

Morling College Study Tour to Jordan & Israel

12th – 27th January 2020

Escorted by Dr Andrew Sloane



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We are excited to be able to offer once again the Morling College Study Tour of Israel, Palestine and Jordan in January 2020. As past students will tell you, visiting the lands that lie at the heart of the Bible's story brings it alive in unprecedented ways. You will gain a deep appreciation of their history and landscape and culture, and an even deeper appreciation of the richness of our Scriptural heritage.

The tour will run from 12th to 27th January 2020, and will be led by Dr Andrew Sloane and local expert guides. You will have the opportunity to visit some of the key archaeological sites relating to important events recorded in the Bible and to the life and ministry of Jesus. This includes: Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem, Bethany, Mt Zion, Caesarea, Mt Nebo (and also Petra). Allow the Bible to come alive for you as you deepen your understanding of its context and relevance.

TESTIMONIAL

The trip helped bring alive the Biblical passages in a way that could not occur unless you visit Israel/Palestine yourself.

Move mountains to make it happen! I think everyone who can feasibly go should go.

Glen Devenish, past participant from 2017

DAY 1: SUN 12 JAN Depart Sydney

Depart Sydney this evening on our Etihad flight bound for Abu Dhabi.

DAY 2: MON 13 JAN Arrive Amman, Jerash

On arrival into Abu Dhabi we transfer to our connecting Etihad flight to Amman. Upon arrival to Amman we will meet our waiting guide, driver and coach and depart for our visit to Jerash, one of the Decapolis cities with extensive and impressive archaeological excavations. We transfer to Amman and check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 3: TUE 14 JAN 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 drive down to the Jordan Valley to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and is buried. Visit Madaba to view the ancient mosaic of Jerusalem. Transfer to Petra for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 4: WED 15 JAN Petra

Enjoy a full day to explore "the rose - red city" of Petra which, from 300 BC, was inhabited by Nabateans. Take a horse ride 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: THU 16 JAN Allenby, Jericho, Bet Shean, Tiberias

Check out early this morning to cross the Allenby Bridge into Israel. Visit Jericho to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view the Mt of Temptation. Drive up the Jordan Valley to the Galilee and visit Bet Shean, one of the Roman Decapolis, and biblical Scythopolis, to visit the Roman theatre, paved road and the excavations. Dinner and overnight is at our hotel in Tiberias at the Sea of Galilee. (BD)

DAY 6: FRI 17 JAN Sepphoris, Cana, Nazareth

Start with a visit to Sepphoris, home town of Anne, mother of Mary and then onto Cana, scene of the first miracle and visit the Church of the Wedding. We then go to Nazareth and see the Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well and later proceed to Nazareth Village, an excavated village dating from around 1 AD. The excavations have carefully renovated the synagogue and houses and 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: SAT 18 JAN 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; here 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, site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. Return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 8: SUN 19 JAN Korazim, Golan Heights, Banias, Kursi

Head up to the Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou art 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: MON 20 JAN

Megiddo, Muhraka, Haifa, Caesarea, Jerusalem

Drive to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament, and then proceed to Mukhraka, the site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal. Continue to Haifa and to Mount 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. Drive to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 10: TUE 21 JAN Mt of Olives, Bethlehem

Drive to the Mt of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension, 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. We drive south to Bethlehem and to the Nativity Church, the birth place of Jesus Christ. Continue to the Shepherds' Field and the Milk Grotto. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for overnight. (BD)

DAY 11: WED 22 JAN New City, City of David, Western Wall, Temple Mount, Jewish Quarter

We start the day with a visit to the New City; pass the Hebrew University and the Knesset and visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the world famous Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Also see the miniature Model of Jerusalem. Later proceed to Yad Vashem to the Museum of the Holocaust. In the afternoon we visit the City of David Museum and Pool of Siloam, and then enter the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall, and 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. We conclude the day with a visit to the Davidson Archaeological Centre and explore the Southern Wall Excavations. Return to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 12: THU 23 JAN Nablus and Sebaste (West Bank)

We leave Jerusalem along the road north to Samaria. We pass Shiloh where the Ark of Covenant was kept and 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 is today the home of the few remaining Samaritans, and here we can view their new temple at the top of the mountain. We then go on to visit Jacob's Well which is hewn out of solid rock. In 1935 it was measured to be 135 feet deep (41 metres), but is now about 75 feet deep (23 metres) because of debris. Because it 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." We will continue to

Sebaste, former capital of the northern Kingdom of Samaria and see the largely untouched ruins there. We return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BLD)

DAY 13: FRI 24 JAN Old City of Jerusalem, Mt Zion, Citadel

Enter the Old City once again. 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. We continue with a visit to David's Citadel at the Jaffa Gate before ending the day with Communion at the Garden Tomb. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 14: SAT 25 JAN Bethany, Qumran, Dead Sea, Masada

Start the day with a visit to Masada, the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans, and then onto Ein Gedi. Later we have time for a dip in the salty

waters of the Dead Sea. We drive onto 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 there. Return to our hotel and enjoy our final dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (BD)

DAY 15: SUN 26 JAN Jerusalem, Allenby, Depart Amman

Depart Jerusalem this morning and journey back to the Allenby Bridge for the crossing back into Jordan. Continue our transfer to Queen Alia International Airport in Amman to check-in for our Etihad flight bound for Abu Dhabi. On arrival into Abu Dhabi, we transfer to our connecting Etihad flight back to Sydney.

DAY 16: MON 27 JAN Arrive Sydney

Arrive back into Sydney this evening with wonderful memories of a fantastic journey!

Itinerary subject to change

ESTIMATED COSTS, FEES & ACCREDITATION

BB445/645/745-4: **\$8,798*** (\$3690 non-FEE-HELP + \$5108 FEE-HELP)
 BB745-6: **\$9,752*** (\$3690 non-FEE-HELP and \$6062 FEE-HELP)
 Audit: **\$7,210***

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL \$1,550

* Price is based on minimum of 20 participants and includes unit fees. Conditions apply. Subject to change.

PROPOSED HOTELS TO BE USED (or similar):

Amman	Crowne Plaza	1 night
Petra	Movenpick	2 nights
Tiberias	Nof Ginosar Village	4 nights
Jerusalem	Olive Tree Hotel	6 nights

PRICE INCLUDES:

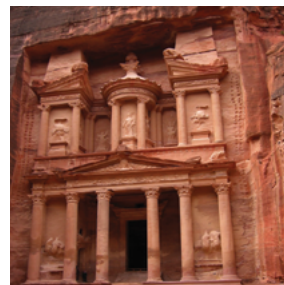
- Return economy class airfares from Sydney – Abu Dhabi – Amman with Etihad Airlines
- 13 nights hotel accommodation including daily buffet breakfasts & dinners throughout, all meals in hotels unless otherwise specified
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of local professional English speaking guide throughout the tour
- Airport meet and assistance and transfers and transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to museums and all sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities throughout
- Current airport & departure taxes
- Whisperer headsets in Israel
- 1 lunch at a local restaurant on Day 12

PRICES EXCLUDE:

- Lunches (except for the one on Day 12)
- Beverages with meals
- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- 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 Dr Andrew Sloane or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place, a deposit of \$350 per person is required by 30th May 2019
3. Full payment is required by 5th November 2019



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