

Mediterranean Campus

RIDLEY'S MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAM / 2-9 WEEK SEMESTER

Spend 2 to 9 weeks
at Ridley's Mediterranean
Campus in the resort city of
Antalya, Turkey including a
study tour of Israel and an
archaeological field trip
to some key biblical sites
in Turkey.



Ridley College has developed a partnership with the **Asia Minor Research Center** in Antalya, Turkey to offer a very special study program in Semester 3, 2017/18.

Living in comfortable modern villas **within the medieval walls** of this ancient city, you can study Islam, the Book of Revelation, Biblical Archaeology, take a study tour of **Israel** and undertake **cross-cultural field education**.

Students do not need to take all the available modules.



Turkey is an amazing country. The sites we visited were well-preserved, interesting and relevant to our studies. Our guides and teachers were excellent. The trip was not a holiday – there was a lot of work, but it was a very comfortable trip too.

– John



Do it! It's a unique experience that will give you a wonderful perspective on the context of the New Testament, especially what life was like in a typical Greco-Roman city.

– Lizzie



TRAVEL AND ORIENTATION
22 NOV TO 26 NOV 2017

Depart Melbourne, arrive Antalya, welcome event, walking tour, and familiarisation and cross-cultural orientation. Attend church and meet the staff and interns.

MODULE 1
27 NOV–5 DEC

EM415/615/715
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
IN ISLAMIC CONTEXTS

Develop a new understanding of Islam from those who have been ministering to Muslims for over two decades. Study the key beliefs, history and people as the call to prayer rings out right next door. Interview a range of Muslims, visit mosques and witness Islamic life and practice firsthand.

Cost: Standard FEE-HELP plus accommodation (\$560)



OPTIONAL SIDE TRIP: ISTANBUL
6–9 DEC

Subject to the security situation, this four-night trip will give you the opportunity to visit this amazing city, rich in Christian history and Eastern culture. Sites include Chora Church, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Spice Market, Topkapi Palace, Grand Bazaar and a Bosphorous Cruise. Then fly directly to Tel Aviv for the Israel Tour.

Cost: Approx. \$600.



MODULE 2
9–21 DEC

BB445/645/745
ISRAEL STUDY TOUR

Take in the view Moses and the Israelites had as they looked out across the promised land; see where David may have hidden from Saul; journey to Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Temple Mount in Jerusalem; stand on the shores of Lake Galilee and atop the Mount of Olives and visit sites where Jesus may have been crucified and buried. Join an archaeological dig for an afternoon, excavating a cave at the Second Temple level. Spanning 13 days, this trip will transform your understanding and experience of the Bible as you see firsthand the diverse geography and ecology of the land our forebears walked—an invaluable experience to have at any point in your ministry. Full itinerary available separately.

Cost: FEE-HELP (\$5,013) plus \$250 plus return airfare Antalya to Tel Aviv via Istanbul (approx. \$350). Plus lunches.



MODULE 2 (ALTERNATIVE)
9–26 DEC

EM440/640/740
CROSS-CULTURAL
FIELD EDUCATION (1)

This is an option for those who do not wish to travel to Israel. It is the same unit as Module 5 but run at an alternate time. For more details, see Module 5.

ARCHAEOLOGY/BOOK OF REVELATION FIELD TRIP
8–10 JAN

DR MARK WILSON, ASIA MINOR RESEARCH CENTER

Required for those doing the Book of Revelation. This three-night trip first takes you to the Lycus Valley where you visit two very impressive sites - Laodicea and Hierapolis. Day two begins with a drive to Ephesus, regarded as the premier ancient site in Turkey, and ends with a visit to the Smyrna Agora. Day three starts with a tour of Pergamum and then a drive to Sardis before flying back to Antalya in the evening.

Cost: Included for those doing Revelation (Otherwise \$560). Extra costs are domestic airfares (around \$70) and lunches. Single supp. (\$120)



MODULE 3
27 DEC–5 JAN

BB446/646/746
ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

DR MARK WILSON
DIRECTOR, ASIA MINOR
RESEARCH CENTER

This introduction to Archaeology will give you an insight into life in the Greco-Roman world as revealed by ancient sites, inscriptions and documents. Learn about key discoveries, many of them from the last 15 years, which have an important bearing on the historicity and meaning of the biblical text. Classroom learning is supported by field trips to the Antalya museum, Perge and Aspendos.

