the Synagogue Church. Proceed to Nazareth Village for lunch (extra cost) and a tour. This excavated village dating from around 1 AD, gives a unique insight into village life and agriculture as it would have been at the time of Jesus. If time permits, visit Mt Precipice and see the amazing view of the Jezreel Valley and modern city of Nazareth. Return to the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: THU 01 OCT**Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt of Beatitudes (B,D)**

Wake up to a sunrise on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on water and calmed the storm. Visit the 1st century "Jesus Boat" found at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. Sail on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Capernaum, the home base of Jesus' Galilean ministry. See the ancient synagogue and Peter's house which was later converted into a church. Nearby we will visit Tabgha, site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Continue onto the Mt of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. Relax at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: FRI 02 OCT**Tel Dan, Golan Heights, Banias, Kursi, Korazim (B,D)**

This morning we head north to Tel Dan and see the remains of Jeroboam's temple and the Canaanite gate. Travel onto Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter declared "You are the Christ". Returning towards the Sea of Galilee we will visit Kursi, the possible site for Jesus' encounter with "Legion", and the remains of Korazim, one of the cities cursed by Jesus. As Shabbat commences, enjoy the evening at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9: SAT 03 OCT Megiddo, Muhraka, Caesarea, Jerusalem (B,D)

This morning we leave the Galilee and drive to Megiddo, an important city in ancient Israel overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. Proceed to Muhraka, the traditional site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal where Elijah called down fire from heaven.

Drive to Caesarea, once the capital of the Roman province, and see the aqueduct, theatre, Herod's Palace where Paul was imprisoned, and the harbour from which Paul was taken to Rome. Drive to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: MON 04 OCT Mt of Olives, Herodium, Bethlehem (B,D)

Drive to the Mt of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension and the Pater Noster Church, and walk the Palm Sunday route, visiting the Church of Dominus Flevit where our Lord wept. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. Drive on to visit Herodium, one of the fortresses built by Herod "the Great" and the site of his burial. Then continue to Bethlehem to see the city of Jesus' birth, the Shepherd's Fields and the Church of the Nativity on Manger Square. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 11: SUN 05 OCT**City of David, Temple Mount, Jewish Quarter, Israel Museum (B,D)**

After an early breakfast we will spend the morning beside the Old City. View the Temple Mount and have a close observation of the mosques, Dome of the Rock, and Western Wall precinct. Visit the City of David, the most ancient part of the city, to enjoy an amazing walk thru Hezekiah's Tunnels to the Siloam Pools. 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, which includes the remains of a first century Roman road and the Temple's Southern Steps, where Peter addressed the crowd on the day of Pentecost. We finish the day with a visit to the Israel Museum and view the Model of Jerusalem as it was at the time of Jesus, and the Shrine of the Book (where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed). Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 12: TUE 06 OCT Old City of Jerusalem, Via Dolorosa, Mt Zion, Citadel, Garden Tomb (B,D)

Enter the Old City once again. See the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the lame man, and St Anne's Church, the traditional birthplace of Jesus' mother. Passing the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, we will end at the Church of The Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Leave the Old City through the bustling souk (bazaar) and visit the tomb of the Kings on Mt Zion, the tomb of David, the Upper Room, the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu and Caiaphas' house. Continue with a visit to David's Citadel at Jaffa Gate, which was Herod's Palace in the time of Jesus and now houses an excellent museum. End the day with a Communion Service at the Garden Tomb. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 13: WED 07 OCT Free day in Jerusalem (B,D)

Enjoy some free time to wander through the Old or New City. Ideas for free time include: Old City Markets, Holocaust Museum and Ramparts Walk (along the walls of the Old City near Jaffa Gate). After dinner enjoy the "King David" Sound and Light Show at the Tower of David. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for overnight stay.

DAY 14: THU 08 OCT Bethany, Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea (B,D)

Start the day with a visit to Bethany, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Travel onto Masada a get a bird's eye view from this famous fortress mountain, the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Visit the oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul and penned some Psalms. Drive on to Qumran to see the remains of the Essene settlement and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and later discovered. Descend to the lowest place on earth, and enjoy a chance to dip into the mineral rich, salty waters of the Dead Sea. Return to our hotel and enjoy final dinner and sharing time together. Overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 15: FRI 09 OCT Jerusalem, Depart Amman (B)

Depart Jerusalem early this morning and journey back to the Allenby Bridge for the crossing into Jordan. Transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for our Etihad flight to Abu Dhabi and transfer to our connecting flight back to Sydney.

DAY 16: SAT 10 OCT Arrive Australia

Arrive back to Sydney tonight with wonderful memories of our trip!

*Itinerary is subject to change.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE TO ISRAEL & JORDAN (per person twin share in AUD\$):

Based on group size of 15-19 participants: **AUD \$7,490***

Based on group size of 20-24 participants: **AUD \$7,190***

Based on group size of 25+ participants: **AUD \$6,990***

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL \$1,995

* Conditions apply. Subject to change

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