

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Air fares
- Travel Insurance
- Drinks, souvenirs, purchases and personal expenses
- Meals and services NOT included in listed inclusions

FEE-HELP

The opportunity to defer payment of some fees is now possible for Ridley students of the Australian College of Theology under FEE-HELP. This is supplemented by a scholarship given by Ridley College. In order to be eligible for FEE-HELP, you must, as part of a wider course of study, enrol in the subject Biblical Studies Study Tour (BB445/645/745), a full-year unit commencing 7 May 2018. This enrolment is necessary in order for the money to be paid to Ridley for various costs incurred before the trip. *This means that you will not be able to withdraw from the tour after the 6 July census date.*

In order to be eligible for FEE-HELP you must enrol in this unit as part of a course of study and complete the assignments (about 6,000–8,000 words, depending on the level). You cannot audit the subject and still be eligible for FEE-HELP. Single rooms are not available under FEE-HELP. You do not have to be an existing student of Ridley College in order to join the tour, but you do have to have completed either an Old or New Testament survey subject as part of your course. Friends, spouses and prospective students (as well as those from other colleges) are welcome, but can claim FEE-HELP only if they are eligible to enrol in the subject, meet the pre-requisites and complete the assignments.

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

See the information on page 3 about passport and visa requirements. Travel insurance is required when travelling overseas. Once you have arranged this, please forward a copy of the details to Lindsay Wilson (l.wilson@ridley.edu.au).

WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. If you are an existing Ridley College student, complete an enrolment form for the unit.
2. If you are a new student (including a cross-institutional student), complete an application form (available from our website, www.ridley.edu.edu.au) and indicate on this form that you are interested in the study tour. You will also need to complete an enrolment form when you have been accepted.
3. If you wish to audit the subject (join the tour but not do the assignment, or get any academic credit—FEE-HELP is not available) please contact the Registry (registrar@ridley.edu.au). You will be asked to pay a deposit of \$250, and the balance by 25 September.

YOU MUST ENROL BY 4 MAY.

EXTENDING YOUR TOUR

It is possible to extend your Tour Package to do additional travel, or to visit family or friends. You will need to make these arrangements yourself, or through a travel agent.

FOR FURTHER TRIP INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS
Please call Lindsay Wilson 03 9207 4800 (ext 910) or email him at l.wilson@ridley.edu.au



Ridley Study Tour

Israel

BB445/675/745

25 November - 11 December 2018



Tour Leader:
Rev 'd Dr Lindsay Wilson



The following itinerary is based on information available at the time of printing and is subject to alteration in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Nov Sun 25 DEPART MELBOURNE

Depart Melbourne on our flight for our journey to Tel Aviv (meals on plane)

Nov Mon 26 TEL AVIV to the DEAD SEA Arriving in the Morning

Arrive Tel Aviv in the early morning. Our first stop is Tel Beersheba, where we explore the remarkable site and descend the water channel. Then we explore the remains of the fortified city at Tel Arad. We then proceed to the Dead Sea, there will be time to swim (float, 33 percent salt) in the Dead Sea, use the spa, and relax in the pools around the hotel. O/N Dead Sea **D**

Nov Tue 27 DEAD SEA

We begin with a visit to the oasis of Ein Gedi, where we go for a walk to the waterfall. Next we visit Masada (Jewish stronghold against the Romans) where we ride the cable car to the top. After descending, we travel to a Bedouin camp for a late lunch, an introduction to the desert lifestyle and a camel ride. O/N Dead Sea **B, L, D**



Nov Wed 28 DEAD SEA and BETH SHEAN

Our first visit this morning is to Qumran. Next we visit the baptismal site of Jesus near Bethany on the Jordan, before going along the Jordan Valley (a view over Jericho) to Galilee.

Before we arrive in Galilee, we explore the massive Roman city at Beth Shean. O/N Tiberias. **B, D**

Nov Thu 29 GALILEE and NAZARETH

Visit the church of Annunciation in Nazareth, St. Gabriel's Church (well), continue to the Arbel Cliff to hike down. O/N Tiberias **B, D**

Nov Fri 30 Around the SEA OF GALILEE

Jesus' Ministry around the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Capernaum Synagogue from the time of Jesus, the Church of the Multiplication, and the Primacy Church. This day we have St. Peter's fish for lunch, and take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (Nof Ginossar Boat) before visiting the Mt. Beatitudes and the excavations at Tiberias. O/N Tiberias **B, L, D**

Dec Sat 01 THE NORTHERN BORDER

Visit Caesarea Philippi/Banias (a Roman cultic site and place of Peter's 'Great Confession') and Dan. Take an easy walk at Tel Dan along one of the sources of the Jordan River and view

the Southern Lebanon border (altar and reconstructed city gate at Dan). Drive up to Mt. Bental to look over to Syria. Later views of Mt Hermon and the border between Israel and Syria. O/N Tiberias **B, D**

