

# Israel Study Abroad Seminar

## May 19-June 4, 2017

### Proposed Itinerary (Subject to change depending upon conditions at the time)

We are very pleased to announce our historical and archaeological study abroad to Israel with a one day optional visit to Petra. This unique study abroad trip will provide each participant with a life time of memorable experiences. For ORU students you can earn 3 credits for this course offered during the 2017 academic schedule see (GBIB 648 Israel Study Abroad).

The cost of the trip is designed to reflect the number of participant: 4,499.00 per person

- Daily buffet breakfast and evening dinner at hotels  
Deluxe coach with English speaking guide and admissions to sites visited
- 15 nights top tourist star hotel accommodation shared basis in twin/doubles rooms, with late night checkout on 06 June (after dinner)
- Arrival/departure transfers with portorage at airport and hotels
- Daily touring with lectures at each site as per your itinerary
- Entrance fees as listed in your itinerary
- Border taxes for one day Petra trip from Elat which includes lunch

The only things not included are your personal tips for hotels, drivers and our guide and any personal items or food for lunch that you may wish to purchase. (Although tips are purely voluntary, it is suggested you consider about \$25 per day total.)

We sincerely hope you can join us in the Holy Land this coming May 2017. To secure your place fill out the reservation sheet on the last page of this itinerary, and send a \$200 deposit to Canaan Tours or Dr. McDonald, participation will be accepted on receipt of deposit. Please read the itinerary carefully this information will aid family members in locating you if needed. We hope you can join us in May 2017 for a historical and archaeological visit to the Holy Land of Israel.

Flights: JFK/Zurich	19 May	6:10pm - 8:00am
Zurich/Tel-Aviv	20 May	9:45am - 2:35pm
Tel-Aviv/Zurich	04 June	4:50am - 8:10am
Zurich/JFK	04 June	9:50am - 12:35pm

Flights originating in other Cities, Canaan Tours will coordinate flights to assure connections with your flight from JFK to Tel-Aviv and back to your city.

Please Note: luggage can be checked from your home city to Tel-Aviv, and Tel-Aviv to your home city'

### Daily Schedule

Day 1 – Departure will be on Saturday May 21,2016, departing from Newark to Tel-Aviv.  
Arrive Tel-Aviv next day.....4:20p.m.

Day 2 – May 22 – Arrive in Israel and transfer to deluxe coach and to our hotel the Prima City in Tel-Aviv. .

Day 3 – May 23 – We will begin our study program at Tel Qasile which was excavated in 1968. Here we learn about the only Philistine temple ever excavated and view numerous artifacts from the excavation. From Tel Qasile, we will proceed north along the coastal plain to Caesarea to visit the magnificent ruins a site of numerous historical events. We will continue along the coast north to Mount Carmel and visit the most significant early man site in the world at the Carmel caves. We continue to Haifa through the Valley of Zebulon on to Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee where we will spend the night at the Prima Gailee in Tiberius.

Day 4 – May 24 – From Tiberius we will journey along the eastern coast of the Sea of Galilee to the magnificent fortress of Gamla, also known as the northern Masada. From Gamla we proceed north to the Syrian border near Mount Hermon and stop at the beautiful crater lake known as Birket Ram. We will descent from the Golan Heights into the Hula Valley and visit the ruins of the crusader fortress of Nimrod. From Nimrod we will descend to the territory of ancient Caesarea Philippi to the head waters of the Jordan River at Banias. From Banias we will continue to Tel Dan, the northern limits of Israel in ancient times. From Dan we will proceed down the Hula Valley to return to Tiberius for the night.

Day 5 – May 25 – From Tiberius we will journey to Katzrin, an ancient city from the time of the Talmud. From Katzrin we will journey to Capernaum, the home of Peter, James and John and also for a time the home of Jesus. From Capernaum we will travel to Korazim, one of the cities cursed by Jesus, and on to Hazor. From Hazor we will journey to Safed before returning to Tiberius to spend the night.

Day 6 – May 26 – From Tiberius we will journey through the Turan Valley to Sepphoris, the traditional childhood home of Mary the mother of Jesus. From Sepphoris, we will pass through Nazareth, the childhood home of Jesus, on our way to Megiddo. From Megiddo we will continue north to the ancient necropolis of Bet Shearim. From Bet Shearim, we will travel north to the ancient city of Akko and journey farther north to the Israeli-Lebanese border to Rosh HaNikra where we will visit some very interesting chalk caves along the Mediterranean Sea. From Rosh HaNikra we will return to Tiberius through the beautiful mountains of Northern Galilee.

