



Bible Lands Experience

16 DAY TOUR

NOVEMBER 5 - 20, 2019

TOUR HOSTS:

Pastor Dennis and Beth Hendricksen

FEATURING:

JERICO • QUMRAM • MASADA • DEAD SEA • BETHANY • PETRA
WADI RUM • AMMAN • MADABA • MOUNT NEBO • JERASH • GADARA
GALILEE • CAESAREA PHILIPPI • CAPERNAUM • SEPPHORIS
NAZARETH • MOUNT TABOR • MEGIDDO • CAESAREA • EIN KAREM
JERUSALEM • MOUNT OF OLIVES • BETHLEHEM



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Rostad Tours invites you to discover one of the most interesting regions in the world. For Christians, visiting the Holy Land can make events that were long ago and far away seem like recent history. Familiar stories from the Bible become brilliantly clear once we have seen where they took place. This tour gives you the opportunity to "walk in the footsteps of history" as you journey through the Holy Land.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Day 1 • Depart to Israel

Today we meet at the airport to begin our fascinating journey to the Land of the Bible.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | D

Day 2 • Arrive Tel Aviv - To Jericho

Today we arrive at Ben Gurion airport, meet our guide and driver and proceed to Jericho, the lowest city on earth. We will have a short tour that includes the ruins of the ancient city then have free time to rest before dinner.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | BLD

Day 3 • Qumran - Masada Dead Sea

An exciting day lies ahead as we visit the Dead Sea region, dropping over 300 metres below sea level. First we stop to see the ruins at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls - the oldest biblical documents ever found - were discovered hidden in caves inside clay jars. Then we arrive at Masada, designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site (WHS), and take a cable-car to the top of the mountain to see the remarkable fortress built by Herod the Great. Afterwards we have a chance to cure our ails in the restorative mud and water at the Ein Gedi Spa, next to the Dead Sea. The sensation of floating in the salt water here is a unique experience not to be missed (bring water shoes). Then we return to our hotel.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | BD

Day 4 • Bethany - Petra

This morning we pass through the Allenby Bridge border crossing into Jordan where we are met by our Jordanian guide and driver. Next we visit "Bethany beyond the Jordan", believed to be the site where John the Baptist lived and where Jesus was baptized. Then we travel to Petra (WHS), such a rare find of antiquity and considered one of the wonders of the ancient world. Petra was the capital of the Nabateans, a nomadic people that settled here more than two thousand years ago. They controlled the trade routes of ancient Arabia and the city became well-known for its refined culture and massive architecture.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | BLD

Day 5 • Petra Sightseeing

Today we visit the remarkable rose-red city of Petra in a mile-long

canyon, with walls up to 200 metres high that leads us into the city. The Treasury, Petra's most famous monument, suddenly appears before us in all its splendour. This is the first of many visually stunning buildings we'll see carved out of the brilliant sandstone. In the afternoon we will visit "Little Petra" - another site with amazing carved structures built by the Nabateans.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | BLD

Day 6 • Wadi Rum - To Amman

This morning we travel to Wadi Rum, acclaimed by many as one of the most stunning desert-scapes in the world, where we will enjoy a four-wheel drive excursion into the desert. This is where many scenes from the film "Lawrence of Arabia" were shot with local Bedouin families taking part. Then we travel north to Amman, formerly known as Philadelphia and now the modern day capital of Jordan.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | BLD

Day 7 • Madaba - Mount Nebo - Amman

We start our day with a visit to Madaba to see the 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land, made from over two million small stones. Our next stop is Mount Nebo, from where Moses surveyed the Promised Land after forty years in the wilderness. The views of the Dead Sea (4000 feet below) and the Jordan Valley are spectacular and on a clear day the church spires of Jerusalem are visible. Then we return to Amman for a city tour that includes the amphitheatre, citadel and King Abdullah Mosque.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | BD

Day 8 • Jerash - Gadara - Galilee

This morning we travel north to Jerash, the best preserved Roman city of Jesus' era to be found in the Eastern Mediterranean region. It is one of the ten 'Cities of the Decapolis' that are often mentioned in the Bible. We'll walk through the gate of the city into the Oval Forum, then along the amazing 'Street of Columns' where you can see the tracks made by chariot wheels in days long gone by. Also seen are beautiful mosaics from early Christian churches, wellpreserved amphitheatres, and ruins of pagan temples. Then

we stop at Gadara (Um Qais), another city that belonged to the Decapolis, which has commanding views of the north Jordan Valley, the Golan Heights and the Sea of Galilee. Afterwards we cross the border into Israel and proceed to our hotel along the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | BLD

Day 9 • Galilee - Caesarea Philippi - Capernaum

Today we travel north to Upper Galilee and visit Dan, the largest of four sources of the Jordan River and the city that used to define the northern border of Israel. Next we visit Baniyas, previously known as Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus told Simon, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Lunch at a kibbutz is included followed by a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. On board we have time for a short service as we contemplate stories from the Bible that relate to this area. Afterwards we'll visit Capernaum, where Jesus spent several years preaching. Next is Tabgha, where He performed the miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. Then we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | BLD

