

Carey Baptist College Study Tour to Jordan & Israel: MB739 Palestine in the Time of Jesus

31st August – 16th September 2019
(Mid semester Break, Semester 2)

Escorted by Dr Sarah Harris



Following the success of our 2017 trip, Carey is delighted to offer a guided tour of Israel & Jordan again in 2019 where we will explore the land, culture, and text of the Bible. This trip aims to stimulate and enhance your reading of scripture as we visit ancient sites where we will read biblical texts in situ and hear the words and message afresh. This tour is available as a Carey undergraduate and postgraduate course for credit, and for personal interest.

Day 1: Saturday 31st August Depart Auckland

Depart Auckland on your Emirates flight bound for Dubai.

Day 2: Sunday 1st September Arrival Amman, Jerash, Amman Overnight

On arrival into Abu Dhabi, transfer to your connecting Etihad flight. On arrival into Amman, you'll meet your waiting guide, driver and coach and visit Jerash, one of the Decapolis cities with extensive and impressive archaeological excavations. Transfer to Amman and check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Monday 2nd September 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 believed to be the Baptismal site of Jesus by John the Baptist. 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.

Day 4: Tuesday, 3rd September 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 High Place or the Deir or Monastery. Transfer to Amman hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Wednesday, 4th September Allenby, Jericho, Bet Shean, Tiberias

Check out early this morning to cross 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 the Galilee. Visit Bet Shean, biblical Scythopolis to visit the Roman theatre, paved road and the excavations on the Tel. Dinner and overnight is at your hotel in Tiberias.

Day 6: Thursday 5th September Sepphoris, Cana, Nazareth

Start with a visit to Sepphoris with its extraordinary mosaics, Roman roads, and Jewish settlement. This is also the place where Jesus and Joseph most likely worked as tekton. Visit Cana, scene of the first miracle and visit the Church of the Wedding. Then go to Nazareth and see the oldest Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well. Proceed to Nazareth Village which reconstructs village life from the time of Jesus. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Friday, 6th September Sea of Galilee, Magdala, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt Beatitudes, Jordan River

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to the northern end of the lake; visit the 1st century "Jesus Boat" found at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. Visit Capernaum, the home town of Jesus and see an ancient synagogue, St. Peter's house which was later converted into a church, and retell the Capernaum stories. Visit Magdala and see a pre-70 synagogue and consider the women in the Gospel stories. By the shore you 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, and the beautiful church is an excellent place to pause to worship God. Return to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: Saturday, 7th September Bethsaida, Golan Heights, Banias, Kursi,

Visit Bethsaida where Jesus healed the blind man and where we find 10th BCE city gates, and then head up the Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "You are the Christ". Continue on to Tel Dan. Returning towards the Sea of Galilee we will drive by Korazin on the way to Kursi where Jesus encountered the Gerasene demoniac. We will

drive back to Tiberias and see the Hippos (the 'city of the hill') and Gamla, another Decapolis city. Dinner and overnight is in Tiberias.

Day 9: Sunday 8th September Megiddo, Caesarea, Jerusalem.

Drive to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. 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. Enjoy an evening excursion to see the Sound and Light show at David's Citadel tonight.

Day 10: Monday 9th September Free day

An opportunity will be provided for those who would like to visit Yad Vashem.

Day 11: Tuesday 10th September Bethany, Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre, Garden Tomb

Visit Bethany in the Judean hills to the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This is where Lazarus was raised from the dead, and where Mary anointed Jesus' feet for burial. We travel on to the Mount of Olives and see the spectacular view where we will begin to tell the story of the Passion. Trace Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for the final time. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. 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). End the day with Communion at the Garden Tomb. Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 12: Wednesday, 11th September Shiloh, Jacob's Well, Sebaste, Mt Gerizim, Samaritan Village and museum

We leave Jerusalem along the road north to Samaria. We stop to visit Shiloh which was an assembly place for Israel and the centre of worship. In Shiloh the Ark of the Covenant, Table of Showbread, Altar of Incense, and Golden Lampstand were housed. We drive on 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. We continue to visit Jacob's Well. It is hewn out of solid rock and measured to be 135 feet deep (41 metres) in 1935 but is now about 75 feet deep because of debris. Because it is manually dug out it is almost certainly the same well mentioned in the Gospel of John. We will continue to Sebaste, former capital of the northern Kingdom of Samaria and see the largely untouched ruins. After lunch in Sebaste we visit Mt Gerizim and the Samaritan Village where we will hear the story of the Samaritans and visit their museum. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 13: Thursday 12th September Israel Museum – City of David – Western Wall, Temple Mount, and Southern Wall

Start the day with a visit to 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. Visit the City of David Museum and walk through Hezekiah's tunnel finishing at the Pool of Siloam. Walk back to the Western Wall via the steps for a well-deserved lunch in the Old City. After lunch visit the Temple Area with the Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, believed to be the same rock that Abraham was going to sacrifice his son. 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.

Day 14: Friday 13th September Inn of the Samaritan, Herodian, Bethlehem, Sabbath in Jerusalem

Drive to Bethlehem via the Inn of the Samaritan and visit the new museum. Drive south to visit Herodian, Herod's castle and where he is buried. Go on to

Bethlehem and to the Nativity Church, the birth place of Jesus Christ. Continue to the Shepherds' Field and retell the story of the angels who visit the shepherds. Return to Jerusalem for Sabbath preparations and festivities at the Western Wall before dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 15: Saturday 14th September Qumran, Dead Sea, Masada

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 on to Masada the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Spend the afternoon in the Ein Gedi floating in the Dead Sea. Return to your hotel and enjoy dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 16: Sunday 15th September Depart Jerusalem, Allenby, Depart Amman

Depart Jerusalem this morning and journey back to the Allenby Bridge for crossing back into Jordan. Transfer to Queen Alia International Airport. Check-in for your Emirates flight, departing Amman for Dubai. On arrival into Dubai, transfer to your connecting Emirates flight.

Day 17: Monday 16th September Arrive Auckland

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

Itinerary subject to change



PROPOSED HOTELS TO BE USED (or similar):

Amman	Sparr Hotel	2 nights
Petra	Amra Palace	1 night
Tiberias	Prima Galil	4 nights
Jerusalem	Prima Park	7 nights

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class airfares from Auckland – Dubai – Amman return with Emirates Airlines
- 14 nights' hotel accommodation in Israel and Jordan including daily buffet breakfasts & dinners throughout
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of local professional English speaking guide throughout the tour, no guide on 6/9.
- Border crossing fees and Jordan group visa
- Airport meet and assistance and transfers and transportation throughout in air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to museums and all sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities throughout

PRICES EXCLUDE:

- Lunches
- 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 Sarah Harris or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place, a deposit of NZ\$400 per person is required by 8th October 2018 (unless sold out prior)
3. Full payment will be required by 17th June 2019.



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