

A JOURNEY TO JORDAN & ISRAEL with Optional Egypt Extension

Escorted by Stephen Hale & Evonne Paddison **15th Sept - 30th Sept/6th Oct 2012**

Are you fascinated by history, ancient cultures or nature's beauty? These countries have it all: let your imaginations soar at the marvels of the ingenuity and accomplishments of the ancient world. Come and join Canon Dr Evonne Paddison (CEO) and Bishop Stephen Hale (Chairman) from ACCESS ministries on this top class tour. Dawn Penney will also be travelling with us as the Tour Liaison Director. We will be staying in mainly 5 star hotels and flying with Emirates Airlines to Jordan where the tour begins. This journey is an all inclusive package where everything has been taken care of so that all you need to do is sit back, be amazed by the knowledge of our expert local guides and enjoy the company of the group! The highlights include walking through the lost city of Petra, looking out from Mt Nebo, sailing on the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Tel Aviv, floating on the Dead Sea, experiencing Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Plus, for those who are able to join the optional Egypt extension, you'll also enjoy the Pyramids of Cairo and a 3 night luxury Nile Cruise to Aswan, Luxor and Abu Simbel. Do read on!!!

TOUR ESCORTS



Canon Dr Evonne Paddison

Evonne commenced as Chief Executive Officer for ACCESS ministries in 2006 and is passionate about connecting with children and young people through Christian Education and Chaplaincy. She is a biblical scholar who has lectured at

various theological colleges throughout Australia. She loves travel which has included leading tours to biblical sites. She also enjoys good company, good music, good food and good fun.



Bishop Stephen Hale

Stephen is Senior Minister of St Hilary's Kew/North Balwyn and formerly Bishop of the Eastern Region. Stephen has been Chair of the Board of ACCESS ministries since 2006. Stephen is excited about the leadership and support role that ACCESS

ministries offers to enable churches to connect with children and young people through schools. Stephen is looking forward to sharing in this exciting tour. Stephen is married to Karen and has two children.

DAY 1: Saturday 15 September

DEPART MELBOURNE

Depart Melbourne this evening on your Emirates flight to Dubai. On arrival, transfer to your connecting Emirates flight to Amman.

DAY 2: Sunday 16 September

AMMAN / PETRA

Arrive into Amman this morning. We will be met & assisted with our transfer to Petra for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Monday 17 September

PETRA

Enjoy a spectacular tour exploring the rose-red city of Petra. Enjoy a short horse ride, and then travel on foot through the awesome 'SIQ' valley. Visit the Treasury, and explore hundreds of buildings, tombs, temples, and a 3,000-seat theatre: the first-century AD. Return to your hotel for some rest. A private dinner by candlelight in Little Petra has been arranged for this evening.

Overnight: Petra

DAY 4: Tuesday 18 September

KINGS WAY, MADABA, MT NEBO, AMMAN

Depart Petra and visit the magnificent ruins of the Crusader Castle at Shobak. See the intricate ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land at Madaba. Visit Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land before his passing. Explore the remains of the Byzantine Church with a mosaic floor, and from a platform in front of the church enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Drive to Amman for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Amman

DAY 5: Wednesday 19 September

JORDAN VALLEY, BEIT SHEAN, TIBERIAS

Enjoy a morning panoramic city tour of Amman and then onto

Allenby Bridge for crossing to Israel. Drive via the fertile Jordan Valley and visit Beit Shean, also called "Scythopolis" - the biggest archeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. On to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight Overnight: Tiberias

DAY 6: Thursday 20 September

SEA OF GALILEE

Experience an early morning sail across the Sea of Galilee. The ride will end at Ginosar, where we shall visit the ancient boat from the time of Jesus that was found nearby. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the Multiplication took place. Continue onto Capernaum, the centre of Jesus' ministries. Ascend to the top of the Mt. of Beatitudes, where you can relive the Sermon on the Mount. Visit the Baptismal site in the Jordan River at Yardenit. Return to your hotel for dinner. Overnight: Tiberias

DAY 7: Friday 21 September

GOLAN HEIGHTS

Start the day with a visit to Tel Dan - a National Park combining a lush nature reserve with a biblical archaeological experience. This was the capital of the ancient Northern Kingdom, where you can see a High Place, ancient city gates, and other finds. Continue on for a walk through Caesarea-Philippi at Banias Falls. Ascend the Golan Heights and from Mt. Bental, peer deep into Syria and the ghost



town of Kuneitra. Enjoy an optional tour of a local winery or visit a brewery making beer from the fresh waters of the Jordan River. Overnight: Tiberias

