



Journey to Jordan & Israel

16 Days

Fully Escorted

14th – 28th October 2020

ATTEND AN INFORMATION EVENING

WHEN: Saturday 2nd November 2019, 7pm

WHERE: Reedy Creek Baptist Church, 10 Gemvale Rd, Reedy Creek QLD

* Enjoy a full briefing * Meet your fellow travellers

* Have all your questions answered



Escorted by Pastor Robert Townsend

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BASED ON FOLLOWING HOTELS (or similar):

Amman	Amman International	1 night
Petra	Panorama	2 nights
Tiberias	Lake House	4 nights
Jerusalem	Rimonim Shalom	6 nights

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy airfares Brisbane – Dubai – Amman with Emirates
- Current airport and departure taxes
- 13 nights hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Daily breakfasts and dinners at hotels unless otherwise specified
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- Whisperer headsets
- All guiding and entrance fees
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- All tips, portorage and gratuities

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 obtain a booking form from Ps Robbie or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place, a deposit of \$350 per person will be required by 11th November 2019 (unless sold out prior)
3. The balance payment is required by 15th August 2020

DAY 1: WED 14 OCT Depart Sydney

Depart Brisbane today on our flight to Dubai.

DAY 2: THU 15 OCT Arrive Amman, Roman Citadel

On arrival into Dubai we transfer to our connecting flight to Amman. Upon arrival to Queen Alia Airport we meet our waiting guide, driver and coach and head to Amman, the capital of Jordan, where we enjoy an orientation tour of the city. We visit the Roman Citadel in the heart of the city before transferring to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 3: FRI 16 OCT Baptismal Site, Mt Nebo, Madaba, 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 are believed to be the baptismal site of Jesus by John the Baptist. We have the opportunity for a baptismal service here. We drive down to the Jordan Valley to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and is buried and visit Madaba to view the ancient mosaic of Jerusalem. Transfer to Petra for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 4: SAT 17 OCT Petra

Enjoy a full day to explore "the rose - red city" of Petra which, from 300 BC, was inhabited by Nabateans. Take a 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 Monastery. Return to our nearby hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 5: SUN 18 OCT Allenby, Jericho, Beit Shean, Tiberias

We check out early this morning for our journey to the Allenby Bridge and our crossing into Israel. We visit Jericho to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view the Mt of Temptation. We also drive up the Jordan Valley to the Galilee and visit Beit Shean, (biblical Scythopolis) to visit the Roman theatre, paved road and the excavations. Dinner and overnight is at our hotel in Tiberias. After dinner we will walk (2 mins from our hotel) to St Andrews, the Church of Scotland in the Galilee for our Sunday church service around 8.00pm. (BD)

DAY 6: MON 19 OCT 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. We then go to Nazareth and see the oldest Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well. Proceed to Nazareth Village, 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 19 OCT**Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt of Beatitudes, Jordan River**

Visit the 1st century "Jesus Boat" found at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar and enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Capernaum, where we will see an ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house which was later converted into a church. Also by the shore we will visit Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Continue to the Mt of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. Return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 8: WED 20 OCT Golan Heights, Banias, Kursi, Korazim

Head up to the Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou are Christ". Continue to Tel Dan before returning towards the Sea of Galilee to 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: THU 21 OCT Megiddo, Mukhraka, 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 to Mt Carmel for a wonderful view of the area. Drive to 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. Continue to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 10: FRI 22 OCT Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea, Bethany

Start the day with a visit to the fortress of Masada, location of the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans and then continue to Ein Gedi.

Afterwards there is time for a 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 and see the wine-press. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 11: SAT 23 OCT Old City of Jerusalem, Mt Zion, Citadel

Enter the Old City of Jerusalem. 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) to visit the Tomb of the Kings on Mt 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 the Jaffa Gate. End the day with Communion at the Garden Tomb before returning to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 12: SUN 24 OCT Nablus and Sebaste (West Bank)

We commence the day with our 8.00am Sunday church service at St Andrews Scots Memorial Church in Jerusalem. We then leave Jerusalem along the road north to Samaria. We pass Shiloh where the Ark of Covenant was kept and 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 today is the home of the few remaining Samaritans and we will be able to view their new temple at the top of the mountain. We then go on to visit Jacob's Well, hewn out of solid rock and measured to be 135 feet deep (41 metres) in 1935 but is now about 75 feet deep (23 metres) because of debris. Because it is 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." Later we will continue to Sebaste, former capital of the northern Kingdom of Samaria, and see the largely untouched ruins. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 13: MON 25 OCT Mt of Olives, Bethlehem

Drive to the Mt 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' Fields and the Milk Grotto. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 14: TUE 26 OCT**Temple Mount, Western Wall, City of David, Israel Museum, Free Afternoon**

We 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 the Pool of Siloam. 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. This afternoon, we will have the opportunity to enjoy some free time in Jerusalem. Perhaps take a walk through the bustling local Machane Yehuda Market or revisit the Old City to explore at leisure. Return to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 15: WED 27 OCT Jerusalem, Allenby, Depart Amman

Depart Jerusalem this morning and journey back to the Allenby Bridge for the crossing back into Jordan and continue to Queen Alia International Airport at Amman and check-in for our flight bound for Dubai. On arrival into Dubai we transfer to our connecting flight. (B)

DAY 16: THU 28 OCT Arrive Australia

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

Itinerary subject to change

TOTAL ESTIMATED PACKAGE PRICE TO JORDAN & ISRAEL:

\$6,690* per person (twin share)

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL \$1,575

* Price is based on minimum of 20 paying participants. Conditions apply. Subject to change.

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