



Study Tour to the Holy Land

13
Days

Fully
Escorted

15th – 27th June
2022

Escorted by the Rev Dr Robert Derrenbacker
& the Rt Rev Dr Stephen Andrews



Welcome to the Australian-Canadian Holy Land Pilgrimage and Study Tour. The Rev'd Dr Robert Derrenbacker and the Rt Rev'd Dr Stephen Andrews are looking forward to acting as your hosts on the third trip they've taken together with local expert guide, Raouf. Each of the previous trips has been characterised by great fun, deep fellowship and rich learning. This year, they are thrilled to be offering a truly international gathering.

The Presbyterian author, Frederick Buechner, has written that 'religion as a word points to that area of human experience where in one way or another we come upon mystery as a summons to pilgrimage'. This pilgrimage will allow us to experience a land that stands at the heart of the mystery of the world's great Western religions. We will find ourselves summoned to a pilgrimage of the mind, as we live imaginatively in the world of the patriarchs, prophets and prophets. But even more, we will be summoned to a pilgrimage of the heart, as we remember how the purposes of God were manifested in a Galilean lay preacher who is the mystery of the Word Incarnate. We are certain that the trip will leave a lasting impression on any whose journey through life is a seeking after truth.

ABOUT YOUR HOSTS:



The **Revd Dr Robert Derrenbacker** is a Priest in the Diocese of Melbourne and has been Dean of Trinity College Theological School since January 2019. Prior to his move to Australia, Bob was President of Thorneloe University in Sudbury, Canada, for nearly a decade (2009-2018).

A graduate of the University of Toronto with a Ph.D. in New Testament, Bob has taught at Wycliffe College, Tyndale Seminary, St. Peter's Seminary, Regent College, and Thorneloe University. Bob is married to Cindy. He has been to the Holy Land four times before - on an archaeological dig and three as a tour group leader.



The **Rt Revd Dr Stephen Andrews** has been Principal of Wycliffe College (Toronto) since 2016. Prior to that, he was Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma (2009-2016) and the President of Thorneloe University, Sudbury, Canada (2001-2009). Having majored in classics as an undergraduate, he studied theology at Regent College and Wycliffe College.

He holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge University; his field of research was in Second Temple Judaism. Bishop Andrews is married to Fawna. He has been to the Holy Land twice before as a tour group leader.



ABOUT YOUR LOCAL EXPERT GUIDE:

Raouf Karborani was born in the old city of Jerusalem to a Christian family. With extensive and in-depth knowledge of the Bible and Middle East history, Raouf has been guiding groups to the Holy Land for over 20 years. Prior to his work as a guide, Raouf worked for the United Nations as an Assistant to the Refugee Officer and was part of the security planning team for the UN. Raouf and his family (his wife Sonia and their two grown sons) have lived in Canada since 2011. Raouf has worked with Bob Derrenbacker and Stephen Andrews with their previous two trips to the Holy Land in 2016 and 2018.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE Depart Australia / Canada

Depart Melbourne this evening on our Etihad flight via Abu Dhabi to Tel Aviv. Canadians will also depart today (contact Bp Stephen Andrews for details).

**DAY 2: THURSDAY 16 JUNE
Arrive Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Tiberias**

Arrive into Tel Aviv today at 12:30 midday, where the groups from Australia and Canada will come together and meet our local tour guide and driver. We will enjoy a tour of Old Joppa before we drive up the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima, where Paul was imprisoned, and the location for the famous Roman aqueduct along the nearby shoreline. Proceed to Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee and check in to your hotel for early dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 3: FRIDAY 17 JUNE Sepphoris, Cana, Nazareth

We start the day with a visit to Sepphoris, hometown of Anne, mother of Mary. Visit Cana, scene of the first miracle and visit the Church of the Wedding. We then go to Nazareth and see the oldest Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (BD)

**DAY 4: SATURDAY 18 JUNE
Caesarea Philippi, Tel Dan, Mt of Beatitudes, Capernaum**

This morning we will drive north through the Golan Heights, to visit the site of ancient Caesarea-Philippi. There will be time to enjoy the natural beauty of the area, as well as to read and prayerfully reflect on the biblical narratives associated with Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah. We visit Tel Dan before we return to the Sea of Galilee and to Capernaum, where we will see the ruins of the ancient synagogue and a house that may once have been home to Peter. From here, a winding road takes us to the heights above the Sea of Galilee and to the church on the Mt of Beatitudes. This area is associated with the Sermon on the Mount and provides lovely views over the surrounding Galilean countryside. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (BD)

**DAY 5: SUNDAY 19 JUNE
Boat Ride, Tabgha, Beit Shean, Beit Alpha**

This morning we will see the first century 'Jesus boat' recovered from the Sea of Galilee some years ago. We will then ourselves take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, pausing on the lake for a service of prayer and praise. Back on shore we will visit Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. After lunch we continue to Beit Alpha and Beit Shean, an ancient biblical and later Roman city that has been extensively excavated. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (BD)

**DAY 6: MONDAY 20 JUNE
Baptismal Site, the Judean wilderness, Jericho, Dead Sea**

After breakfast, our drive will take us through the Jordan Valley to visit the Qasr el-Yahud baptism site. We then drive into the Judean wilderness to recall the baptism of Jesus and his subsequent temptation. Visit the site of ancient Jericho to view the Mt of Temptation and the sycamore tree. Check in to our hotel at the Dead Sea and take the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea before dinner and our overnight stay. (BD)

DAY 7: TUESDAY 21 JUNE Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, Jerusalem

We start the day with a visit to Masada, the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Continue to visit Ein Gedi where David is reputed to have hidden from Saul, and then drive to Qumran where the Essene enclave was and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and later found. Later we transfer to Jerusalem to check into our hotel for dinner, late check in and overnight. (BD)

**DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE
Jerusalem, Mt of Olives, Shepherd's Field, Bethlehem**

We will begin our day on the Mt of Olives, where we will be privileged a wonderful view of Jerusalem. We then begin our descent on foot, following the path taken by Jesus on the first Palm Sunday. Halfway down we will pause at the Church of 'Dominus Flevit' ('The Lord wept') and upon reaching the bottom of the mount we will come to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Afterwards we will travel to Bethlehem where we will visit first the Shepherd's Fields, the traditional site where the angels announced the birth of the Messiah to shepherds watching their flocks by night. After a service in one of the cave chapels, we proceed to the Church of the Holy Nativity, reputed to have been built over the cave in which Jesus was born. (BD)

**DAY 9: THURSDAY 23 JUNE
Jerusalem Old City, Mt Zion, Israel Museum**

Early this morning we will walk the Via Dolorosa or 'Way of the Cross,' a meaning-filled and deeply spiritual walk through the Old City of Jerusalem, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Afterwards we continue to Mt Zion to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu. Later we drive to the New City and, passing the Hebrew University and the Knesset, visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book and the 2nd Temple Model of Jerusalem. Return to our Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

DAY 10: FRIDAY 24 JUNE Jerusalem, Yad Vashem

We later enter the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall, and the temple area with the Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock where Abraham was going to sacrifice his son. Continue to the Western (or 'Wailing') Wall and afterwards, continue to Yad Vashem to visit the Museum of The Holocaust. (BD)

**DAY 11: SATURDAY 25 JUNE
Free Day in Jerusalem, Farewell Dinner**

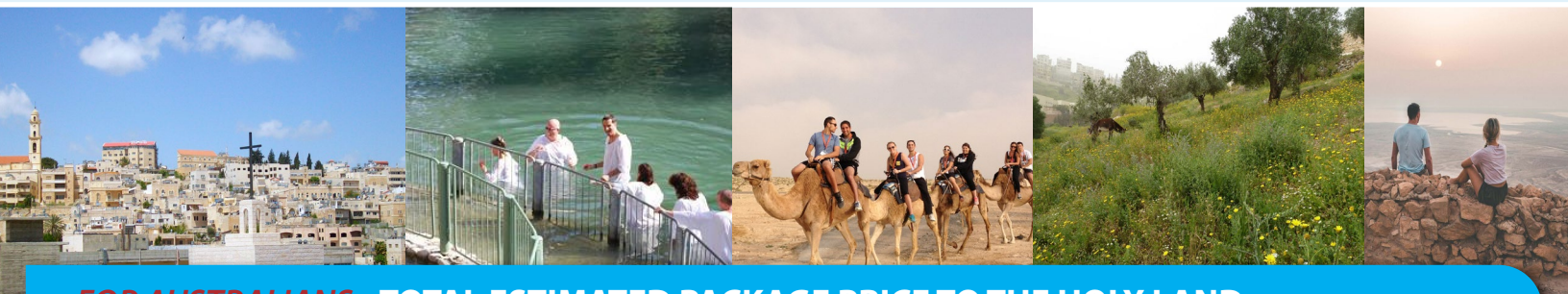
Today will be a free day to enjoy at our leisure. This evening we will transfer to Abu Gosh for our delicious final farewell valedictory meal together at a Middle Eastern restaurant as our time as pilgrims comes to an end. (BD)

DAY 12: SUNDAY 26 JUNE Depart Jerusalem

There will be an opportunity to attend the Sunday morning service at St George's Anglican Cathedral Jerusalem (optional). Check out of the hotel after breakfast and enjoy some free time for last minute shopping or sightseeing. Depart for the airport for our return Etihad flight back to Australia at 3:15pm (Canadians, please check with +Stephen) (B)

DAY 13: MONDAY 27 JUNE Arrive Australia / Canada

Arrive home with wonderful memories of our trip!

**FOR AUSTRALIANS TOTAL ESTIMATED PACKAGE PRICE TO THE HOLY LAND:**

(Per Person Twin Share in AUD)

AUD\$5,990 per person (twin share)

**OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM
SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL**

AUD \$1,485

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

FOR CANADIANS TOTAL ESTIMATED PACKAGE PRICE TO THE HOLY LAND (excluding airfare):

(Per Person Twin Share in AUD)

AUD\$3,990 per person (twin share)
(approx. CAD\$3700)

**OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM
SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL**

AUD \$1,485
(approx. CAD\$1370)

*Price is based on minimum of 30 paying participants. Excludes airfares. This price must be paid in AUD\$. Conditions apply. Subject to change

Theological students who participate in the pilgrimage may enrol in a University of Divinity unit through Trinity College Theological School. For more information, please visit www.trinity.edu.au/theology

PROPOSED HOTELS FOR JORDAN/ISRAEL (OR SIMILAR)

Tiberias	Caesar Hotel	4 nights
Dead Sea	Leonardo Club	1 night
Jerusalem	Ambassador Hotel	5 nights

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy class fares from Melbourne – Abu Dhabi – Tel Aviv with Etihad (Australian package only)
- 10 nights' hotel accommodation including daily buffet breakfasts & dinners throughout, all meals in hotels unless otherwise specified.
- 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
- Tips & gratuities throughout
- Current airport & departure taxes
- Headsets

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Lunches
- 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' above

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Rev Dr Bob Derrenbacker, Bishop Stephen Andrews or the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. Canadian participants should contact Bishop Stephen Andrews to get proposed flight details and costs
3. To secure your place, a deposit of AUD\$350 per person is required by 15 December 2021
4. Full payment will be required by 25th March 2022



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