Dec Sun 02 GALILEE to TEL AVI

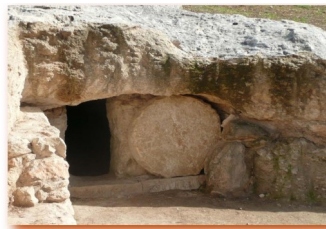
The Mediterranean Coast. We travel through the Jezreel valley past Mt Tabor towards the coast. Drive via Mt. Carmel (site of Elijah's contest with the priests of Baal) to the impressive site at Megiddo. Visit Caesarea Maritima, (built by King Herod the Great and port from which Paul returned from his missionary journeys). O/N Tel Aviv **B, D**

Dec Mon 03 TEL AVIV

Visit Joppa, and the Eretz Israel Museum at the Philistine site of Tel Qasile. Free afternoon. O/N Tel Aviv. **B, D**

Dec Tue 04 JERUSALEM

Drive to Jerusalem. Today we visit the Temple Mount platform including the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa mosque. Next we go to Zion, including the Church of the Dormition and Upper Room; then St. Peter's Gallicantu (the traditional house of Caiaphas), City of David; Hezekiah's Tunnel & Pool of



Siloam. O/N Jerusalem **B, D**

Dec Wed 05 JERUSALEM

Mt. of Olives and Christian Quarter. Stand on top of Mt. of Olives and view the city as Jesus did. Walk the Palm Sunday route, visiting the *Church of Dominus Flevit* (where our Lord Wept). Garden of Gethsemane's *Church of All Nations*. Enter the old city through St. Stephen's Gate to the Bethesda Pools, and Antonia Fortress, and sing at *St. Anne's Crusader Church*. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, visiting the Stations of the Cross and the *Church of the Holy Sepulchre*. O/N Jerusalem **B, D**

Dec Thu 06 JERUSALEM

Jesus' Teachings in the Temple. Visit the Old City of Jerusalem, starting from starting with Jaffa Gate and Citadel Museum. Walk on the walls. Then to the Jewish Quarter (including

the Cardo) and the Southern Wall excavations O/N Jerusalem **B, D**



Dec Fri 07 JERUSALEM

Morning at the Garden Tomb for visit and communion. Then to the Holocaust Museum. Continue to the Israel Museum, including the Shrine of the Book (home of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the Model of Jerusalem Western wall for beginning of Shabbat. O/N Jerusalem **B, D**

Dec Sat 08 HERODION and BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM

Lecture and lunch at Bethlehem Bible College. Visit Church & Shepherds' field then Herod's palace at Herodion, O/N Jerusalem. **B, D**

Dec Sun 09 JERUSALEM to TEL AVIV DEPARTURE

Jerusalem. Early worship with local believers at St. George's Cathedral, then free time until late afternoon bus to Tel Aviv airport, for a night departure **B**

No hotel accommodation after 12:00 noon. The hotel will store the luggage.

Dec Mon 10 FLIGHT TO MELBOURNE

On flight from Tel Aviv to Melbourne, or other individual arrangements. (meals on plane).

Dec Tue 11 ARRIVE MELBOURNE

Arrive in Melbourne.

TOUR COST:

For students enrolled in the ACT subject: \$6,200 per person, twin share, subject to the terms and conditions below. The airfare from and to Australia is NOT included.

For those not enrolled: \$4,850.

Single Supplement: \$1,200.

Surcharge

Small contingency and exchange rate margins have been built in to the costs. However, the final price is subject to changes in exchange rates, airport taxes, fuel costs or tariff rates, and a surcharge may be necessary. While we will try to avoid this, Ridley College reserves the right to vary itineraries and prices and to substitute facilities and hotels if necessary.

Air Transport

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own airfares from and to Australia. You can travel on any airline, but you must be at Tel Aviv airport by 8.00am on 26 November 2018. A recommendation will be made about air travel once our minimum numbers have been reached. Please do not book before that time.

Passport and Visa Requirement

All international tours require a current passport or travel document with at least 6 months validity beyond the end of the study tour. For Australian citizens a visa is obtainable on arrival in Tel Aviv. For all other nationalities, please contact the Israel embassy to find out if you need to apply beforehand for a visa. If you require a visa, you will need to arrange that yourself and pay for it.

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Ridley College Lecturer. Input will also be provided by Hannaniah Pinto from Biblical Resources.
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary including all entrance fees where required.
- 3-4 star rating hotel accommodation in Israel as per the itinerary in twin share rooms. Single supplement is available for an additional charge (which cannot be claimed under FEE-HELP)
- All meals as per the itinerary.
- Transportation by air-conditioned private coach.
- Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- Tips for the drivers and guides.