

Footsteps of Jesus - Israel and Jordan



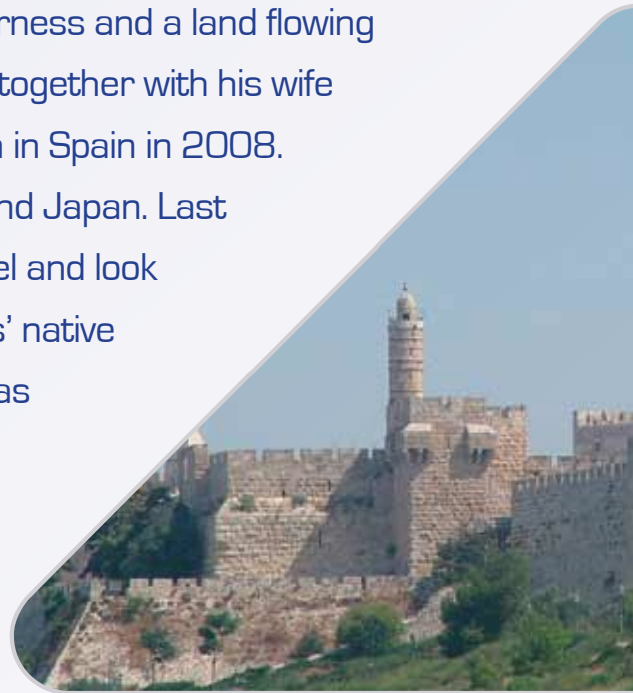
16 days, 3 October 2010
led by **Archdeacon Ray McInnes**

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To see the land of the Bible, to walk where Jesus walked, as well to experience the rich mixture of modern life in the Middle East, is an eye opening experience that will no doubt give you a Bible reading transformation. Passages in the Bible will come alive as we see shipyards, rocks, living water, green pastures, wilderness and a land flowing with milk and honey. Ray is the Vicar of Albert Park and together with his wife Glenys they led a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella in Spain in 2008. They have travelled in Italy, France, U.K., Bali, The USA and Japan. Last year they toured the Northern Territory, they enjoy travel and look forward to sharing in the experience of touring in Jesus' native land. Ray was appointed an Archdeacon in 2008 and has served in Parishes in Melbourne, North East Victoria (Dean of Wangaratta Cathedral) and England. He is a keen golfer and he enjoys painting water colour pictures and visiting galleries. Glenys enjoys reading, travel and has recently taken to painting as a hobby.

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TOUR PRICE PER ADULT

From Melbourne:

Share Twin Accommodation AUD \$ 5899

Land Only Cost twin share AUD \$ 5899

Single Share Supplement AUD \$ 1100

Business class Upgrades are available on request

PRICE INCLUDES:

- All airfares as per itinerary.
- International Airlines Emirates or similar.
- Airline taxes
- All accommodation in 4 star properties
- Breakfast and Dinners daily plus a traditional Galilean fish lunch
- Modern European 5 star Coach with toilet amenities.
- All Transfers and arrival assistance and border and airports.
- All entrance fees for site seeing inclusions as per itinerary.
- Visa for Jordan
- All guiding as per itinerary
- Portage at hotels.
- Tips for Guides and Driver.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Lunches where not indicated
- Drinks and personal purchases
- Travel Insurance.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

A deposit of \$500 per person is required by in order to secure a place on the tour. Please contact our office if you would like a Tour Registration form.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended when travelling overseas.

Extending or planning to include a Europe visit

If you would like to undertake further travel at the end of the tour. Mission Travel Group will be able to assist you with additional travel, please advise your needs when registering for the tour.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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ITINERARY

Oct 03 - Sun: Depart Melbourne

Depart Melbourne on your flight to Amman via Dubai

Oct 04 - Mon: Arrival Amman, Sheikh Hussein bridge, Tiberias

Arrive this morning. Transfer directly to the border with Israel at Sheikh Hussein. Cross into Israel and transfer to your hotel beside the Sea of Galilee for check-in and relaxation for remainder of the day.

