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Israel & Jordan Tour 2021

With Bishop Stephen Hale and Karen Hale

April 5-19
2021

Join us on a historical and
cultural adventure

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Tour Highlights

Jerusalem - Galilee - Dead Sea - Petra - Amman





Israel & Jordan Tour April 5 - 19 2021

Cost per person
\$6,990 (plus airfares,
lunches and visa)

Single supplement
\$2,400 (subject to
terms and conditions)

Embark on a journey of modern Israel - from the Dead Sea to Lake Galilee, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean. This comprehensive trip through the Holy Land is full of unforgettable experiences that will bring the Bible to life, strengthen your faith and broaden your perspective. Journey to Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jericho. Travel across Lake Galilee and explore the places where Jesus spent much of his time. Stand at the top of the Mount of Olives, and visit the sites of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Stand where Moses stood to see the boundaries of the Promised Land and ride through the desert. Explore Petra, the 'rose-red city', and visit one of the great archaeological sites of the world. We hope you will join us on what promises to be an invigorating tour!

✳ **Registration: www.trybooking.com/BHLAO | Deposit required upon registration by 1 June 2020.**

TOUR ITINERARY

April 5 Mon - Amman, Jordan | Amman, Mt Nebo | Madaba Church

Arrive in Amman, Jordan. Proceed to Madaba for the local special lunch and a visit to the Greek Orthodox Church of St George known for its sixth century mosaic map of the Holy Land. Visit Mt Nebo where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land - a view we will share from the summit. There will be a service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at Mt Nebo. Border crossing and then overnight at Nof Ginosar on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

- Accommodation: Nof Ginosar
- Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

April 6 Tue - Sea of Galilee (Communion by boat) | Jesus Boat and Museum | Capernaum | Tabgha | Peter's Fish Lunch | Magdala | Sefphoris

Enjoy a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Igal Alon museum exhibiting the 'Jesus boat' which was found by the Sea of Galilee and dates back to the time of Jesus. Continue to Peter's home in Capernaum which reveals the domestic life of a New Testament fisherman. Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount and the Miracle of the Multiplication (Mt 5). Hike down to the contemporary church at Tabga which celebrates the Miracle of the Multiplication. Note the mosaic floor from a Byzantine-era church, and the section in front of the ancient altar depicting two fish and a basket filled with loaves of bread. Enjoy the traditional St Peter's fish lunch then drive to Kursi for a visit before returning via the inspiring new Magdala Worship Centre.

- Accommodation: Nof Ginosar
- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

April 7 Wed - Yardenit (Baptism Site) | Nazareth Church, Mt Precipice | Mt Tabor (Church of the Resurrection)

Visit Yardenit by the Jordan River, where you will have an opportunity to renew your baptism vows. Drive to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, to visit the Church of the Annunciation with its stunning artworks and brilliant architecture. Continue to nearby Mt Precipice, where Christ was taken '...in order to throw him down the cliff.' Take in the view of the Jezreel Valley, Mt Tabor and Mt Gilboa (where Gideon chose his 300 brave men). Drive on to Mt Tabor, the possible site of the transfiguration of Jesus.

- Accommodation: Nof Ginosar
- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

April 8 Thu - Caesarea Philippi | Kursi | Golan Heights/Bental Hill Winery

Drive through Upper Galilee to Banias (Caesarea Philippi), the source of the Jordan River and the site of Christ's question, 'Who do you say that I am?' and Peter's confession, 'You are the Christ' (Mt 16:18). Continue through Golan Heights and visit the observation point on Bental Hill overlooking Syria and the 'Valley of Tears'. Visit a Golan Heights winery to sample some of the local product. Descend the Golan and stop at the site of one of Jesus' most powerful and dramatic miracles: the casting out of demons into a herd of swine in the land of the Gadarenes.

- Accommodation: Nof Ginosar
- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

April 9 Fri - Megiddo | Caesarea Maritima | Tel Aviv | Jaffa

Travel through the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the site of many ancient battles from which we get the imagery of Armageddon (Rev 16) and where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilisation. Continue onto the coast stopping at Caesarea Maritima, where Gentiles first heard the gospel from Peter and were baptised. This site offers an impressive Roman amphitheatre, a hippodrome, a film on the history and remains of this famous port city, and an aqueduct. Drive south and have lunch in Israel's cosmopolitan capital, Tel Aviv, then travel onto Jaffa/Joppa. Transfer to Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem, a hotel near the Anglican St George's Cathedral, and a 15-minute walk from the Old City.