DAY 8: Saturday 22 September

NAZARETH, MEGIDDO, MT CARMEL, CAESAREA, TEL AVIV

Drive to Nazareth for a visit to the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue to the ancient city of Meggido at the crossroads of an important ancient highway identified as the site of Armageddon. See the ancient city that was inhabited continuously for more than five millennia. Drive to Haifa and view the Baha'i Gardens from the top of Mt Carmel. See the Carmelite Monastery at the Muchrakah, where Elijah smote the false prophets. Continue to the ancient city of Caesarea Maritima to see the harbour city built by Herod the Great. Proceed to Tel Aviv for dinner & overnight. Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY 9: Sunday 23 September

JAFFA, BEERSHEBA, DEAD SEA

Start your day with a short visit to the ancient port city of Old Jaffa and hear tales of Simon the Tanner and Jonah and the Whale. Drive south to Beersheba and enjoy a special day commemorating the achievements of the Australian soldiers in World War One. Follow the ANZAC trail and the main battlefield sites in the area and see the magnificent new Park of the Australian Soldier. Continue onto the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight. Overnight: Dead Sea

DAY 10: Monday 24 September

MASADA, EIN GEDI, DEAD SEA

Ascend the mighty fortress of Masada via cable car. Explore the remains of King Herod's luxurious palace and hear about the zealots who defied the Roman Empire from this location. Walk to the falls at Ein Gedi Oasis. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure floating in the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Overnight: Dead Sea

DAY 11: Tuesday 25 September (Yom Kippur Eve)

QUMRAN, JERUSALEM

Travel northwards along the Dead Sea to the caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Ascend the mountains to the holy city of Jerusalem. Start your visit with a magnificent view of the city from the Mount of Olives. See the Church of all Nations at the Garden of Gethsemane. 2pm check into your Jerusalem hotel before roads close for the Yom Kippur holy day. Spend remainder of afternoon observing preparations for the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. Dinner and overnight is at your hotel. Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY 12: Wednesday 26 September (Yom Kippur)

FREE DAY

Today is at leisure exploring the Old City on your own. All roads are closed to vehicular traffic and it is a unique time to experience the city by foot. Return for late lunch and then dinner at your hotel. Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY 13: Thursday 27 September

JERUSALEM - OLD CITY

Onto Mt. Zion to the Room of the Last Supper located in the Upper Room, above King David's Tomb. Enter the Old City via Lion's Gate. Visit the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church. Pass through Ecce

Homo Arch to the Via Dolorosa and onto the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Proceed to the Jewish Quarter for a tour of the secret Western Wall Tunnels. Visit the City of David. Walk through Warren's Shaft and Hezekiah's Tunnel to the Pool of Siloam. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY 14: Friday 28 September

JERUSALEM - NEW CITY, BETHLEHEM

This morning experience a moving visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Onto the Shrine of the Book to see the original Dead Sea Scrolls and see the model of Herodian Jerusalem at the Israel Museum. Enjoy an afternoon visit to Bethlehem to see the Shepherds' Fields, Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner at the village of Abu Gosh before returning to your hotel in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY 15: Saturday 29 September

DEPART JERUSALEM/AMMAN

Depart Jerusalem via the Judean Mountains and stop at an outlook for a full overview of the city of Jericho. Your tour of the Holy Land ends with a visit to Kasar el Yahud, the original site of the Baptism on the Jordan River. Cross into Jordan via the Allenby Bridge and onto Amman Airport for your Emirates departure flight this afternoon back to Australia. Those continuing to Egypt will catch a Royal Jordanian flight to Cairo at a similar time.

DAY 16: Sunday 30 September

ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive back in Melbourne with wonderful memories of a fantastic trip

OPTIONAL EGYPT EXTENSION

DAY 15: Saturday 29 September

ARRIVE CAIRO

Depart Amman on your Royal Jordanian Airlines flight to Cairo at 19:45. Arrival Cairo International Airport with meet and assist through visa and customs procedures. Transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Cairo

DAY 16: Sunday 30 September

PYRAMIDS

Enjoy a tour in the morning to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramids of Zoser, the world's oldest major stone structure. Transfer to Memphis, the centre of rule and culture for over 3000 years and the first capital of Egypt. See the magnificent Statue of Ramses II. In the afternoon return for a fascinating tour of the Great Pyramids at Giza, the 7th wonder of the world. See the magnificent Sphinx from close up. Option to venture inside a pyramid and have the opportunity to view the ancient burial tomb of the Pharaohs (cost not included). Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Cairo

