



The Monastery at Petra

# Medical and Military History in Israel, Palestine and Jordan

19 April – 5 May 2021



Jon Baines  
tours





The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem

**Travel through ancient and beautiful countries that blend some of the world's greatest historical and architectural treasures with layers of culture, superb cuisine and a proud tradition of hospitality and welcome. The backdrop to this journey ranges from mountains to Mediterranean coastline and spectacular deserts. The long and complex history of the area encompasses the formation of the Knights Hospitaller and Templar, the Crusades, the end of the Ottoman Empire, TE Lawrence and the Arab**

**Revolt and key scenes from WWI and WWII. Explore ancient cities and citadels, wander in the footsteps of Christ in the Via Dolorosa, visit Beersheba on Anzac Day, lose yourself in the rose beauty of Petra and experience the glorious deserts of Wadi Rum.**

**Journey through lands where ancient Biblical stories played out thousands of years ago, which have been at the centre of history ever since.**



## Tour Leader

**Professor John Pearn** is a clinician and medical historian based in Brisbane, Australia. He has been an academic and clinical teacher for 50 years in medicine and health sciences, based at the University of Queensland. He is the author of some thirty books and more than 200 published papers on the history of medicine and health. As Major General John Pearn, he served in the Defence Reserves for 35 years, ultimately in the appointment of Surgeon General of the Australian Defence Force. He commanded the 2 Field Hospital, formerly No. 1 Casualty Clearing Station which was the pivot medical unit on the beach at Gallipoli, 25 April 1915. Professor John Pearn was a founder, later president and then honorary life member of the Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine. He has served in many senior roles in St John Ambulance, Australia; and is an historian of



the Order of St John. He has been a Member of the Council for the International Society of the History of Medicine for many years.

*“Tour leader John Pearn is a courteous, well-informed and invariably pleasant gentleman.”*

**Maria Lindsay, Kingdoms of the North, May 2019**

Take a jeep safari through magnificent Wadi Rum



# Itinerary 19 April – 5 May 2021

**B** = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

2 nights Amman – 3 nights Jerusalem – 1 night Beersheba – 3 nights Haifa – 2 nights Amman  
– 3 nights Petra – 1 night Wadi Rum – 1 night Dead Sea



across Jerusalem. Visit the ancient Garden of Gethsemane.

## Day 4: Jerusalem (Thurs, 22 April)

**B** **D**

**Am:** Beautiful, ancient and deeply spiritual, the city of Jerusalem is revered by the world's three great monotheistic religions. Starting on the slopes of Mount Zion, 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. 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. See the Umayyad Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aksa Mosque.

## Day 5: Jerusalem (Fri, 23 April)

**B** **L**

**Am:** See the old leper asylum of Hansen House and visit East Jerusalem to see the Augusta Victoria Hospital and learn of its German, Ottoman, British and Palestinian history. Visit the Church of St John the Baptist. Continue to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity and visit the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

## Day 1: Amman (Mon, 19 April)

**D**

**Am:** Arrive in Amman and check into the Landmark Hotel.

## Day 2: Amman (Tues, 20 April)

**B** **L** **D**

**Am:** Visit the beautifully preserved Roman city of Jerash.

**Pm:** Visit Ajloun in the highlands to see the ruins of Ajloun Castle, built in 1184 to defend against the Crusaders.

## Day 3: Amman / Jerusalem (Wed, 21 April)

**B** **D**

**Am:** Cross the Allenby Border towards Jerusalem.

**Pm:** Visit the Mount of Olives for views

## Day 6: Jerusalem / Beersheba (Sat, 24 April)

**B** **D**

**Am:** Drive to the ancient rock fortress of Masada.

**Pm:** Travel to Beersheba, the site of the charge of the 4th Australian Light Horse in 1917, remembered as the last great cavalry charge. See the monument to the Negev Brigade.

### Day 7: Beersheba / Haifa (Sun, 25 April) B D

**Am:** Visit the Beersheba Anzac Memorial Centre and CWGC cemetery on Anzac Day. Drive to ancient Jaffa, named in both Bible and myths, and learn of its history on a walking tour that includes the site of the hospital for the victims of the plague epidemic among Napoleon Bonaparte's troops.

**Pm:** Continue to Caesarea and explore what was one of the most important Roman cities in the world before travelling to the Bai Hai Gardens (the 'Hanging Gardens of Haifa').

### Day 8: Haifa (Mon, 26 April) B D

**Am:** Drive to Nazareth and visit the Basilica of Annunciation, Mary's Well and the ancient bathhouse.

**Pm:** Travel onto Megiddo, the site of Armageddon, and continue to Zichron Ya'akov, an attractive hilltop town founded by Baron Rothschild and known for its wineries. Return to Haifa.

### Day 9: Haifa (Tues, 27 April) B L

**Am:** Explore the ancient walled city of Acre, which was the main Crusader port and the centre of the Knights Hospitaller and Templar Orders. The great military surgeon, Dominique Jean Larrey, worked here during the French siege in 1799.

**Pm:** Lunch in Acre and explore at your leisure. Return to Haifa.

### Day 10: Haifa / Amman (Wed, 28 April) B D

**Am:** Drive to the site of the Battle of Hattin and continue to the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Biblical sites of Tabgha and Capernaum.

**Pm:** Cross the border into Jordan to Amman.

### Day 11: Amman (Thurs, 29 April) B D

**Am:** Take a city tour of Amman, visiting the Citadel, the archaeological museum and the Roman amphitheatre.

**Pm:** Visit the Desert Castles, including the well-preserved Qusair Amra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the black basalt

fort at Azraq, which was the headquarters of Lawrence of Arabia during the Arab Revolt.