Oct 05 - Tue: Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt Beatitudes, Jordan River

Visit the 1st century "Jesus Boat" found at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. Take the boat from Tiberias to Capernaum; there you will see an ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house which was later converted into a church. Also by the shore you will visit Tabgha site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. Driving around the Sea of Galilee we will visit the Ein Gev kibbutz museum. End the day with a splendid view of the Sea of Galilee from the Golan Heights beside Yarmuk River. Return to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Oct 06 - Wed: Sepphoris, Cana, Nazareth, Mt Tabor

Start with a visit to Sepphoris, home town of Anne, mother of Mary. Visit Cana, scene of the first miracle and visit the Church of the Wedding. Then go to Nazareth and see the oldest Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well: go back in time with a visit to Nazareth Village, an excavated village dating from around 1 AD. The excavations have carefully renovated the synagogue and houses to give a unique insight into village life and agriculture, as it would have been at the time of Jesus.. Drive to Mt Tabor, site of the Transfiguration of Christ. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Oct 07 - Thu: Golan Heights, Banias, Kursi, Korazim

Head up the Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou art the Christ". Continue to Tel Dan. Returning towards the Sea of Galilee we will visit Kursi and Korazim. Overnight and dinner is in Tiberias.

Oct 08 - Fri: Megiddo, Muhraka, Haifa, Caesarea, Jaffa, Jerusalem

Proceed to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament, including a visit to Ahab's tunnel. Then to Muhraka for a spectacular view of the northern region. Continue to Haifa and from Mount Carmel have a wonderful view of the area. Stop at Caesarea, once the capital of the Roman province, and see the harbour from which St. Paul was taken to Rome. Finally if time we will proceed to Jaffa, where Jonah set sail. Drive up the Judean hills to the holy city of Jerusalem.

Oct 09 - Sat: Jerusalem: Mt Olives, Old City

Start with a spectacular view of Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives - Walk down the Palm Sunday Road and visit the Church of all Nations at the Garden of Gethsemane - Visit the Pool of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, traditional birthplace of Mary's mother. Pass through Ecce Homo Arch, visit the Convent of the Sisters of Zion and see Jerusalem from the roof of the Austrian Hospice. Follow the Via Dolorosa, passing the Stations of the Cross to the Church of The Holy Sepulchre. Overnight and dinner in Jerusalem .

Oct 10 - Sun: Mt Zion, New City of Jerusalem, Yad Vashem

Drive to the Tomb of the Kings on Mount Zion visit the tomb of David, the Upper Room and the Church of the Dormition. Continue to the New City and, passing the Hebrew University and the Knesset, visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book and then to the 2nd Temple Model of Jerusalem. Proceed to Yad Vashem to see the Museum of the Holocaust. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct 11 - Mon: Jerusalem at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the Old City or relax and rest.

Oct 12 - Tue: Western Wall - Temple Mount - Jewish Quarter - City of David

Enter the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall, the Temple Area with the Al-Aksa mosque and the Dome of the Rock where Abraham was going to sacrifice his son. Enjoy time to visit the Jewish Quarter. See the Cardo, the Burnt House and the Herodian Mansion. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct 13 - Wed: Bethlehem, Herodian, Garden Tomb

Morning visit to Bethlehem to see the Church of the Nativity and on to the Sheperd's Field. Continue to Herodian, Herod's dramatic Palace fortress with views of Jerusalem and of the Judean Wilderness. Conclude the day with service of Holy Communion at Garden Tomb at 15:00

Oct 14 - Thu: Bethany, Qumran, Dead Sea, Masada

Drive to Bethany, home of Matha, Mary and Lazarus. See the wine-press. Continue through the Judean hills to visit Qumran where Essene enclave was and see the caves wher the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden. Drive along the shore of the Dead Sea onto Ein Gedi and then to Masada, the stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Overnight beside the Dead Sea.

Oct 15 - Fri: Dead Sea, Arava border, Wadi Rum, Petra

Depart our hotel in the Dead Sea and drive through the arid Negev desert to the port city of Eilat by the Red Sea. Cross the border 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 Center where we will pick up our 4 wheel drive vehicles and tour more of this beautiful landscape. Continue to Petra for dinner and overnight.

Oct 16 - Sat: 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.

Oct 17 - Sun: Kings Highway

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 Beduin theme.

Oct 18 - Mon: Departure

Enjoy a brief orientation tour of Amman including the Roman Theatre and Museum. Enjoy a light lunch at a local restaurant before departing to the airport for your flight back home.