

A HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE

Plus Petra in Jordan & Rome, Italy

29 April- 18 May
2019

YOUR TOUR HOSTS
Pastor Grant &
Helen Spangenberg

Tour Focus: To visit Israel and other places mentioned in the Bible is a never to be forgotten experience. Journey with us, on our fourth trip, in the footsteps of God's people of both the Old and New Testaments, to walk where Jesus walked, to see the sites and sense something of life in Bible times. Starting in Jordan and finishing in Rome! Share in a wonderful experience which will leave you with memories for a lifetime.

Featuring: Petra, Mt Nebo, Madaba, Dead Sea, Beer Sheba, Caesarea, Megiddo, Galilee, Safed, Nazareth Jerusalem, Rome



TOUR PACKAGE PRICE ISRAEL

\$7,990* PER PERSON TWIN SHARING

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT
ADDITIONAL \$1,975**

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*Price is subject to a minimum of 20 full paying adults, currency fluctuation, or increase - conditions apply

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Pastor Grant Spangenberg has served in Christian ministry for 30 years with Churches of Christ, in Queensland and South Australia. He is currently nearing the end of his fourth year with the Murray Bridge Church of Christ.

Helen is a community aged care worker. The Spangenberg have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy airfares Australia/Amman - Tel Aviv/Rome /Australia
- Accommodation 3-4, star hotels with meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner as indicated BLD)
- Tipping & Gratuities for arrangements included in the tour itinerary
- Transportation - bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport
- Entrances fees - Historical sites, Museums, Parks etc
- Guide - English speaking licensed, Christian/Messianic where available

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Travel Insurance - Mandatory, if you are not choosing the option offered by Olive Tree Travel a copy of your policy is required
- Drinks with meals
- Individual activities on free days
- Individual Airport Transfers apart from the group
- Single room supplement (\$1975.00 additional to tour cost)
- Wheelchairs
- Visas

WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Obtain a booking form from Trish Cortizo 0421638453/1300 550 830 or trish@olivetretravel.com.au
2. To secure your place a deposit of \$600 is required.
3. Final balance will be due by 20 February, 2019



Day 1: Monday 29 April

Departure from Australia to Dubai and on to Amman. (Meals in flight)

Day 2: Tuesday 30 April

On arrival in Amman we transfer to our hotel where there is an opportunity to rest before commencing our Holy Land tour. Dinner at the Tawaheem Al Hawa traditional Bedouin Restaurant. Overnight Amman (D)

Day 3: Wednesday 1st May

Morning visit to MADABA to view the historically significant Byzantine mosaics at St George's Church. Stand on MT Nebo, where God showed the Promised Land to Moses then continue south along the Desert Highway to the Crusader Castle of Kerak, location of a once important city in the biblical kingdom of Moab. Kerak was also home to the Nabateans, Romans (from 105 AD), and the Byzantines. Afternoon arrival to the Rose City of Petra for Overnight. (BD)

Day 4: Thursday 2nd May

Morning guided tour of Petra viewing the magnificent Treasury, temples, tombs, houses and the amphitheatre. Free time for personal exploration in the afternoon. Overnight Petra. (BD)

Day 5: Friday 3rd May

Crossing into Israel via the Arava Border, we visit Timna and the recreated Wilderness Tabernacle. Continue north to our hotel on the Dead Sea. Once you have settled in you are free to enjoy a 'float' in the medicinal waters of the Dead Sea. Bookings for the mineral rich spa treatments must be made in advance with your tour guide. Overnight Dead Sea. (BD)

Day 6: Saturday 4th May

This morning we ascend, by cable car, to the summit of the mighty fortress of Masada, site of the last heroic 3-year resistance of 960 Jewish defenders against the Roman Empire and of Herod's summer Palace. From the top we enjoy panoramic views of Jordan and the Dead Sea. Overnight Dead Sea. (BD)

Day 7: Sunday 5th May

In Beer Sheva (Seven Wells) we follow the path of the Light Horse. Firstly, the memorial Park of the Australian Soldier and the British Cemetery where Australian, New Zealand and British Soldiers lay at rest together. Around the battlefields of Beer Sheva, we visit Tel es Saba, where the NZ Mounted Rifles and some Australians took the high place, and Chauvel's Hill to view the plain where the 800 Australian Light Horsemen rode into history with their famous charge. Beer Sheva is also the site of Abraham's well. Following the Mediterranean coast line north, we arrive to the ancient Port of Joppa. Jonah's journey, Tabitha's restoration to life, and Peter's conversion of the Gentiles all began here. After a short, guided tour, free time to wander the ancient arcades of Jaffa. Overnight by the Mediterranean Sea in Tel Aviv. (BD)

Day 8: Monday 6th May

Travel the trade route of the Via Maris to Caesarea, (Acts 23:31 – 26:32) site of Herod's Palace, home of Cornelius and where Paul was brought to trial. Take in the panoramic view over the Jezreel Valley from Mt Carmel, also known as Muhaqqa. It was here that Elijah called down fire from Heaven to defeat the prophets of Baal. Explore Tel Megiddo, location of strategic battles and civilisations dating back over 5,000 years. Megiddo overlooks the large plain where the final battle of Armageddon is prophesied to take place. Overnight Galilee. (BD)

Day 9: Tuesday 7th May

A traditional fishing vessel will take us across the Sea of Galilee, with a time of reflection and praise on the calm Sea. (Mark 4:35-41) We disembark at Nof Ginosar, a kibbutz located on the shores of the 'Kinneret', housing the remains of a boat from the time of Jesus. In Capernaum, the city of Jesus, we visit the ruins of the synagogue where He performed many miracles. (Luke 4:31-37) View the excavations of Peter's house (Luke 4:38-41) and visit Tabgha, (John 6:1-14), where Jesus performed the miracle of multiplication with five loaves and two fishes. Ascend the Mount of Beatitudes, to read the Sermon on the Mount. Enjoy a St Peter's Fish lunch followed by an opportunity, for those who wish, to be baptised in the Jordan. Overnight Galilee. (BD)

