



Petra, Jordan. Photo credit: Dennis Jarvis



Olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane. Photo credit: Ian Scott

Visit biblical sites with fellow pilgrims seeking the way of Jesus. Follow the Israelites' route to Canaan and see Petra's fabulous ruins. Stand atop Mt. Nebo and descend to the Jordan River. Walk where John baptized, sing carols at Bethlehem, pray at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, and go to the Upper Room. Explore Nazareth, hear beatitudes on a hill by Capernaum, and ascend to the heights of Masada. Nelson Kraybill will guide this journey with pastoral sensitivity and reflection on current justice issues.

This tour can be paired with once-in-ten years Oberammergau Passion Play tickets & a 2-night hotel stay, June 6-8, 2022.

Itinerary

Thursday, May 26 Amman

Arrive in Amman, Jordan, settle into your hotel, and gather to enjoy the first of many meals together. Amman is the political and cultural centre of Jordan, and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world.

Friday, May 27 Amman

View the Jordan River valley, site of many pivotal biblical events. See where the Israelites crossed into the Promised Land. View the spot where Elijah was taken up to heaven. See where John the Baptist preached and where Jesus was baptized. Visit Lot's cave and museum to remember the story of Lot at Sodom.

Saturday, May 28 Petra

Ascend the heights of Mount Nebo, where Moses surveyed the Promised Land. See Herod the Great's fortress of Machaerus, likely where John the Baptist was killed. Stop at the Byzantine Church containing the oldest map of Palestine. Travel into the biblical land of Moab. Learn about the Israelites' trek on their way to the Promised Land, and the story of Balaam and his donkey. Stop for the night in Petra (Seir in the Bible).

Sunday, May 29 Dead Sea

Take in the grandeur of Petra, an ancient trade centre and burial grounds of the Nabataean people during New Testament times. See amazing temple-like

tombs chiselled from rose-coloured sandstone at this world-famous site. Then travel to the Dead Sea and if time allows, relax as you float in its buoyant salty waters.

Monday, May 30 Dead Sea

Tour the ancient Citadel of Amman (Biblical Rammah) and the Roman city of Jerash. Stroll through the ancient Jerash Hippodrome, where chariot races used to take place. Then meet with MCC workers at the MCC Jordan office to learn about their important work in the Near East.

Tuesday, May 31 Tiberias, Israel

Cross from Jordan into Israel. Journey up Mount Carmel, where Elijah met the prophets of Baal, and take in views of the splendid Jezreel Valley. Then tour Nazareth Village, a living history museum of a first-century hamlet. Learn more about the life and teachings of Jesus as we see what his childhood hometown might have looked like and go on a guided parable walk. Enter a replica of a first-century synagogue. Explore nearby ancient Sepphoris. At the Church of the Annunciation, remember Mary's visit from the angel Gabriel. Time permitting, stop at Magdala and meet with a Priest.

Wednesday, June 1 Tiberias

Journey to Caesarea, where Peter shared the gospel with the centurion. See the aqueduct built by Herod. Survey the land of Jesus' ministry from a boat

on the Sea of Galilee. Recall episodes from Jesus' life as you visit the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, and Church of the Loaves & Fishes. Enjoy a St. Peter's fish lunch.

Thursday, June 2 Jerusalem

Stop at Harod Spring. Go to the foot of Mount Gilboa, where Saul fell in battle, and to ancient Jezreel. After passing through the Jordan Valley to ancient Jericho, ride a cable car up the Mount of Temptation. Along the steep road to Jerusalem through the desert, remember the Good Samaritan of the famous parable.

Friday, June 3 Jerusalem

Travel to Bethlehem for a look at the Church of the Nativity and Shepherds' Field. At the Israel Museum, an extensive model will give you a bird's eye view of ancient Jerusalem. Also, see the Shrine of the Book. See the Pool of Siloam. Step into a medieval building with an Upper Room commemorating the Last Supper.

Saturday, June 4 Jerusalem

Visit Masada, the magnificent site of Herod's palaces and of the last stand of the Jews who rebelled against Rome (AD 66-73). At Qumran, survey the ruins of the first-century radical Jewish community in the desert that produced the Dead Sea Scrolls found in caves nearby. Later, learn from MCC workers in Jerusalem.

Sunday, June 5 Jerusalem

From the Mount of Olives, get a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Pause at the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, and visit the Tower of David Museum to see the *Kishle*—the possible location where Jesus faced Pilate. Take part in communion in the Garden Tomb. Reminisce about your tour over a farewell dinner together.

Monday, June 6

Depart Tel Aviv for North America or to Germany for the Passion Play. Travel home with rich new insights about your faith and the Bible.

Tour Fare per person:

CAD: Double Occupancy \$4,844
Single Supplement \$1,205

USD: Double Occupancy \$3,845
Single Supplement \$855

Fare includes:

- Hotel accommodations
- Land transportation within the tour
- Group airport transfers
- Entrance fees included in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch, all dinners
- Expert tour leaders, knowledgeable local guides
- Gratuities for drivers, guides, and group meals

Fare excludes:

- International airfare
- Airport transfers if separate from group
- Most lunches, Beverages with meals
- Any additional or optional activities
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

Insurance

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

Payments

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