

St Georges College Study Tour

Israel & Jordan

12 June – 7 July 2012

Led by Prof Greg Jenks

Situated only a few minutes from the Old City of Jerusalem, St. George's College provides year round courses that combine academic study, spirituality and travel.

Faith is transformed as you encounter the land and reflect with other course participants on the meaning of Christian discipleship. Understanding is enhanced as you listen to trained guides and academics. Regular worship and discussion sessions help you to meditate on the experience.

With St George's all your needs will be taken care of as you visit the holy places, meet the people of the land and study the Bible in a new context. Situated in the grounds of the Anglican Episcopal Cathedral,



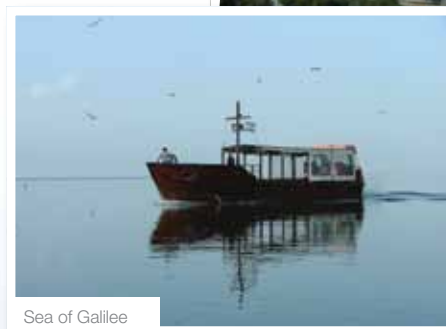
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Sea of Galilee

St. George's College is one of the institutions of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Ecumenical and interfaith, the College is open to people of all traditions. Courses are taught in English and are open to everyone, clerical and lay.

The St Georges College Palestine of Jesus course provides the best introduction to the Holy Land. The 14 day study tour combines study with pilgrimage. It focuses on key elements of the Gospel narrative of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the sacred landscape where the story unfolded. Visits are made to Bethlehem, Nazareth, The Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, the Judean desert and others. Then we trace the Passion narratives through visits to Bethany, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Resurrection.

After the 2 week intensive there is an opportunity to travel down to the Dead Sea, Red Sea and experience the highlights of Jordan including Wadi Rum and Petra.

The tour is being escorted from Australia by Prof Greg Jenks as far as Jerusalem.

For application forms and more information go to www.missiontravel.com.au/sgc2012

Proposed Schedule

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 12 JUNE

Depart Australia

Depart Australia (Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane) tonight on your flight to Dubai and onto Amman, Jordan

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE

Amman Airport - Jerusalem

Upon arrival at Queen Alia Airport, Amman, you will be met and assisted by your tour representative and transferred to the Sheik Hussein border where you will cross into Israel using the VIP service. You will change buses and then travel to Jerusalem where you will check into St Georges College in Jerusalem. Welcome dinner.

HOTEL: St Georges College, Jerusalem
MEALS: Dinner

DAY 3, 4 - SATURDAY 14 JUNE - WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE

St Georges College Palestine of Jesus Course

This basic course provides the best introduction to the Holy Land in a 14 day study tour with both academic and devotional aspects. This course has been the most popular & most requested program at St Georges College Jerusalem through the years. Thousands of first-time visitors to Jerusalem have found it the perfect context for their initial Jerusalem experience.

The PALESTINE OF JESUS COURSE focuses on key elements of the Gospel narrative of the life, death & resurrection of Jesus in the sacred landscape where the story unfolded. Course members visit major sites connected with the Gospel accounts: Bethlehem, Nazareth, The Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, the Judean desert and others. After focusing on the Galilean ministry of Jesus, the course traces the Passion Narratives through visits to Bethany, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre), and with a devotional Way of the Cross. The final day of the course celebrates the resurrection and a challenge of discipleship with a journey to Emmaus and a festive Eucharist.

HOTEL: St Georges College, Jerusalem
MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 5 - THURSDAY 28 JUNE - FRIDAY 29 JUNE

Jerusalem

Spend 2 additional nights at St Georges College with free time to shop, pray and re-visit some of the sites around Jerusalem.

HOTEL: St Georges College, Jerusalem
MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

DAY 6 - SATURDAY 30 JUNE

Qumran - Masada - Dead Sea - Eilat

Drive through the Judean hills to visit Qumran where Essene enclave was and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden. Drive along the shore of the Dead Sea onto Ein Gedi spring and then to Masada, the fortress stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Float in the Dead Sea at the lowest point on earth. OVERNIGHT.

DAY 7 - SUNDAY 1 JULY

Eilat - Wadi Rum - Petra

Drive south through the arid Negev desert to the port city of Eilat by the Red Sea for a free afternoon and overnight.

HOTEL: Golden Tulip Hotel - Eilat
MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 8 - MONDAY 2 JULY

Eilat - Wadi Rum - Petra

Depart Eilat for a short drive to the Arava border where we will cross into Jordan and proceed to Wadi Rum (Wadi means valley). This valley is spectacular with an expanse of pink sandy desert and a whole network of wadis which you will recognize from the best known scenes in Lawrence of Arabia. There will be a chance to see some of the wildlife that still inhabits this strange terrain and to see the village of Wadi Rum, Jabal Burdah, and Jabal Kharaz. We will go to the Visitor's Centre where we will pick up our 4 wheel drive vehicles and tour more of this beautiful landscape. Continue to Petra for dinner and overnight.

HOTEL: Beit Zaman - Petra
MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 9 - TUESDAY 3 JULY

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 in 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. Dinner and overnight in Petra.

HOTEL: Beit Zaman - Petra
MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 10 - WEDNESDAY 4 JULY

Petra - Amman

We depart Petra and drive north along the Kings Highway mentioned both in Genesis and Exodus at the routes of Abraham and Moses. We will visit Karak's impressive Crusader Castle with its many dark passages, deep holes and sheer drops. We will pass through the impressive Wadi Mujib and on to Madaba where we will see the remains of the mosaic map of the Middle East and Jerusalem. We will visit Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land and we can see the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean Hills beyond. Tonight we will enjoy our farewell dinner in a lovely restaurant with a Bedouin theme.

HOTEL: Geneva Hotel, Amman
MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 11 - THURSDAY 5 JULY

Tour Finishes

Enjoy a brief orientation tour of Amman including the Roman Theatre and Museum. Enjoy a light lunch before departing to the airport for your flight home or your onward journey. If you are returning to Australia, you will have an overnight in Dubai as the flight does not connect.

MEALS: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 12 - SATURDAY 6 JULY

Arrival Into Australia

approx 1am 7 July

Cost

PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON:

(based on a min of 10 passengers)

\$6599 per person twin share for 12-30 June college program

\$7799 per person twin share for full program including Dead Sea/Jordan extension

What this includes:

- Return economy class airfares with Emirates to Amman including taxes
- Arrival meet and greet in Amman and return transfer to Jerusalem from Amman airport
- Palestine of Jesus course at St Georges College from June 13-27 including Full Board (breakfast, lunch & dinner), tuition, accommodation, excursions
- Visa/entry costs into Jordan
- Tips for driver and guide
- Extension to the Dead Sea/Jordan includes guide, driver and air conditioned transport.
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels

Not included in the above package cost:

- Lunch on Dead Sea/Jordan extension (June 30-July 5)
- Personal expenses - drinks, internet, laundry
- Travel insurance - please speak to Mission Travel for a quote

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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