Day 10 • Sepphoris - Nazareth - Mt Tabor

Our day starts with the impressive ruins at Sepphoris, formerly a city of great wealth and beauty, and believed to be the birthplace of Mary. Next is Nazareth, Jesus' childhood home, to see the Church of the Annunciation and the beautiful mosaics of the "Madonna and Child", created by artists from around the world. Then we visit Nazareth Village, a recreation of what a Galilean farm and village would have been like 2000 years ago. Our final stop is Mount Tabor, believed to be the site of Christ's Transfiguration. After an exciting taxi ride to the summit, we can enjoy the commanding view across the Jezreel Valley. Then we return to our hotel for our last night in Galilee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | BLD

Day 11 • Jesus Boat - Megiddo - Caesarea

This morning we visit the museum that houses the 2000 year old "Jesus Boat". Our next stop is at

Yardenit, where the Jordan River flows out of the Sea of Galilee, a popular spot for baptisms. Then we continue to Megiddo (WHS). This was once a great city and over twenty levels of occupation have been uncovered. Then we continue to Caesarea, the former Roman capital of the region, founded by King Herod to honour Caesar Augustus. This is where Peter baptized the first Gentile convert and where Paul was held awaiting his trial in Rome. Excavated ruins include an amphitheatre, a hippodrome and an aqueduct. Finally we make our way up to the incredible city of Jerusalem - sacred to three religions.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | BD

Day 12 • Ein Karem - Yad Vashem - New City

We start the day with a stroll through Ein Karem, the traditional birthplace of John the Baptist, to see the Church of the Visitation and St. John's Church. Next we visit Yad Vashem, an emotionally moving museum dedicated to the memory of Holocaust victims. Don't miss the Children's Memorial, an underground chamber filled with tiny pinpoints of light, each representing one of the young lives taken away in World War II concentration camps. Then we see the New City of Jerusalem including a visit to the Israel Museum featuring the Archaeological Wing, The Shrine of the Book and the fascinating model of Jerusalem in AD 66.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | BD

Day 13 • Mount of Olives - Bethlehem

We start the day with a visit to the Mount of Olives, associated with several very important events in the life of Jesus, and where we enjoy an incredible view of Jerusalem. We walk down the hill, stopping at Dominus Flevit Church ("The Lord Wept") then pass through the Garden of Gethsemane to the Church of All Nations. Afterwards we drive to Bethlehem to visit the Shepherd's fields then have lunch and an informative visit to the International Center of Bethlehem, an organization dedicated to ensure Christianity survives and thrives in the region. Before returning to Jerusalem we

visit one of Christianity's most sacred sites - the Church of the Nativity - which marks the site of Christ's birthplace.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | BD

Day 14 • Old City of Jerusalem

Our tour of the Old City (WHS) starts as we enter St. Stephen's Gate and visit St. Anne's Church, (listen to the beautiful acoustics), and see the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the lame man. Then we travel the "Way of the Cross" on the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre - considered to be the holiest shrine in the world by most Christians as this is believed to be where Jesus was resurrected. We'll enjoy lunch during a visit to Wujoud Museum and Cultural Center then walk through the Jewish Quarter along the Cardo - the reconstructed main street from Roman times. We emerge at the Western Wall, where Jews come to pray. This is part of the original retaining wall of the Second Temple, built by Herod the Great in 20 BC. On the Temple Mount we see the beautiful golden domed architectural treasure - the Dome of the Rock. If time permits we will visit the Ophel Archaeological Garden, dating back to the Second Temple period, featuring ancient streets and routes the pilgrims took to visit the Temple from the main part of the city below.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | BD

Day 15 Garden Tomb - Free Time

This morning we visit the peaceful Garden Tomb, where we have the opportunity to take part in a private Communion service. The rest of the day the driver and guide are available to take you to whatever sites interests the group. Tonight we will celebrate the success of our pilgrimage at our farewell dinner.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | B

Day 16 Return Home

This morning we are taken to the airport for our flight back to Canada where family and friends are eager to hear about our experiences.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Active



Able to walk 4-6 km on uneven surfaces such as cobblestone streets and be able to climb stairs or steep inclines unassisted.

PRICES

Regina	\$7899
Land Only	\$6579

Prices from other cities available upon request. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. The supplement for a single room is \$1442 per person.

This tour is not subject to GST/HST.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy class airfare
- Current airline taxes, fuel surcharges and airport fees
- First class hotels
- First class motorcoach
- Meals as shown (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Professional tour guide
- Sightseeing tours including entrance fees
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Tipping for all included services
- Any visas required
- All foreign taxes
- Rostad Tours travel gift
- Comprehensive and personalized tour documentation

Not Included: Meals not shown, Beverages, Items of a personal nature, Any airline luggage fees, Increases to surcharges, taxes or fees, Insurance.

SPECIAL INCLUSIONS

- Boat ride on Sea of Galilee
- Biblical Meal at Nazareth Village
- Taxi Ride up Mount Tabor
- Wadi Rum four-wheel drive excursion
- Cable Car ride to Masada
- Lunch at Wujoud Center

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

- Deposit of \$300 is fully refundable until 100 days before departure
- Make cheques payable to Rostad Tours Ltd.

