



Queensland Theological College's

Study Tour to Jordan & Israel

24 November - 9 December 2019



Led by Rev Dr Wesley Redgen, Lecturer in New Testament and Rev Dr Gary Millar, Lecturer in Old Testament

You are invited to join QTC as we travel to Jordan and Israel to experience first-hand the ancient sites where many Old Testament events took place and to walk where Jesus walked. The biblical story is firmly rooted in the soil of Israel. This Study Tour will enrich your understanding of the scriptures as we ground many biblical events in their cultural and historical setting.



Total Estimated Package Pricing (in AUD/person based on twin share)

Tour Only	\$7190	FEE-HELP Students	approx. \$3600*
BTh/MDiv	\$8970	Optional Single room supplement	\$1350
MA (6cp)	\$9990		

*Actual rates will be known in 2019. Tour is contingent on a minimum of 20 participants. Conditions apply. Subject to change.

Price Includes:

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

Prices Exclude:

- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Lunches (allow US \$10 - US \$15 per day)
- Beverages
- Single supplement
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room services etc.
- Any services not listed in 'Price Includes' above

Proposed Hotels to be used (or similar):

Petra	Petra Panorama 2 nights
Galilee	Caesar Hotel 5 nights
Jerusalem	Rimonim Shalom 5 nights



What to do next:

- Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Linda Reinhardt at QTC or the team at Olive Tree Travel
- To secure your place a non-refundable deposit of \$350/person is required by 1st April 2019 (unless sold out prior)
- The balance payment is required by 2nd September 2019

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Day 1 - Sunday 24 November

DEPART BRISBANE

Depart Brisbane this evening on Emirates flight EK435 at 2045hrs bound for Dubai.

Day 2 - Monday 25 November

ARRIVE AMMAN, PROCEED TO PETRA

Arrive in Dubai at 0520hrs and transfer to your connecting Emirates flight EK901 departing at 0735hrs bound for Amman. Arrive in Amman at 0915hrs and journey south to Petra for hotel check-in, relaxation and early dinner.



Day 3 - Tuesday 26 November

PETRA

Enjoy a full day exploring "the rose-red city" of Petra which, from 300BC, was inhabited by Nabateans and in the 1st Century was a key city in Roman "Arabia". Walk through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon. See the Treasury, carved out of the pink stone, continue past the Roman theatre, the Corinthian Tomb and Palace Tomb to the Roman road. If time permits, climb up to the High Place, the Deir or Monastery. Return to your nearby hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - Wednesday 27 November

MT NEBO, ALLENBY, JERICHO, TIBERIAS

Drive up the desert highway to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and is buried. Drive down into the Jordan Valley and cross the Allenby Bridge into Israel. Visit Jericho to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world. View the Mount of Temptations. Drive up the Jordan Valley to Galilee. Dinner and overnight is at your hotel in Tiberias.



Day 5 - Thursday 28 November

CANA, NAZARETH, SEPPHORIS

Visit Cana, scene of the first miracle. Proceed to Nazareth Village. This is an excavated village dating around 1st Century 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. Visit Sepphoris, Herod's Galilean Greek capital where Joseph and Jesus probably worked as carpenters. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Friday 29 November

SEA OF GALILEE, CAPERNAUM, TABGHA, MAGDALA

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 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. We will end the day with a visit to Magdala Centre and will see the ancient synagogue. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Meet back at the hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 7 - Saturday 30 November

GOLAN HEIGHTS, BANIAS, GAMLA

Head up the Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "You are the Christ". Continue to Tel Dan. On the way back we will visit Gamla, the site of the last stand against the Romans in Galilee and another 1st Century synagogue. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Meet back at the hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias.



Day 8 - Sunday 1 December

BET SHEAN, AFTERNOON AT LEISURE

Start the day with a visit to Bet Shean of the Old Testament, which is also the New Testament Decapolis city of Scythopolis to visit the Roman theatre, paved road and the excavations. The rest of the day at leisure. Return to your hotel in Tiberias for Church, dinner and overnight.



Day 9 - Monday 2 December

MEGIDDO, MT CARMEL, CAESAREA, JERUSALEM

Drive to visit Megiddo, overlooking the Jezreel Valley and consider the Armageddon of the New Testament. Proceed to Mount Carmel, the site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal. Drive to Caesarea, once the capital of the Roman province, and see the aqueduct, theatre, Herod's Palace and the harbour from which Paul was taken to Rome. Drive to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 10 - Tuesday 3 December

MT OLIVES, GETHSEMANE, BETHLEHEM

Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. We will walk the Palm Sunday route passing Dominus Felvit where Jesus wept. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees. Drive south to Bethlehem and to the Nativity Church, the birth place of Jesus Christ. Continue to the Shepherds' Field then return to your hotel in Jerusalem for overnight.



Day 11 - Wednesday 4 December

CITY OF DAVID - WESTERN WALL - JEWISH QUARTER, NEW CITY

Start the day with a visit to the City of David Museum with Hezekiah's Tunnel and Pool of Siloam. Enter the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall. Visit the Davidson Archaeological Centre and explore the Southern Wall Excavations. In the afternoon visit the New City, 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.

Day 12 - Thursday 5 December

TEMPLE MOUNT, OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM, MT ZION, GARDEN TOMB

Enter the Old City once again and visit the Temple Mount area with the Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, which is the same rock on which Abraham was going to sacrifice his son. Afterwards see the Pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water. 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 and the Upper Room (of the Last Supper). We will end the day with a visit to the Garden Tomb. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.



Day 13 - Friday 6 December

MASADA, EIN GEDI, QUMRAN, DEAD SEA, BETHANY

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. Return to your hotel, enjoy dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 14 - Saturday 7 December

DEPART JERUSALEM, JERASH, DEPART AMMAN

Depart Jerusalem in the morning and journey back to the Allenby Bridge for crossing back into Jordan. Visit the Jordan River, where John's Baptismal site is believed to be. Continue to Jerash, another of the Decapolis cities with extensive archaeological excavations. Drive to Amman and have a city tour. Dinner at a local restaurant before transferring to Queen Alia International Airport for your departure.



Day 15 - Sunday 8 December

TRANSFER DUBAI

You will board Emirates flight at 0145hrs. On arrival into Dubai, transfer to your connecting Emirates Flight.

Day 16 - Monday 9 December

ARRIVE BRISBANE

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

Itinerary subject to change