

Bible Lands Tour – Walking where Jesus Walked!

7-21 May 2017

COORDINATING GUIDE: Peter Roennfeldt has travelled extensively in the Middle East - and will lead and guide. For more details write to: peter@newchurchlife.com

PRICE: AUD \$3,240 - with airport transfers in Israel & Jordan, great hotels, local English speaking guide, all entrance tickets, tips, all breakfasts & dinners (plus Shabbat lunches & a special at Nazareth Village), air-conditioned coach with driver.

NOT INCLUDED: Return airfares, entry visas, travel insurance and personal spending.

FOR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS - INCLUDING EARLY BIRD AIRFARES:

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Airfares: AUD \$1,960 is the current price - however, EARLY BIRD AIRFARES will come out in September this year. Get in now and book.

TRAVEL: For this tour you can DEPART Australia on SAT NIGHT 6 MAY and RETURN by WED 24 MAY early morning. The tour starts from Amman (Jordan) airport SUN 7 MAY midmorning - with departure from Tel Aviv (Israel) on SUN 21 MAY.

ITINERARY - SUMMARY:

DAY 1 SUN MAY 7

Arrive in Jordan for the start of the tour from Amman airport at 10.30 AM. First visit Jerash, then best preserved Greek-Roman ruins, and then downtown Amman.
Overnight: AMMAN

DAY 2 MON MAY 8

Stand on Mount Nebo: from where Moses looked to the 'promised land'; visit St George's Church in Madaba to see the 6th CE map of Jerusalem and Palestine; travel on to Machaerus – where John the Baptist was imprisoned; explore Bab edh-Dhra: one of five cities of the plains (Gen 14 and 18), and Kerak: the Moabite capital.
Overnight: PETRA

DAY 3 TUE MAY 9

This is a full day exploring Petra – walk the Siq, explore the high places. Then travel to the Dead Sea to overnight.
Overnight: DEAD SEA HOTEL

DAY 4 WED MAY 10 Travel to Bridge & transfer

Swim in Dead Sea, visit Bethany-beyond-Jordan – where Jesus was baptised, and then cross the Allenby Bridge to the West Bank where we will visit Jericho and continue to Jerusalem.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 5 THU MAY 11

Explore the background to Jesus' story – visiting Khirbet Qeiyafa and Maresha, also Tel Beersheva, Tel Arad and Hebron.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 6 FRI MAY 12

Get further background to Jesus' ministry by visiting Masada and Qumran – where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then, back to Jerusalem, to open Shabbat at the Western Wall.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 7 SAT MAY 13

Explore the preparation years for Jesus' disciple making – visiting Herod the Great's Herodium, Bethlehem's Church of Nativity; and in the afternoon, after lunch at our hotel, hike Wadi Qelt through the Judean Desert from St George Monastery to NT Jericho.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 8 SUN MAY 14

We discuss the foundations of Jesus' disciple making as we walk on the Temple Mount, visit the Pools of Bethesda and Church of St Anne, and explore the City of David - Wilson's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel and the Pool of Siloam. After finding your own lunch in the Old City we visit the Israeli Museum – and that evening, the Rabbinic Western Tunnels beneath Jerusalem.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 9 MON MAY 15

Today we travel north through Samaria, on to Sepphoris and Nazareth – where we will have a special lunch in Nazareth *Village* and visit the Nazareth precipice before driving through Cana to Galilee.

Overnight: TIBERIUS

DAY 10 TUE MAY 16

This is a special day – Magdala, Capernaum, Bethsaida and Korazin; the Mount of Blessing, seeing a first century boat at Kibbutz Ginosar, sailing on Galilee, visiting Kursi where Jesus delivered the demoniac.

Overnight: TIBERIUS

DAY 11 WED MAY 17

We are now into Jesus' leadership and multiplication phase of his ministry and movement building – visiting Dan and Caesarea Philippi, before traveling down the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima and returning to Jerusalem.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 12 THU MAY 18

Stand on the Mount of Olives, visit the Garden of Gethsemane, walk Mount Zion – with its 'Upper room' and Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, the judgement hall of Caiaphas. In the afternoon, see evidence of the destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70) – visiting homes from the time.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 13 FRI MAY 19

We will walk through the archaeological park at the Southern Steps of the Temple Mount – to see what Jerusalem was like in Jesus' day. Enjoy a free afternoon.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 14 SAT MAY 20

Enjoy the morning at the Garden Tomb – where we will celebrate communion; with the option to walk to Advent House. After lunch at the hotel – follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Overnight: JERUSALEM

DAY 15 SUN MAY 21 Transfers to airport – and home

FURTHER ENQUIRIES:

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