### Day 12: Amman / Petra (Fri, 30 April) B D

**Am:** Drive to Petra via Mabada, known for its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics, including the famous 6th-century map of the Holy Land. Drive up to Mount Nebo, where Moses first saw the Promised Land.

**Pm:** Visit the vast Crusader castle at Kerak. Continue to Petra.

### Day 13: Petra (Sat, 1 May) B D

**Am:** The awe-inspiring Nabatean city of Petra is hewn from a rock wall ranging from honey gold to rich red. Walk along the siq into Petra and explore the Treasury, its tombs, facades and theatres.

**Pm:** At leisure to further explore Petra.

### Day 14: Petra (Sun, 2 May) B D

**Am:** Day at leisure. Option to visit Little Petra and the Dana Nature Reserve, OR a cooking class at the Petra Kitchen.

### Day 15: Petra / Wadi Rum (Mon, 3 May) B L D

**Am:** Take a jeep safari in the magnificent multi-hued desert landscapes of Wadi Rum.

**Pm:** Check into your luxury desert camp. At leisure or optional horse or camel ride.

### Day 16: Wadi Rum / Dead Sea (Tues, 4 May) B D

**Am:** Drive to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea, and check into your luxury resort.

**Pm:** At leisure in the mineral-rich waters or spa.

**Eve:** Farewell dinner.

### Day 17: Dead Sea (Wed, 5 May) B

**Am:** Depart for Amman airport or extend at the resort.





The city of Acre

## Hotels

### **The Landmark Hotel (Amman)**

This large, comfortable and modern 5-star hotel is known for its excellent service.

### **Arthur Hotel (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.

### **Leonardo Be'er Sheva Hotel (Beersheba)**

Located in the heart of Beersheba, this hotel has a pool, spa, with sauna, Jacuzzi and therapy rooms.

### **Colony Hotel (Haifa)**

A chic boutique hotel in the historic centre of Haifa, the Colony Hotel is close to the famous Bai Hai Gardens, restaurants, cafes and the sea.

### **P Quattro (Petra)**

This 4-star hotel is known for its superb staff and service and delicious local cuisine. There is a pool, sauna and fitness centre and a free shuttle bus to the site entrance.

### **Mazayen Rum Camp (Wadi Rum)**

This is glamping at its finest in private fixed

tents with en suite facilities and air conditioning. There is the option to upgrade to star tents – the Geodesic Domes, which have windows facing the desert and offer a private view of Wadi Rum and the night skies without leaving the comfort of the room. **See costs section for details.**

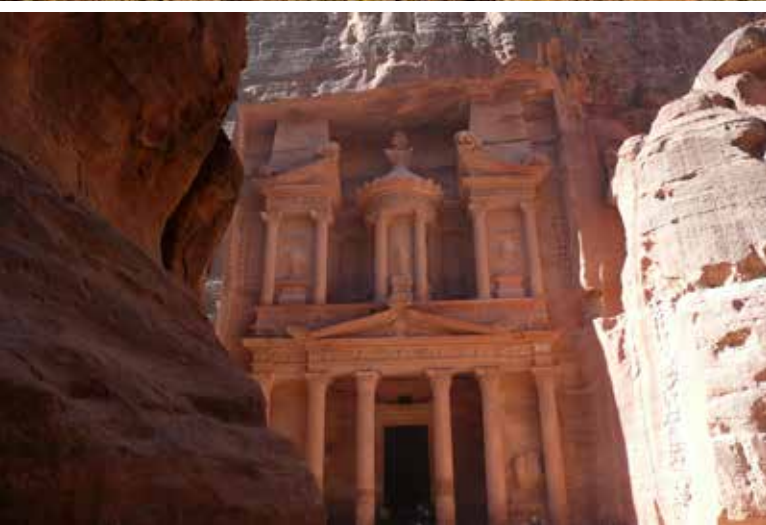
### **Hilton Resort & Spa (Dead Sea)**

Located at the lowest point on earth, over 400 meters below sea level, the hotel provides two infinity pools, direct beach access with pontoon, sun deck and mud baths, treatment rooms and seven restaurants. The rooms are large and well equipped. There is the option to extend here at the end of the tour and upgrade to a King Deluxe Room with sea view and terrace.

**See costs section for details.**



Kerak Castle



Beersheba (top); Caesarea;  
The Petra Treasury; The Dead Sea (above)

**The cost of the tour is  
USD \$5,373 per person sharing  
(excluding international  
flights and transfers)**

**The cost includes:**

- The services of a tour leader (Prof. John Pearn)
- 16 nights' accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in first class, medium grade and boutique hotels

**Single room supplement is: USD \$ 1,256**

- 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 in Israel and Jordan
- 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

**Upgrades and additions**

**Optional tour to Little Petra and Dana Nature Reserve: Please contact us for costs**

**Optional cookery class at the Petra Kitchen: USD \$53**

**Room Upgrade Costs:**

Wadi Rum Mazayen Rum Camp - the cost of upgrading to a Geodesic Dome on 9th November is: USD \$170 per room (same cost for single)

Hilton Dead Sea Resort - the cost of upgrading to a Deluxe Room with sea view and terrace on 10th November is: USD \$156 per room. Please contact us for Dead Sea extension costs.

International flights are not included in the tour price. Please contact the London or Melbourne office if you require help booking flights.



# About Us

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Citadel of the Knights, Acre (top); Garden of Gethsemane; Acre Harbour; The Sea of Galilee (above)

