

ISRAEL 2020

WITH OPTIONAL JORDAN EXTENSION

Escorted by Rev'd Julie Blinco

1st – 13th / 15th
September 2020

St John's

ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: Sunday 8th September

Straight after the service at approx. 11:30am

WHERE: St John's Anglican Church, 61 Main St, Diamond Creek

* Meet your fellow travellers * Receive a full briefing

* Have all your questions answered



ISRAEL ESTIMATED
INDIVIDUAL PRICE:

\$5,890 (per person, twin sharing)*

JORDAN OPTIONAL EXTENSION
ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL PRICE:

\$1,095 (per person, twin sharing)**



A note from Julie:

Hi Friends, here is an amazing opportunity to walk where Jesus walked. A trip to The Holy Land is often termed, 'The Fifth Gospel' as The Bible comes to life with all the senses. If you are able, do join me in September 2020 to experience biblical highlights of the Old and New Testament. It will fuel your wonder of God and be a time of discipleship and friendship as we travel together.

Julie

DAY 1: TUE 1 SEPT Depart Australia

Depart today on our flight to Tel Aviv via Asia.

DAY 2: WED 2 SEPT Arrive Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Bethlehem

Arrive into Tel Aviv this morning, where we are met by our waiting tour guide and driver. Visit 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 through the Valley of Elah and transfer to our hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight (D)

DAY 3: THU 3 SEPT Shepherd's Fields, Herodian, Bethlehem

Our tour starts this morning after breakfast. We will explore Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus. We will visit first the Shepherd's Fields, the traditional site where the angels announced the birth of the Messiah to shepherds watching their flocks by night. After we proceed to nearby Herodian, Herod's fortress and palace in the Judean Desert. We drive back to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Holy Nativity, reputed to have been built over the cave in which Jesus was born. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Bethlehem. (B D)

DAY 4: FRI 4 SEPT The Judean wilderness, Jordan River, Mt Tabor, Tiberias

Today we visit the Qasr El Yahud baptism site, and drive into the Judean

wilderness to recall the baptism of Jesus and his subsequent temptation. We will have time here for reflection/ reading. Continue to Mt Tabor, a possible location of the Transfiguration, where Jesus came with his disciples to a 'high mountain' at a very pivotal moment in his ministry. On our way to Tiberias we pass by Nazareth for a view of the Church of the Annunciation. Enjoy a special Sabbath dinner and celebration with a Messianic community on the Galilee. Overnight at our kibbutz hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee near Tiberias. (B D)

DAY 5: SAT 5 SEPT Sea of Galilee

We spend today on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, visiting places well known to us from the Gospels. We travel first to Capernaum, where we will see the ruins of the ancient synagogue and a house that may once have been home to Peter. We will next visit Tabgha, where the exhortation of Jesus to Peter 'feed my sheep' and the feeding miracle of the loaves and fishes are both commemorated. From Tabgha, a winding road takes us to the heights above the Sea of Galilee and to the church on the Mt of Beatitudes. This area is associated with the Sermon on the Mount and provides lovely views over the surrounding Galilean countryside. Return to our hotel for dinner and a relaxing evening. (B D)

DAY 6: SUN 6 SEPT Megiddo, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Dan

This morning we visit Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. Then drive north through the Golan Heights to visit the site of ancient Caesarea-Philippi. There will be time to enjoy the natural beauty of the area, as well as to read and prayerfully reflect on the biblical narratives associated with Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah. We follow this with a visit to Tel Dan before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B D)

DAY 7: MON 7 SEPT Sea of Galilee

We enjoy a leisurely final day at the Sea of Galilee region. In the morning we will see the 1st century 'Jesus boat' recovered from the Sea of Galilee some years ago. We will then take a boat trip onto the Sea of Galilee, pausing on the lake for a service of prayer and praise. After lunch there are two options - either spend the afternoon at leisure at our hotel, or depart for an excursion to Beit Shean, an ancient biblical and later Roman city that has been extensively excavated. (B D)

Optional Petra Extension

DAY 8: TUE 8 SEPT

Jericho, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea, Jerusalem

Leaving the Galilee area after breakfast, our drive will take us through the Jordan Valley, past the site of ancient Jericho and into the Judean desert, and to Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. From there we continue to Ein Gedi where David is reputed to have hidden from Saul. There will also be an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea. Finally, we will travel north, to the Holy City of Jerusalem, and check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B D)

