

ONEHOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

# TOUR OF ISRAEL & JORDAN

With Pastor Matt Jacoby

19 November to 3 December 2024

## Tuesday 19 November

Early morning departure from Melbourne for Amman, Jordan. Late afternoon arrival and check in to your hotel in Amman. Overnight Amman. (D)

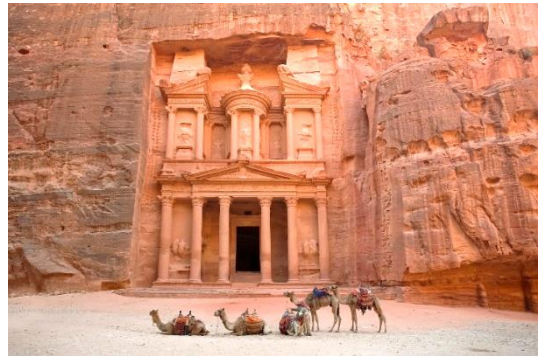
## Day 1. Wednesday 20 November

Drive up mount Nebo to the place where God took Moses to view the promised land before he died. After lunch in Madaba we drive south along the Kings Highway to the Fortress of Machaerus. Continue to the ancient Rose City of Petra where we stay overnight. Petra Guest House. (B,L,D).



## Day 2. Thursday 21 November

We have a full day to explore the amazing ancient Nabatean city of Petra with its well-preserved temple ruins and hundreds of massive tombs elaborately carved into the sides of the rocky cliffs. This place will blow you away! Overnight Petra Guest House. (B,D)



## Day 3. Friday 22 November

We drive south to Aqaba to cross the Southern Wadi Arava border into Eilat in Israel. Here we meet our Israeli guide and new bus. We drive a short way to Timna Park where we will have a guided tour through a scale replica of the tabernacle. In the same area we then visit a section of the copper mines that operated under auspices of king Solomon. We drive north, along the shores of the Dead Sea, to Ein Gedi. We stay overnight at the Ein Gedi Kibbutz Hotel with its stunning view of the Dead Sea and surrounding mountains. (B, D)



## Day 4. Saturday 23 November

We take the cable car up to the mighty fortress of Masada. Built by Herod the Great on a mountain plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. This fortress was where 900 Jews held out against the Romans in 73AD. After lunch we walk the path up into the beautiful Wadi David oasis where David and his men hid out when he was being pursued by Saul. We then visit Qumran, the home of the Jewish monastic Essene community where the dead sea scrolls were discovered. We stay overnight again at Ein Gedi Kibbutz with a restaurant buffet you'll never forget! (B, L, D)



### **Day 5. Sunday 24 November**

We drive north through the mountains of Samaria, to Shiloh where the tabernacle stood for 369 years from the time of Joshua to the time of Samuel. After this we drive further north to the amazing archaeological site of ancient Beit She'an where king Saul and his sons were killed and a part of the ancient Roman Decapolis where Jesus spent some time. Plenty of the ancient city remains here for a great time of exploration. We stay overnight near Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee at the Magdala Hotel. (B, L, D)



### **Day 6. Monday 25 November**

We begin the day with a visit to Capernaum, 'the home of Jesus' on the Sea of Galilee. This is where five of the disciples were from, including Peter, and where Jesus performed most of his recorded miracles. From here we head north to Mount Hermon where we visit the mighty Nimrod Fortress (crusader castle) perched up on the mountain. From here we will walk down to Caesarea Philippi where Peter first acknowledged Jesus as Messiah in the presence of the pagan temples built there against the cliff. This is also where Herod Agrippa II (who was involved in Paul's trial) had his grand palace. After lunch we head to Tel Dan where we will see the remains of an ancient Israelite village, the Canaanite gate which is the oldest standing structure in the world and the remains of the altar where Jeroboam set up his two golden calves. We stay overnight again at Magdala Hotel. (B, L, D)



### **Day 7. Tuesday 26 November**

We drive to Mount Precipice to overlook the town of Nazareth. From here we drive south to Herod the Great's amazing port city of Caesarea Maritima where we will see a classic Roman amphitheatre and hippodrome as well as a crusader fortress. This was where Paul was held in prison for two years. We then drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv. From here we can walk along the foreshore to the old port town of Jaffa, the site of ancient Joppa where Jonah went to catch his ship to Tarshish and where Peter stayed in the house of Simon the tanner. There will be time to explore Tel Aviv including the colourful Carmel market. We stay overnight at the Herods Hotel by the beach in Tel Aviv. (B, D)



