



Acre Harbour

Medical and Dental Study Tour in the Holy Land

16 – 25 November 2019

With extension to Petra
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tours



The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem

Travel through the Holy Land and experience both the historical treasures and modern cosmopolitan society contained within this relatively small region. Travel from Tel Aviv to Haifa, from where you will explore Acre, Nazareth and the Galilee region. Drive along the Jordan Valley via Masada to the Dead Sea. The tour ends in Jerusalem, a city sacred across the world. There are wide ranging professional visits to hospitals and clinics reflecting of all the faith groups of the region. Through visits, talks and discussion groups learn of medical education and practice, the role of women and minorities, traditional healing and medical history.

There is an optional extension to Jordan after the tour to visit Petra and see the stunning desert landscapes of Wadi Rum.

Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to the Cinema Hotel, a retired Bauhaus cinema in the heart of Tel Aviv, and enjoy a welcome dinner. The following morning take a short orientation tour that highlights the history of this beachside city, known for its Bauhaus architecture, technology, cuisine and contemporary outlook. Visit the Tel

Aviv University Medical and Dental School and learn about medical and dental education in Israel.

In the afternoon visit the ancient port of Jaffa, famous for its association with the biblical stories of Jonah, Solomon and Saint Peter as well as the mythological story of Andromeda and Perseus. Visit the attractive Ilana Goor Museum, situated in a lovely old building overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and known for its eclectic collection. Visit Abraham's Orchard (our chosen



Amphitheatre at Caesarea



Bahai Gardens, Haifa (top); Citadel of the Knights, Acre (above)

project), an educational charity that brings children of all backgrounds together.

The next morning drive to the magnificent Roman city of Caesarea and explore what was one of the most important Roman cities in the world. Stop for lunch with time at leisure in Zichron Ya'akov, an attractive hilltop town in the Carmel Mountains, founded by Baron Rothschild and known for its wineries. Arrive in Haifa and check into your boutique hotel in the old town. That afternoon visit the University of Haifa and meet with Professor Efraim Lev, a local medical historian who will talk on the medical history of the region. Tour leader Paul Johnson will also talk on medieval surgery, setting the scene for the visit to the Crusader city of Acre the following day.

See the wonderful Bahai Gardens, also known as the Hanging Gardens of Haifa, before travelling to the Sea of Galilee. Visit Tabgha, where Jesus walked on water and also the site of the loaves and the fishes miracle, the Sermon on the Mount

and the calling of the first apostles. Continue to Capernaum, the hometown of the disciples Simon, Andrew, James, Peter and John, and the centre of Jesus's ministry.

In the afternoon visit Acre, a walled port city and one of the oldest continually inhabited cities on earth. During the crusades the city was taken by Richard the Lionheart and became the main crusader port and the centre of the Knights Hospitaller and Teutonic Order. Explore the atmospheric city, including the Citadel of the Knights, the inns and Turkish bathhouse.

Next day drive to Nazareth and visit the EMMS Nazareth Hospital, also known as the Scottish Hospital and English Hospital. This is the general hospital of the city and was founded as a Christian mission by the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society in 1861. Nazareth is known for its cuisine and following a delicious lunch visit the Basilica of Annunciation (where the Angel Gabriel is said to have told Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God), Mary's Well and the ancient bathhouse.

Drive to Masada and take a cable car up to Herod's hilltop palace and fortress. Continue to the Dead Sea and spend the afternoon relaxing in and by the waters. The next day visit the lush Ein Gedi Botanic Gardens before meeting with a Bedouin women doctor over lunch and learning about her culture and Bedouin traditional medicine. Arrive in Jerusalem and check into the



Nazareth



Next day visit East Jerusalem and see the Augusta Victoria Hospital and visit the Church of St John the Baptist. Continue to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity and in the evening enjoy your final farewell dinner with the group.

Transfer to the airport the following day for your return flight or take the extension to Jordan.



boutique Arthur Hotel. Make a late afternoon visit to the Western Wall to witness Shabbat prayers.