DAY 17: Monday 1 October

OLD CAIRO

Enjoy a guided tour of the world famous Egyptian Museum, which houses the treasures of the "Boy King" – Tutankhamun, the mummy



of Ramses II as well as some of the most famous ancient art pieces in the world. Spend the rest of the day exploring the old Coptic Quarter of Cairo. Visit the beautiful Hanging Church and see the 11th Century Ben Ezra Synagogue. Dinner and overnight is at your hotel.
Overnight: Cairo

DAY 18: Tuesday 2 October ASWAN

Early morning transfer to Cairo Airport for your domestic flight to Aswan. Start your tour with a visit to the High Dam, an engineering miracle built in 1960 protecting Egypt from annual floods from the Nile. Proceed to visit the unfinished Obelisk which shows the techniques used by the ancient Egyptians to cut obelisks. Then onto the majestic Philae Temple, which was built in honour of the goddess Isis, the chief deity of the island. Embark your Nile cruise ship for lunch, and enjoy a felucca ride around the Agha Khan Mausoleum in the afternoon.
Overnight: on board cruise

DAY 19: Wednesday 3 October KOM OMBO

Enjoy a free morning OR board your Egypt Air morning flight to Abu Simbel. Visit the temples of Nefertari and Ramses - the masterpieces of ancient Egypt reflecting the glory and grandeur of the new Kingdom. Fly back to Aswan for lunch. In the afternoon sail to Kom

Umbo and visit the temple of Kom Umbo which stands on high ground overlooking the River Nile. Sail onto Edfu.
Overnight: on board

DAY 20: Thursday 4 October LUXOR

Visit the the majestic Temple of Edfu dedicated to Horus, which is considered by most to be the best preserved cult temple in Egypt. Sail to Luxor via the Esna lock. Enjoy lunch on board. Arrive at Luxor and visit the temples of Karnak and Luxor. See the spectacular Temple of Luxor by night.
Overnight: on board

DAY 21: Friday 5 October VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Tour the West bank of the Nile River including the Valley of the Kings, the Deir el Bahari at the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Memnon Colossi. Disembark and visit the Temple of Karnak. Transfer to Luxor Airport for your afternoon flight back to Cairo to connect with your Emirates departure flight at 18:30 this evening.

DAY 22: Saturday 6 October ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive back in Melbourne with wonderful memories of a fantastic trip
• Above itinerary is subject to variation



TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE TO JORDAN & ISRAEL:

AUD \$6690.00* per person (twin sharing) Single supplement: **AUD\$1450.00**

* Price is based on minimum of 30 full paying participants. Subject to change. Conditions apply.

OPTIONAL EGYPT EXTENSION:

\$2490* per person (twin share) Single supplement: **AUD\$650.00**

* Price is based on minimum of 10 full paying participants. Subject to change. Conditions apply.

Hotels to be used:

City: Hotel (or similar)

Petra: Taybet Zaman

Amman: Bristol

Tiberias: Nof Ginosar - deluxe rooms

Tel Aviv: Dan Panorama

Dead Sea: Isrotel

Jerusalem: Dan Panorama

Cairo: Sofitel El Gezira

Cruise: M/S World / Sara

MAIN JORDAN/ISRAEL PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class fares from Melbourne – Dubai – Amman with Emirates - 13 nights' hotel accommodation including daily buffet breakfasts & dinners throughout
- Daily lunches at good local restaurants
- Private candlelight dinner at Little Petra
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of local professional English speaking guide throughout the tour
- Airport meet and assistance and transfers and transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach

- Entrance fees to museums and all sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- All border crossing fees and visas
- Tips & gratuities throughout
- Dedicated group website with photos of group posted regularly

OPTIONAL EGYPT EXTENSION PRICE INCLUDES:

- One way airfare from Amman – Cairo with Royal Jordanian (including airport taxes)
- 3 nights' hotel accommodation in Cairo including daily buffet breakfasts & dinners throughout
- Lunches in Cairo in good local restaurants
- 3 nights' luxury Nile Cruise including all meals
- Domestic airfares with Egypt Air from Cairo – Aswan and Luxor– Cairo
- Domestic airfares with Egypt Air from Aswan – Abu Simbel - Aswan
- All touring, entrance fees, transfers and transport as per itinerary in luxury airconditioned vehicle
- English speaking tour guide throughout
- Egypt visa
- Tips and gratuities throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- International Airport & departure taxes (approx AUD\$195 per person)
- 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' on previous page

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Dawn Penney at ACCESS ministries or Steven Green at CTM Travel
2. Attend an Information evening at 6pm on - Monday, 26th March 2012 at:
ACCESS ministries (Level 2, 695 Burke Road Camberwell)
Please RSVP to Dawn Penney by Monday, 19th March.
3. To secure your place, a non refundable deposit of \$350 per person is required by Friday, 13th April 2012
4. Full payment is required by 01 August 2012



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