

Queensland Theological College

Study Tour to Jordan & Israel

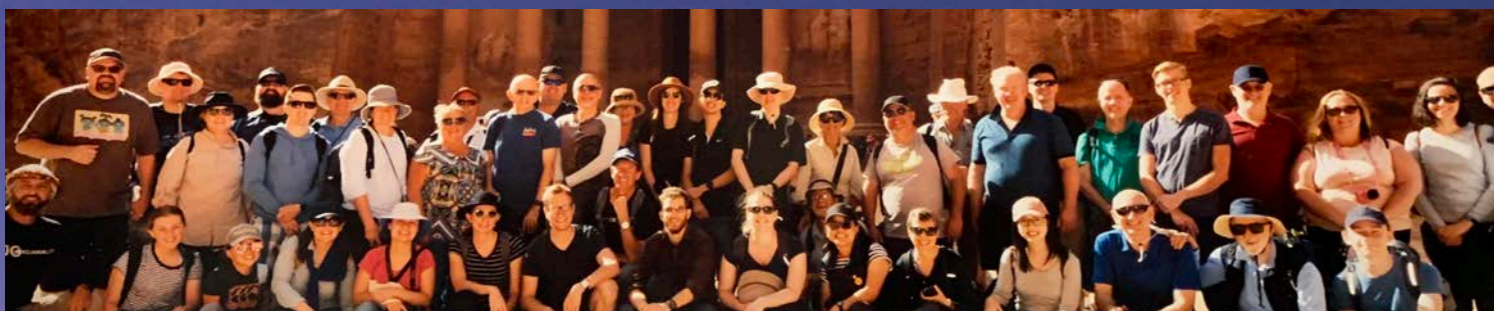
Sunday 19th November - Monday 4th December 2023

You are invited to join QTC as we travel to Jordan and Israel to experience first-hand the ancient sites where many Old and New 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.

(For information regarding the Greece add-on, please see pages 3-4.)



Led by Rev Dr Wesley Redgen (left), Lecturer in New Testament and Rev Dr Gary Millar (right), Lecturer in Old Testament.



Pricing*

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

Tour Only \$9,000 Single Room Supplement \$2590 FEE-HELP Students \$4200

*Conditions apply. Subject to change

Jordan & Israel Tour is contingent on a minimum of 25 participants.

Deposit for Jordan & Israel: \$500 due by 24th March 2023

Full payment for Jordan & Israel: due by 1st September 2023

Price Inclusions:

- Return economy class airfares with Emirates
- All current airport & departure taxes
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 13 nights hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Breakfast and Dinner daily (all meals at hotels unless otherwise specified, one dinner at a local restaurant in Israel on 3rd December)
- Headsets in Israel only
- Border crossing fees and Jordanian group visa
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All guiding and entrance fees as per itinerary

Price Exclusions:

- Drinks
- Lunches
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel Insurance

Proposed Hotels (or similar):

20th - 22nd Nov - Crowne Plaza - Dead Sea 2 nights

22nd - 27th Nov - Caesar - Tiberias 5 nights

27th Nov - 3rd Dec - Olive Tree - Jerusalem 6 nights

What to do next:

- Register your interest and obtain a Booking Form from Linda Reinhardt at QTC.
- To secure your place, a non-refundable deposit of \$500/person is required by 24th March 2023 (unless sold out prior).
- The balance payment is required by 1st September 2023.

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DAY 1 - SUN 19TH NOV

Depart Brisbane

Depart Brisbane this evening on Emirates flight EK435 at 2055 bound for Dubai.

DAY 2 - MON 20TH NOV

Arrival Amman, proceed to Petra

Arrive in Dubai, transfer to connect Emirates flight for Amman. Arrive in Amman and journey to hotel at the Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Resort. Check in, dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 3 - TUES 21ST NOV

Petra

Drive down the Desert highway to Petra to explore "the rose - red city" of Petra which, from 300BC was inhabited by Nabateans and in the first century was a key city in Roman "Arabia". 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. For those up to it, climb up to the High Place. Return to the Dead Sea Resort for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 4 - WED 22ND NOV

Mt Nebo, Allenby, Jericho, Tiberias

Drive to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and is buried. Drive down into the Jordan Valley. Visit John the Baptist's Jordan baptism site. Cross the Allenby Bridge into Israel. Visit Jericho to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world. View the Mt of Temptations. Drive up the Jordan Valley to Galilee. Dinner and overnight is at hotel in Tiberias. (BD)

DAY 5 - THURS 23RD NOV

Nazareth, Sepphoris

Visit Nazareth Village. This is an excavated first century village. 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. (BD)

DAY 6 - FRI 24TH NOV

Bet Shean, Afternoon optional (Rest or Gamla)

Start the day with a visit to Bet Shean of the OT, which is also the NT Decapolis city of Scythopolis. There visit the Roman theatre, paved road and the excavations. Back to hotel after lunch for optional rest, shopping or a visit to Gamla, which is the site of the last stand against the Romans in Galilee and contains a first century synagogue. (45 min drive from Tiberias.) Return to hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 7 - SAT 25TH NOV

Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Magdala

Visit the first century "Jesus Boat" found at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum to see the ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house, which was later converted into a church. Continue to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes and of one post-resurrection appearance. End the day with a visit to the recently excavated town of Magdala and see the ancient synagogue. Return to hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 8 - SUN 26TH NOV

Golan Heights, Banias, Tel Dan

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. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Meet back at hotel for worship, dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (BD)