### **Day 8. Wednesday 27 November**

We climb up through the Judean foothills to the Valley of Elah where David fought Goliath. From here to Bethlehem where we will go through the Byzantine Church of the Nativity. Lunch in Bethlehem. We then drive into Jerusalem and, after checking in to the hotel we drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a view of the legendary city. From here we walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed on the eve of his suffering. We will then walk into the old city, visit the Western Wall, and back to the hotel. Overnight at Grand Court, Jerusalem. (B,L, D)

### **Day 9. Thursday 28 November**

Early visit to the Temple Mount and Dome of the Rock where the huge stone platform, built by Herod the Great, accommodated the Jerusalem temple. We then head down to the City of David where we will trek 533 metres through the Tunnel that Hezekiah, king of Judah, built to give Jerusalem secure access to water during the Assyrian siege around 700BC. We will finish at the Pool of Siloam after which we will have free time to explore the city of David and then head back into Jerusalem for a free afternoon of exploration. Overnight Grand Court, Jerusalem. (B, D)



### **Day 10. Friday 29 November**

We will walk through the Western Wall Tunnel tour to see just how amazing Herod's temple platform was. After this we will visit the Jerusalem Archaeological Park (Davidson Centre) where we will see the remains of the temple steps, the streets that Jesus walked on around the temple and the evidence of the destruction of the temple by the Romans in 70AD. After a free afternoon exploring the city (provided with plenty of information and suggestions of places to go) we will go out to a Jewish home where we will celebrate a traditional Shabbat dinner. Overnight Grand Court, Jerusalem. (B, D)



### **Day 11. Saturday 30 November**

**Rest day to join a Hebrew Congregational Service or enjoy some time reflecting and journaling. The Christian Quarter of Jerusalem will be open for business. Overnight Jerusalem. (B,D)**

### **Day 12. Sunday 1 December**

Free day in Jerusalem. You will be equipped with a self-guide and plenty of suggestions to explore Jerusalem. You can walk the old walls, visit the amazing citadel complex, follow the original Roman street with its pillars, visit the Wohl museum where the remains of the pre-70AD Jerusalem are remarkably well preserved, experience an Armenian orthodox service at St James cathedral or just wander the maze of old streets and do some shopping. We will finish with a final dinner together. Overnight Grand Court, Jerusalem. (B, D).



### **Monday 2 December**

Morning free. After checkout transfer to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv for your departure. (B)

### **Tuesday 3 December**

Late evening arrival to Melbourne

## ESTIMATED TOUR COST

- Costs have gone up for Israel generally, but we are also hoping that they may come down a bit by then. At the moment we are looking at around \$8850 per person twin share cost for the whole tour. This cost will apply to a shared room (twin or double) situation. Single rooms will incur an extra \$2650 approximately for the whole tour.
- The final price will *include*:
  - All Flights (economy)
  - Accommodation (3-4 star hotels)
  - Entry passes to all pre-arranged sites
  - Breakfasts, dinners and some lunches.
  - Inland bus transport.
  - Jordanian and Israeli guides.
  - Tipping whilst on group activities
  - Entry and exit taxes.
  - Visa for Israel and Jordan (free of charge for Australian passport holders)
- The final price *excludes*:
  - Drinks with meals and some lunches not included (B, L & D are indicated in the itinerary to indicate where Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner respectively are provided in the package).
  - Individual activities on free days and entry to sites not part of the formal tour.
  - Individual Airport Transfers apart from the group.
- If you are going on your own and want to save paying the single room supplement you will need to either find someone to go with or talk to Matt about whether he can pair you with someone already going.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- Tour itinerary may be altered slightly depending on availability of sites, weather etc.
- The tour includes options for those who want to explore more freely and those who want a more guided tour of each site. If you dislike 'follow-the-leader' style tours, then this tour gives you plenty of flexibility. I will equip all travellers with a comprehensive tour site-guide book to allow you to self-guide.
- The tour will be managed and guided by pastor Matthew Jacoby along with a Jordanian and then an Israeli guide.
- Tour involves a lot of walking, so a medium level of fitness is required for participation in the tour.
- We cannot accommodate participants with serious pre-existing physical or mental health conditions.
- OneHope church has travel insurance that covers OneHope church regular attenders.

If you would like to join this trip or if you have any further questions, please contact Matt Jacoby by email [matt@onehope.org.au](mailto:matt@onehope.org.au)

To register for the One Hope Jordan & Israel Tour, click here:

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