DAY 9: WED 9 SEPT Jerusalem

We visit the Shrine of the Book Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and see the remarkable scale model of the ancient city of Jerusalem, which will prepare us for what we will see and experience in the coming days. We drive on to Mt Scopus for a panoramic view of the Old City before we end the day at the City of David Museum, walking through Hezekiah's Tunnel to the Pools of Siloam. (B D)

DAY 10: THU 10 SEPT Jerusalem

This day will be free to rest or to explore the Old City on our own. (B D)

DAY 11: FRI 11 SEPT Jerusalem

Early this morning we will walk the Via Dolorosa or 'Way of the Cross,' a meaning-filled and deeply spiritual walk through the Old City of Jerusalem, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Mt Zion and enter the Room of the Last Supper, where the Holy Spirit is likely to have first fallen on believers. On this, our final day in the Holy City, we will then visit the Garden Tomb for a service of Holy Communion, followed by free time. Enjoy a final Shabbat meal this evening at the hotel in Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B D)

DAY 12: SAT 12 SEPT Depart Jerusalem

We check out of the hotel after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the flight home. (B)

DAY 13: SUN 13 SEPT Arrive Australia

Arrive back to Australia today (or tomorrow, depending on flight schedules) with wonderful memories of our Israel pilgrimage!

DAY 12: SAT 12 SEPT

Allenby, Mt Nebo, Madaba, Petra

For those taking the Petra extension, we transfer to Allenby Bridge for the crossing into Jordan. We drive to Mt Nebo, where Moses first saw the Promised Land across the Jordan Valley. Continue to the mainly Christian town of Madaba to see the famous mosaic map of the world with Jerusalem at its centre. Afterwards we transfer down to Petra to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B D)

DAY 13: SUN 13 SEPT

Petra, Wadi Rum

Today we visit Petra, called the "eighth wonder of the world." This entire city of rose-colored temples and amphitheatres are carved from the multi-hued rock cliffs which surround its hidden valley. From this city came the family of Herod the Great who slaughtered the infants of Bethlehem. We enter the city through a narrow passage, surrounded by colourful and beautiful 300 ft cliffs, and at the end of the Siq, we will see the impressive Treasury, hewn out of the solid rock from the side of the mountain. It is about 140 feet high and 90 feet wide. See the amphitheatre, city centre and the monastery. Later we transfer to Wadi Rum for a fun evening under the stars in a tented camp. Enjoy dinner and overnight in Wadi Rum. (B D)

DAY 14: MON 14 SEPT

Wadi Rum, Allenby Border, Depart Jordan

We check out this morning and enjoy a 4WD adventure in the desert before driving back to the Allenby Bridge to cross back into Israel. We continue our journey back to Ben Gurion Airport at Tel Aviv for our departure flight. (B)

DAY 15: TUE 15 SEPT Arrive Australia

Arrive back to Australia today (or tomorrow, depending on flight schedules), with wonderful memories of our Israel & Jordan pilgrimage!

Itinerary subject to change



BASED ON FOLLOWING HOTELS (or similar):

Bethlehem	St Gabriel Hotel	2 nights
Tiberias	Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel	4 nights
Jerusalem	Ramat Rachel Kibbutz Hotel	4 nights
Petra	Petra Panorama Hotel	1 night
Wadi Ram	Wadi Rum Sun City Camp	1 night

ISRAEL PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy fares Melbourne- Asia – Tel Aviv with Thai Airways/El Al Israel Airlines OR Cathay Pacific (via Hong Kong)
- Current airport and departure taxes
- 10 nights' hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Daily breakfasts and dinners at hotels
- Shabbat Messianic "Living Stones" Dinner experience in Galilee
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- All guiding and entrance fees
- All tips, portage and gratuities
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Whisper Headsets

JORDAN PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Daily breakfasts and dinners at hotels
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- 4WD jeep adventure in Wadi Rum
- All guiding and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- All tips, portage and gratuities

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ISRAEL ADDITIONAL:

\$1,495

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

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT JORDAN ADDITIONAL:

\$375

** Subject to change. Conditions apply. Price is based on minimum of 15 paying participants

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
- Moderate health required

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Julie or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place, a deposit of \$350 per person will be required by 1st October 2019
3. The balance payment is required by 13th July 2020

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