- Accommodation: Grand Court Jerusalem
- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

April 10 Sat - Jerusalem | Mount of Olives, Bethlehem

Begin the day at the Mount of Olives for an awe inspiring, panoramic view of Jerusalem. Walk down the mountain to one of the newest and most evocative churches in Jerusalem, Dominus Flevit, 'Jesus Wept'. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane at the foot of the Mount of Olives. It contains some of the world's oldest olive trees and appears today much as it did 20 centuries ago. Drive to Bethlehem to visit Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use.

- Accommodation: Grand Court Jerusalem
- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

TOUR ITINERARY CONT.

April 11 Sun - Early service at Christ Church Cathedral | Pool of Bethesda via Delarosa | Church of the Holy Sepulcher | Short excursion in the Jewish Quarter (incl. the Cardo) | Western Wall, Temple Mount

Begin the day with a service at Christ Church Cathedral. Visit the peaceful gardens and church at the Pool of Bethesda before following the Via Dolorosa to the vast Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Walk through the maze of streets to the Jewish Quarter to visit the evocative Western (or 'wailing') Wall, the holiest site in Judaism. Go up onto the Temple Mount to see the Dome of the Rock.

- Accommodation: Grand Court Jerusalem
 - Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
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April 12 Mon | Jerusalem

Free Day in Jerusalem. In the evening, we will go to the Sound and Light show.

- Accommodation: Grand Court Jerusalem
 - Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
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April 13 Tue - Mt Zion, David's Tomb | Last Supper, Broad Wall | City of David | Hezekiah's Tunnel | Siloam's Pool | Christ Church Cathedral

Begin by walking atop a short section of the city wall to see Jerusalem, both old and new, from a unique perspective. Entering the Zion Gate walk through the Armenian Quarter to Mt Zion, visiting King David's Tomb and the Last Supper Room. Stop at the House of Caiaphas, where Jesus was held prior to his trial. Enjoy a visit to the Davidson Centre to see the new multi-media presentation about Jerusalem in the days of Jesus, then climb the Southern Steps, the main entrance to the temple precinct in the days of Jesus. After lunch meet at the Dung Gate and walk down to the City of David to see excavations that reveal the earliest days of Jerusalem dating back to King David. Weather permitting, walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel or the newly opened Pilgrims' Tunnel direct to the Old City. Finally, visit the Pool of Siloam before boarding the bus back to the hotel.

- Accommodation: Grand Court Jerusalem
 - Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
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April 14 Wed - Holocaust Museum | Garden Tomb | Ben Yehuda Markets | Israel Museum (Dead Sea Scrolls)

Visit the very moving Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Continue to the Garden Tomb which some consider to be an alternative site for Jesus' burial and resurrection. The gardens are a welcome place for Holy Communion and to gather for a time of worship. The bus will take us to the fabulous Ben Yehuda Markets where more than 250 vendors sell fresh fruits, vegetables, fish, meat, cheeses, nuts, spices, wine, clothing and textiles. Then visit the Israel Museum, which includes a panorama of the Roman-era city and many significant artifacts including the Dead Sea Scrolls. In the evening attend a talk at St George's Cathedral on Anglican mission in Palestine and Israel.

- Accommodation: Grand Court Jerusalem
 - Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
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April 15 Thu - Wadi Quelt | St George's Monastery | Mount of Temptation | Jericho

Drive out of Jerusalem, heading east towards Jericho to reflect on one of Jesus' most famous parables, *The Good Samaritan*. Take a walk through the Wadi Quelt to the famous St George's Monastery. Ascend the Mount of Temptation by cable car and enjoy some amazing views over the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea.

- Accommodation: Ein Gedi Hotel (Ein Gedi Nature Reserve)
 - Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
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April 16 Fri - Masada | Qumran | Dead Sea

Drive to Masada. Take a cable car to the top of the mesa and explore the extensive remains. Jewish zealots held the city against the unrelenting Romans until 72 CE when a massive siege took place. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Walk up a beautiful oasis valley where King David may have sought refuge from Saul (Ps 42). In the afternoon spend time at the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Float in the water and enjoy the healing properties of the sea.