DAY 9 - MON 27TH NOV

Megiddo, Mt Carmel, Jerusalem

Drive to visit Megiddo, overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the NT. Proceed to Mt Carmel, the site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal. Drive to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 10 - TUES 28TH NOV

Mt Olives, Gethsemane, Bethlehem

Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the place of Ascension. Walk down the Palm Sunday route passing Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees. Continue with a drive south to Bethlehem and to the Nativity Church, the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Continue to the Shepherds' Field. Return to hotel in Jerusalem for overnight. (BD)

DAY 11 - WED 29TH NOV

City of David - Western Wall, Temple Mount

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. 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. Return to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 12 - THURS 30TH NOV

New City, Mt Zion (Optional rest, markets, or return to Museums)

In the morning explore parts of the new city. Passing the Hebrew University and the Knesset, visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the world famous Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Also see the second Temple miniature Model of Jerusalem. After lunch either return to the hotel in Jerusalem for rest, or QTC students & volunteers go to the Bible Lands Museum. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 13 - FRI 1ST DEC

Holy Sepulchre, Garden Tomb (Optional rest, or visit to Caiaphas house)

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). After lunch visit the Garden Tomb. Then those who wish may return to the hotel for an early afternoon, or those keen to keep going will visit the house of Caiaphas where Jesus was tried. Return to hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 14 - SAT 2ND DEC

Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea, Bethany

Start the day with a visit to Qumran, where the Essene enclave was and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and later discovered. Continue with time to dip into the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Drive on to Masada the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Travel home through the Judean hills to Bethany, home to Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Return to hotel and enjoy dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (BD)

DAY 15 - SUN 3RD DEC

Depart Jerusalem, Caesarea, Depart Tel Aviv

Depart Jerusalem this morning. 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. Then visit Joppa on the way to Tel Aviv International Airport for your departure. Those returning to Brisbane will board Emirates flight EK932 at 1825 bound for Dubai, then Brisbane. Those going on to Greece will depart on El Al Israel Airlines flight LY543 departing 1915, arriving in Athens 2130. (B)

TUES 5TH DEC

Arrive Brisbane

Arrive back into Brisbane at 0640 with wonderful memories of a fantastic journey!

Itinerary subject to change

(B) - Breakfast provided at accommodation
(D) - Dinner provided at accommodation
(BD) - Breakfast and Dinner provided at accommodation

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Add-on Tour to Athens & Corinth

Sunday 3rd - Friday 8th December 2023

You are invited to join QTC as we explore Athens and Corinth, Greece. Experience first-hand the ancient sites where Paul planted churches. As we ground Acts and Corinthians in their cultural and historical setting, these sites enrich our understanding of both Corinthians and also what it was like for the early Christians to live in a Greco-Roman city.



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Pricing

Total Estimated Package Pricing (in AUD/person based on twin share)
Tour Only \$1500 Optional Single Room Supplement \$350
No FEE-HELP Available

Deposit for Greece: \$250 due by 24th March 2023

Full payment for Greece: due by 1st September 2023

Greece Tour is contingent on a minimum of 30 participants. If the Greece Add-on does not go ahead and you have paid the \$250 deposit, this will be refunded or put towards the final balance for the main Jordan & Israel Study Tour.

Price Inclusions:

- Flight from Tel Aviv to Athens
- All current airport & departure taxes
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 4 nights hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Breakfast and Dinner daily (all meals at hotels unless otherwise specified)
- Headsets
- Entrances to all sites

Price Exclusions:

- Drinks
- Lunches
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel Insurance

Proposed Hotels (or similar):

Pegasus Rooms/Tasos Rooms - Ancient Corinth 3 nights
Hotel Stanley - Athens 1 night

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- Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Linda Reinhardt at QTC.
- To secure your place, a non-refundable deposit of \$250/person is required by 24th March 2023 (unless sold out prior).
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SUN 3RD DEC

Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Athens

(Those returning to Brisbane will depart from Tel Aviv on the 1825 flight.)
The Greece Tour will travel from Tel Aviv to Athens on El Al Israel Airlines flight LY543 at 1915, arriving in Athens at 2130. Transfer to hotel in Athens.

DAY 1 - MON 4TH DEC

Athens, Corinth

A later start after a late night. Visit the Acropolis, Areopagus, Agora, and Roman Forum (if time, Hadrian's library, Hadrian arch, Temple of Zeus). Then travel to Corinth. Enjoy dinner and overnight at hotel in Corinth. (BD)

DAY 2 - TUES 5TH DEC

Corinth

Start with a short walk to the archaeological site of Ancient Corinth. In the afternoon drive to the top of the Acrocorinth. If time permits, visit the temple of Asclepius. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 3 - WED 6TH DEC

Isthmia Games site, Chenchrae (Optional rest, shopping, or return Corinth)

This morning travel by coach to the Isthmia Games site and Chenchrae. In the afternoon, those who choose can have more time in the shops/coffee shops of Old Corinth. For the eager ones there will be a return to the archaeological site for a more detailed look. Return to hotel in Corinth for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 4 - THURS 7TH DEC

Travel to Athens

Depart Corinth. Some free time in Athens or optional extra archaeology. Lunch in Athens. Depart on flight EK210 at 1755. (B)

SAT 9TH DEC

Arrive Brisbane

Arrive back into Brisbane at 0640 with wonderful memories of a fantastic journey!

Itinerary subject to change

(B) - Breakfast provided at accommodation

(BD) - Breakfast and Dinner provided at accommodation



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