SAVE UP TO \$500 PER PERSON

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Tour Conditions & Information

RESERVATIONS

A deposit of \$300 per person is required to make a reservation on this tour. This deposit is completely refundable up to 100 days prior to departure. A confirmation of your reservation will be forwarded to you after the deposit is received.

FINAL PAYMENT

The final payment is due no later than 100 days (July 26, 2019) before departure. A reminder will be sent to passengers in advance of this date. If you are joining the tour within 100 days of departure, full payment is required.

PAYMENTS

Passengers who pay with a cheque for the total cost of the tour or money transfer will receive a 1.5% discount. For payments made by credit card, we reserve the right to have credit card charges processed by the suppliers of travel services such as the airline, cruise line, etc. If this occurs, your payment will be split between Rostad Tours and the other suppliers and will appear as separate payments on your credit card statement.

SHARED & SINGLE ACCOMMODATION

Passengers must indicate at the time of booking whether they want to share a room or if they prefer a single room. Your roommate, if known, should also be indicated. If you do not have a roommate we will attempt to find a suitable travelling companion to share a room with you. If we cannot find you a roommate for you the full single supplement charge will apply.

RESERVATION CHANGES

If you want to change your reservation, such as change your departure city or plan an extended stay, you must submit your request to Rostad Tours in writing via mail or email (tours@rostad.com) at least 100 days prior to departure (July 26, 2019). Please note that your airfare

may increase if you travel on different dates than the group or if you travel to a different city. Any subsequent changes, cancellations of extension arrangements or changes requested within 100 days of departure are subject to a service fee of \$100 per person in addition to any fees charged by the various travel suppliers.

TOUR PRICE

Prices are based on currency levels, airfares, fuel surcharges and taxes valid as of October 10, 2018. Although unlikely, we reserve the right to adjust prices if there are significant changes to any of the above elements.

CANCELLATIONS

Your deposit is fully refundable for any reason up to 100 days prior to departure (July 26, 2019). Cancellations after this date are subject to the following maximum cancellation charges:

99 to 61 days prior to departure	50%
60 to 31 days	75%
30 to 0 days	100%

If you cancel, you will receive back all money paid towards the tour less the applicable cancellation fee. The charges apply to the base price of the tour only and do not include cancellation charges for any extra arrangements such as single supplement, accommodation upgrades, additional tours, etc.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that all passengers have insurance at the time of registration and deposit to protect themselves against any possible cancellation charges or out-of-country medical expenses. An all-inclusive policy which has cancellation, hospital/medical and baggage coverage will be offered to Alberta residents prior to making their final payment. For passengers residing outside of Alberta, we

will explain how you can obtain travel insurance directly from our provider. We recommend that insurance be purchased when you register for the tour in order to ensure that emergent situations are covered.

PASSPORTS

A passport is required for all tour participants. Your passport must be valid for at least six months past your intended return date. If you do not already have a passport, or if your current passport will expire within this period, apply for your new passport at least 125 days before departure. We require a copy of your passport 100 days prior to departure in order to issue your airline tickets. If you are a Canadian citizen you are responsible to ensure you have all documentation required to enter the countries you are visiting and for your return to Canada.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

During walking tours you will likely experience uneven ground, cobblestone streets and various amounts of steps or stairs. For your enjoyment, and in fairness to your fellow passengers, you should be in good physical condition, with the ability to stand for reasonable periods of time and walk several kilometres easily. Should you feel a particular excursion may be too strenuous, you are welcome to forego the sightseeing tour and rest or explore on your own. At the time of printing inoculations may be recommended. Please consult your travel health professional.

TOUR DOCUMENTS

An extensive set of tour documents will be sent approximately 2-4 weeks prior to departure. Please notify our office in writing if you require any information in advance of this date.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Typically airlines allow you to check one suitcase free of charge but this is subject

to change. In order to avoid excess baggage fees, the dimensions of your suitcase should not exceed 60" (i.e. 30" length + 20" height + 10" width) and the weight should not exceed 50 lbs. (23 kgs). Your suitcase will be portered at all hotels but tour members are responsible for their flight bags/carry-on luggage at all times. Rostad Tours accepts no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, any baggage or any tour member's personal belongings.

ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Rostad Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to airline schedule changes or any other circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to keep the tour as close as possible to the original itinerary.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP

Rostad Tours reserves the right to reject any person as a tour member and to expel from the tour any person whose actions are deemed to be detrimental to the enjoyment of the tour by the other passengers. Children 6 years of age and under at the time the tour departs are considered too young to travel on tour.

RESPONSIBILITY

Rostad Tours Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta act as agents for the various owners or contractors providing hotels, means of transportation or other services. Issuance and acceptance of the tour documents shall be deemed to be consent to the condition that Rostad Tours Ltd. shall not become liable or responsible in any way for any personal or property loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused or arising. In the event that we are forced to cancel a tour due to insufficient registrations, Rostad Tours Ltd.'s sole responsibility shall be the refund of all monies paid to Rostad Tours by the tour participant.



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