Beautiful, ancient and deeply spiritual, the city of Jerusalem is revered by the three great monotheistic religions of the world – Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Spend a full day exploring some of the great sites of the city, starting with a visit to the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view across Jerusalem. Continue into the Josaphat Valley to visit the Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Enter the Old City and see the Pool of Bathsheba. Pass through the narrow winding streets to visit the Studium Biblicum Franciscum, a 17th century pharmacy. Continue to the Via Dolorosa and follow the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Onto the slopes of Mount Zion to visit the tomb of King David, the beautiful Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition and the Cenacle, which since the 4th century has been identified as the site of the Last Supper.

Galilee (top); Masada; Garden of Gethsemane (above)

2 nights Tel Aviv – 3 nights Haifa – 1 night Dead Sea – 3 nights Jerusalem

16 Nov (Sat) Tel Aviv **D**
Pm Arrive in Tel Aviv
Eve Welcome dinner

17 Nov (Sun) Tel Aviv **B D**
Am Orientation tour of Tel Aviv. Visit Tel Aviv University Medical and Dental School and learn about education
Pm Visit Jaffa and learn of the history of this ancient port city. Continue to the Ilana Goor Museum. Visit Abraham's Orchard and learn about their work with children

18 Nov (Mon) Tel Aviv / Haifa **B D**
Am Visit the Roman port city of Caesarea
Pm Drive up to Zichron Ya'akov and at leisure for lunch with time to browse the wineries, cafes and shops. Visit the University of Haifa Medical School. Meet with Professor Efraim Lev and learn about the medical history of the region. Talk: *"How to remove an arrow from the face – medieval and modern methods"* by Paul Johnson

19 Nov (Tue) Haifa **B D**
Am See the Bahai Gardens. Drive to the Sea of Galilee and visit the biblical sites of Tabgha and Capernaum
Pm Travel to Acre and explore the history of the city, including the Knights Halls of Hospitaller and Templar Orders. At leisure to explore Acre

20 Nov (Wed) Haifa **B L**
Am Visit Nazareth and visit the English / Scottish Hospital
Pm Experience Galilean cuisine at a local restaurant. Visit the Basilica of Annunciation, Mary's Well and the ancient bathhouse

21 Nov (Thur) Haifa / Dead Sea **B D**
Am Visit Masada, Herod's hilltop fortress, by cable car
Pm Drive to the Dead Sea and at leisure to float

22 Nov (Fri) Dead Sea / Jerusalem **B L**
Am Visit the Ein Gedi Botanic Garden
Pm Meet with a women Bedouin doctor and learn about Bedouin and community medicine. Continue to Jerusalem. Late afternoon optional visit to the Western Wall to witness the Shabbat prayers

23 Nov (Sat) Jerusalem **B D**
Am Visit the Mount of Olives, Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Enter the Old City and see the Pool of Bethesda. Pass through the narrow winding streets to visit the Studium Biblicum Franciscum. Onto the Via Dolorosa and follow the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. To the slopes of Mount Zion and visit the tomb of King David, the beautiful Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition and the Cenacle, which since the 4th century has been identified as the site of the Last Supper

24 Nov (Sun) Jerusalem **B D**
Am Visit East Jerusalem and see the Augusta Victoria Hospital and learn of its German, Ottoman, British, and Palestinian history. Visit the Church of St John the Baptist and onto Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity
Eve Farewell dinner

25 Nov (Mon) Jerusalem **B**
Am Transfer to Tel Aviv or take Petra extension

Extension to Jordan

25 Nov (Mon) Jerusalem / Petra **D**
Am Drive to the Allenby border and cross into Jordan
Pm See Bethany and visit Mount Nebo. Continue to Petra and check into the Hyatt Zaman

26 Nov (Tue) Petra **B D**
Am Full day's visit in Petra

27 Nov (Wed) Petra / Amman **B D**
Am Jeep safari through the desert scenery of Wadi Rum
Pm Return to Amman and check into the Grand Hyatt Amman

28 Nov (Thur) Amman **B D**
Am Drive to the airport



The Monastery at Petra

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Drive to the border, cross into Jordan and drive to Amman for the night. Next day drive to Petra via Bethany, where John the Baptist baptised Christ, and Mt Nebo, a peaceful mountaintop with views over the Dead Sea from where Moses first saw the Promised Land. Drive to Petra to check into the luxury Hyatt Zaman.