Day 10: Wednesday 8th May

Today we visit Safed, the picturesque mountain top town that is the home of Jewish mysticism. Visit historic synagogues and wander through a feast of delightful Arts and Craft stores. Continue to Upper Galilee to walk through the Dan National Park to the remains of the Altar established as an idolatrous place of worship by King Jeroboam. See Abraham's Gate dating back 4,000 years. From here we journey on to Banias to visit Caesarea Philippi where Peter made his confession. (Mark 8:27-30) Overnight at Sea of Galilee. (BD)

Day 11: Thursday 9th May

Pass through Cana to visit the town of Nazareth (Luke 1:26-38). At Nazareth Village, experience lifestyle recreated as it was, in the time of Jesus. Following the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean (1 Samuel 31:1-13), we explore this Roman Decapolis City. Make a brief stop at Bethany on the Jordan Baptismal site and Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered before beginning our ascent through the Judean Desert, 'up to Jerusalem'. From Mount Scopus, we will have our first view of the 'City of God' flowing over the Mt of Olives with the view of the Old City in the background. Overnight in Jerusalem. (BD)

Day 12: Friday 10th May

Awake in Jerusalem! This morning we stand on the Mount of Olives! Descend the Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:36-46). Enter Dominus Flevit Church of the Tear Drop and Mary's Tomb. Entering into the Old City of Jerusalem through St Stephen's (the Lion's) Gate we visit St Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus cured an invalid (John 5:1-10) and the Ecco Homo to see the Lithostrotos (Roman Paving) under the Convent considered to be where Jesus suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers, and where the trial by Pontius Pilate took place. Passing the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa we meander through the colourful and vibrant markets of the Old City, we arrive to the Holy Sepulchre Church. Our Old City adventure culminates at the Jaffa Gate and the Christchurch. After a time for refreshment in the gardens and café we walk atop the Ramparts/Walls of the Old City. Overnight Jerusalem. (BD)

Day 13: Saturday 11th May (Shabbat)

Free day to rest or do your own exploration of this fascinating city. Special 'Passover Experience Dinner' this evening. Overnight in Jerusalem. (BD)

Day 14: Sunday 12th May

Walk through the Biblical City of David, the very roots of Jerusalem, where archeology confirms the Bible. Take an expedition through the water tunnel engineered by King Hezekiah. A torch and sandshoes would be helpful in this subterranean passage. Return to our hotel to freshen up before commencing our afternoon program. We pass by the Knesset, Israel's House of Governance, and the landmark Menorah before a sombre reminder, at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, of the destruction of over 5 million Jewish lives. Enter the Shrine of the Book housing remains of The Dead Sea Scrolls. Gain a perspective of Jerusalem, as it was in the time of Jesus, at the 1/4 acre scale model of the ancient city. Visit the Citadel of David Museum followed by a special dinner in the Armenian Quarter of the Old City at the Bulghourji Restaurant. The highlight of our evening out is a spectacular sound and light show at the Citadel of David. Overnight Jerusalem. (BD)

Day 15: Monday 13th May

This morning we visit the Temple Mount (Mosque with the golden dome), the Western Wall (Luke 2:21-24), the most sacred site for the Jewish people. We will explore the Herodian Tunnel, with the scale model of the Temple Mount during the time of Herod the highlight of our visit. We will walk on the Southern Steps of the Temple Mount before a lunch break in the Jewish Quarter. At the Temple Institute, we see authentically recreated Temple Worship instruments. Next, we enter the Burnt House, and then wander through the Jewish Quarter via the Cardo to Mount Zion (Psalm 48). Overnight Jerusalem. (BD)

Day 16: Tuesday 14th May

Special time of fellowship at the Garden Tomb. Learn of Golgotha and celebrate Communion at an open-air altar close by the empty Tomb. The serenity of this place makes it a spiritual oasis within this bustling city. Before departing Jerusalem, we visit the Australian War Cemetery on Mt Scopus. Early afternoon transfer to the Ben Gurion International Airport for our flight to Rome for Overnight. (BD)

Day 17: Wednesday 15th May

City tour of Rome taking in famous landmarks such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona with its 'Fountain of the Four Rivers' by the sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini, St Peter's Basilica, The Vatican, the Roman Forum, tour of the Colosseum and St Paul's Basilica. Overnight Rome. (BD)

Day 18: Thursday 16th May

Visit the Vatican with the opportunity to see one of the world's great collections of Classical and Renaissance art. The climax of the tour is the Sistine Chapel. Its walls feature paintings by Perugino, Ghirlandajo, Botticelli, Signorelli and Michelangelo, with the famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo from 1508 to 1512. Among the many ceiling panels tracing the creation of the world and the fall of man is the renowned 'Creation of Adam'. As you stroll back to the tour bus, our guide will point out the Pope's apartment building. Free time in the afternoon for personal sightseeing or shopping. Dine at a typical Italian restaurant, and walk the piazza after dinner. (BD)

Day 19: Friday 17th May

Morning visit to the catacombs of Rome before transferring to the airport for our departure flight home via Dubai. (B)

Day 20: Saturday 18th May

Arrival home to Australia. Optional Dubai stopover available.

European and Mediterranean Extensions, Dubai or Asian stopovers can be arranged through Trish Cortizo at Olive Tree Travel.



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