- Accommodation: Ein Gedi Hotel (Ein Gedi Nature Reserve)
 - Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
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April 17 Sat - Eilat, Border Crossing | Wadi Rum | Kings Hwy to Petra

Begin the day by visiting the resort city of Eilat on the Red Sea. Drive to the border and cross into Jordan. Continue from Aqaba across the desert to Wadi Rum, the setting for many movies including *Lawrence of Arabia*, with its lunar landscape and contrasting oasis. Take a 4WD tour and optional camel ride before enjoying some Bedouin hospitality. Drive on the King's Hwy to Petra.

- Accommodation: Moon Hotel Petra
 - Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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April 18 Sun - Petra

Enjoy a full day exploring the stunning 'rose-red city' of Petra, which from 330BC was inhabited by Nabateans. Take a horse ride or walk through the dramatic 'siq' or canyon. See the Treasury, carved in pink stone, continue on past the Roman theatre, the Corinthian Tomb and Palace Tomb to the Roman road. The adventurous can climb to the Monastery. Walk or get a donkey ride back to the hotel at your own pace.

- Accommodation: Moon Hotel Petra
 - Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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April 19 Mon - Amman Airport, Jordan

Roman Ruins in Amman, to Amman Airport.

- Meal included: Breakfast
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A tour of the Holy Land is a once in a lifetime experience. To walk where Jesus walked is unique and inspiring. Every day is a special day and if you have the opportunity you should grab it and come along.
- Stephen Hale

YOUR TOUR LEADERS

STEPHEN HALE + KAREN HALE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

REGISTRATION

Please register via this link:
www.trybooking.com/BHLAO

Registration and deposit due by 1 June 2020

DATES

Registration
Now open

Deposit of \$800 due:
1 June 2020

Balance Due:
8 January 2021

CONTACT DETAILS

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Tour Price Inclusions

Fourteen nights lodging in superior hotels, daily open buffet breakfasts at the hotels, lunches and dinners listed in the itinerary, airport assistance on arrival and departure, sightseeing expenses as per the itinerary, English-speaking, Bible-oriented tour guide, entry fees to sites and museums, entrance fees to Wadi rum with Bedouin Jeep ride in Wadi rum for one hour, service charges and local taxes.

Tour Price Exclusions

Anything not explicitly listed in the itinerary (airfares, meals, which are not listed in the above itinerary, all drinks, travel and health insurance, tips to tour guides and drivers, Jordan-Israel border crossing tax, visa and personal expenses).

Tour Payments and Cost

The final price is subject to changes in exchange rates, airport taxes, fuel costs or tariff rates, but a small contingency and exchange rate margin have been built into the costs. A surcharge of \$60 per person will be levied for every 1 cent the Australian dollar is below US\$0.62 on 1 April 2021. Ridley College reserves the right to vary itineraries and prices, and to substitute facilities and hotels if necessary.

Cancellations

Ridley College reserves the right to cancel the tour if the minimum participant requirements are not met by the registration and deposit payment date. Individuals who have registered and paid the deposit for the tour will receive a full refund.

Passport + Visa Requirements

All international tours require a current passport with at least seven months validity from the date of entry into the foreign country. Visa requirements may apply and travellers will be notified prior to departure.

Single Travellers

Every effort will be made to find roommates for single travellers wishing to share a room with another same-sex traveller. Participants will be required to pay a single supplement if a roommate cannot be found.

Dietary Requirements

Whilst most special dietary requirements can be met at our hotels and restaurants, certain needs cannot always be met.

Travel Insurance

Participants are required to have travel insurance. It is the responsibility of participants to purchase insurance. Travel insurance should be obtained when flights are booked.

Age & Fitness

The tour is not particularly strenuous, although it does involve walking, some of which is over uneven ground and on stairs. Participants must be capable of self-care throughout the tour. Children under 15 are not permitted.

Security

In the event of an elevation of the travel warnings by the Australian Government it may be necessary to vary the itinerary. While Ridley College will try and absorb any extra costs associated with variations, it may be necessary to levy additional charges where variations are significant. Under these circumstances Ridley may, at its discretion, offer full refunds of tour costs as an alternative. Ridley College will not be responsible for international airfares and other costs incurred directly by participants.

Flights

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own international airfares from and to Australia. Travellers on the recommended flights (to be advised) will be met by the tour operator and transfers will be provided. Participants are not required to travel with the group on recommended flights. Where a participant organises flights other than those recommended, they are responsible for their own transfers, and in the event of missed connections are responsible for any extra costs associated with meeting the group.