Mark Wilson lives in Antalya, is an Adjunct Lecturer at Ridley, Director of the Asia Minor Research Center, and Associate Professor Extraordinary of New Testament at Stellenbosch University. He has published numerous works including *Victory through the Lamb: A Guide to Revelation in Plain Language* (2014), *Biblical Turkey: A Guide to the Jewish and Christian Sites of Asia Minor* (2014); *Revelation* (ZIBBC, 2002); *Charts on the Book of Revelation: Literary, Historical, and Theological Perspectives* (2007).

Cost: Standard FEE-HELP plus accommodation (\$560)



MODULE 4
8–19 JAN

NT427/627/437/637/745
THE BOOK OF REVELATION
(ENGLISH OR GREEK TEXT)

DR MARK WILSON
DIRECTOR, ASIA MINOR
RESEARCH CENTER

Mark Wilson will lecture on the Book of Revelation with a special focus on how the history and archaeology of Asia Minor shape our understanding of the book. Greek text option available which involves four extra 90-minute tutorials.

Cost: FEE-HELP (\$2,755) plus accommodation (\$560)



MODULE 5
21 JAN–4 FEB

EM440/640/740
CROSS-CULTURAL
FIELD EDUCATION

Ridley's Mediterranean campus provides an opportunity for developing your cross-cultural ministry skills and to gain experience working in another culture. You will live with a Turkish Christian family and work with the St Paul Center, a local evangelical church, engaging in a range of cross-cultural activities over the duration of your visit. These will include visits to a Syrian refugee camp, participating in International, Turkish and Persian congregations, and teaching English and assisting at the St Paul Center.

Cost: Standard FEE-HELP plus billeted accommodation (\$260)



“ Turkey is amazing, the group dynamic was great, the people at St Paul's are wonderful!
– Kieran



EXPECTATIONS

The ethos of the program requires participants to engage in the student community and the local church and its activities. This is not a private holiday or an individualistic learning experience. You are expected to engage with other group members in a collegial and communal manner. You are also expected to participate in the local church (St Paul Union Church), including weekly church services, Bible study and other activities. Other Ridley policies and standards of behaviour also apply.



I definitely recommend doing everything you can to participate in this program. I loved it. Like everything worthwhile, it was both challenging and encouraging. I feel that I now understand the world of the New Testament better, and also the modern world a bit better!
– John

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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in a secure compound of five two-bedroom villas in the heart of the Old City. Right next door is a restaurant for breakfast (included). There is the option for single accommodation for a 25% accommodation surcharge (subject to availability). You can stay for two days before and after your units at no extra cost (subject to availability).

FINANCES

Airfares to Antalya are additional to the above costs. They are around \$1,700. In addition to the accommodation charge listed for each unit you only need about \$15 per day for lunch and dinner (daily breakfast included). Other costs are visa (\$75) transfers (\$30) and travel insurance. Personal items are extra. A person who undertook four subjects over seven weeks including the tours in Turkey and Israel would pay between \$4,800 and \$5,200 including airfares, accommodation, food, visa, transfers and travel insurance with tuition costs on FEE-HELP (\$11,928 for four units including the Israel tour).

ASSESSMENT

Revelation will have an assessment piece due on 8 January, worth 30%. Final assessments will be due over a period 4-8 weeks after the trip.

ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE

Your spouse is welcome to accompany you. If he/she wishes to audit the subjects the costs are \$500 for Islamic Studies, \$640 for Archaeology (including field trips), \$3,990 for the Israel Tour and \$990 for the Book of Revelation (including field trip). Family accommodation is by special arrangement subject to availability.

APPLICATIONS

There are just twenty spaces available, and they are subject to an application and interview process. To receive an application form and further updates, register your interest today at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/antalya>. Application forms available from October 1, 2016.

SECURITY

International travel entails a certain level of risk. This program has been developed to minimise those risks in accordance with Ridley's risk mitigation strategy. No travel will be undertaken to those areas deemed by the Australian Government "Reconsider your need to travel". The program will be modified if the security situation changes before or during the program. Any extra costs associated with changes in itinerary due to security issues are the responsibility of the student.