The unchallenged queen of Jordan is the rose city of Petra. Walk along the narrow *siq*, the pathway into Petra. The sight revealed through a narrow winding cleft in the rock is one that has to be seen to be believed. This awe-inspiring city is hewn from a towering rock wall of colours ranging from honey gold to rich red. You have a full day to appreciate the spectacle created by the ancient Nabataeans before time at leisure at the hotel.

Next day drive into the magnificent desert landscapes of Wadi Rum on a jeep safari through some of the most spectacular multi-hued desertscapes in the world. Return to Amman for a final night before departing Jordan.



First sight of Petra from the *siq* (top);
The spectacular landscapes of Wadi Rum (above)

Tour Leaders

Professor Phillip Dowell qualified at The London Hospital and entered general practice before studying at the Eastman Dental Centre in the USA. He is a specialist periodontist and past president of the British Society of Periodontology. Phillip Dowell has lectured both nationally and internationally and is a past President for the International College of Dentists.

Paul Johnson qualified in dentistry in Leeds in 1979 and medicine in Cambridge in 1984. He was appointed consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. He lectures widely on maxillofacial and facial plastic surgery. In private practice he specialises in oral surgery, implantology and facial cosmetic surgery.

Hotels

Tel Aviv - The Cinema Hotel is a former Bauhaus cinema in Dizengoff, one of Tel Aviv's most renowned districts. Each evening there is a free Happy Hour with wine, beer and snacks served on the rooftop terrace.

Haifa - The chic boutique **Colony Hotel** in the historic centre of Haifa, close to the famous Bahai Gardens, restaurants, cafes and the sea.

Dead Sea - The David Dead Sea Resort and Spa is among the most luxurious of the Dead Sea hotels, renowned for its spa.

Jerusalem - the colonial theme of the **Arthur Hotel** reflects the style of the boutique hotel. Each evening there is a free Happy Hour with wine, beer and snacks.

Petra - The Hyatt Zaman is a converted village where the guest bungalows are former homes. The hotel has a lovely pool and hammam and is known for its cuisine.

Amman – The Grand Hyatt Amman is a luxury 5-star hotel with excellent service and facilities.

The cost of the tour is USD \$3,472 per person sharing (excluding international flights and transfers)

The cost includes:

- The services of two highly experienced tour leaders and speakers (Phillip Dowell and Paul Johnson)
- 9 nights' accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in medium grade and boutique hotels

Single room supplement is USD \$868

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch or dinner daily
- All admission fees and cultural excursions
- All professional visits and lectures
- Services of a local English speaking national guide
- All transport services and taxes on tour
- All tips

The cost excludes:

- Meals not mentioned
- All optional excursions, tours and visits
- Travel insurance
- Visa if required

The cost of the extension is USD \$1,113 and includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in first-class hotels

The single room supplement is USD \$266

- Breakfast daily and lunch or dinner daily
- All admission fees and cultural excursions
- Services of a local English speaking national guide
- All transport services and taxes on tour

The cost excludes:

- Meals not mentioned
- All optional excursions, tours and visits
- Travel insurance
- Visa and tips

About Us

To travel with us is to dig below the surface, revealing the deeper destination. Of course, you will visit the great historical sites; marvel at the wonders of architecture and engineering; be moved by the riches of culture and art; and experience the most spectacular landscapes in the world. What we also do is make sure that you see the country as it is today, giving you privileged access that independent travel and other tour companies rarely get close to. We give you a variety of experiences, from the sublime to the humble, in the company of intelligent, curious, like-minded people. And while we can be worthy, we also make sure that you have a lot of fun.



Ilana Goor Museum, Jaffa (top); Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, Tabgha; The Dead Sea; Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem (above)

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