Day 7 – May 27 – We leave Tiberius and journey south to the magnificent crusader fortress Belvoir, also known as the Star of Jordan. We will continue down the Jordan Valley to the magnificent site of Bet Shean, one of the most magnificent archaeological sites in Israel. From Bet Shean, we continue down the Jordan Valley past the Old Testament Jericho, New Testament Jericho and on to the Dead Sea. We will stop to visit in Jericho if the political situation allows. At the Dead Sea we will visit at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and proceed along the coast of the Dead Sea to Ein Gedi and to our hotel at the Dead Sea where we will spend the night Prima Oasis Dead Sea

Day 8 – May 28 – It will be an early morning departure to visit Masada, Herod's magnificent fortress on the Dead Sea. We will continue to Ein Gedi and, hopefully, have the opportunity to climb up to the beautiful water fall descending into the Wadi David. It was here that David hid in the caves from Saul. From Ein Gedi we will proceed south through the Aravah all of the way to the Red Sea and our hotel along the shore of the Red Sea at Eilat, Prima Music at Eilat.



Day 9 – May 29 – We will have a unique opportunity to cross over into Jordan from Eilat and drive about two hours to the magnificent city of Petra. Petra is one of the most unique and important archaeological sites in the world. We will have the opportunity to spend most of the day visiting Petra and on your return you will pass through the Wadi Rum where the movie "Lawrence of Arabia" was filmed (if time permits we might be able to stop). We will continue back to Eilat, crossing into Israel from Aqaba and spend the night back at our hotel on the Red Sea.

Day 10 – May 30 – Today will be a day for rest and relaxation at Eilat. You will have the opportunity for some optional activities: scuba diving, swimming in the Red Sea, spending most of the day on the Red Sea aboard a special yacht and/or visiting the underwater aquarium. None of these activities are included in the price of the trip as they are optional and available as you choose. You can also just spend the day relaxing on the beach on the Red Sea.

Day 11 – May 31 – Today we will leave Eilat and journey back along the Aravah to Solomon's pillars and the ancient copper mines at Timna. We will continue on through the Wadi Paran where the tribes of Israel camped and continue north to Avdat and visit this ancient Nabataean/Roman site. From Avdat we continue through the wilderness of Tzin to Beersheva to visit the Biblical home of the Patriarchs located on the edge of the Negev. From Beersheva we will continue west through the Negev to the Philistine coastal plain and the ancient Philistine city of Ashkelon and on our way to Jerusalem and our hotel Prima Park Jerusalem

Day 12 – June – 1 From Jerusalem we will proceed south through the Shephelah, the rolling hill country, to view the magnificent tel of Lachish. From Lachish we will journey a short distance to Maresha to visit an interesting archaeological site and numerous caves and then to Bet Guvrin where we will visit a recently excavated Gladiatorial Arena. We will journey on through the rolling hill country to the Vale of Elah where David slew Goliath and continue to Jerusalem by way of Bet Shemesh where the Ark was brought from Ashkelon on a cart drawn by a milk cow. We will continue to our hotel in Jerusalem where we will stay for the remainder of our trip.

Day 13 – June –2 We will begin our visit in Jerusalem at the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed to visit the model city of Jerusalem as it was from the time of Herod Agrippa, circa 66 CE. We will visit the Shrine of the Book and view many of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will continue directly to the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the ancient city of Jerusalem as it appears today. From the Mount of Olives, we will continue to the Temple Mount and enter the old city through the Dung Gate. We will visit the archaeological excavations at the Temple Mount where



Dr. Blizzard worked from 1968-73. We will visit the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, the Dome of the Rock or the Mosque of Omar and walk down the Via Dolorosa visiting the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda, the Ecce Homo Convent and exit the old city at the Damascus Gate. If conditions permit, we will continue to the City of David and the Pool of Siloam.

Day 14 – June – 3 In Jerusalem - Today we will begin our visit to the old city through the Joppa Gate. We will visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Citadel where we will be able to get a magnificent view of the entire old city from atop the tower of Phasaelus (Herod's brother). From the Citadel we will continue walking along the walls of the old city and exit at the Zion Gate on Mount Zion where we will visit David's tomb, the traditional room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Santa Maria church. We will continue walking adjacent to the walls of the old city to visit the Cardo and the Wohl Archaeological Museum and exit the city at the Dung gate.

Day 15 – June – 4 In Jerusalem - Today we journey south to Hebron to visit the Cave of Machpelah and the tomb of the patriarchs. From Hebron we will continue into the Judean desert to visit Herodian, the famous tomb of Herod the Great. Herod's tomb was recently excavated here and, hopefully, you will have the opportunity to see the very place where Herod the Great was interred. From Herodian, we will return to Jerusalem and end our day at the Garden Tomb.

Day 16 – June –5 In Jerusalem - Our last day in Jerusalem will begin with a visit to the traditional Garden Tomb. A short distance from the Garden Tomb are the tombs of the Kings and Tombs of the Sanhedrin. These important sites have been closed to tourists for some time but if we are lucky, we will be able to visit these unusual and important archaeological sites. In the afternoon we will visit one of the most moving of all of the sites in Israel or in Jerusalem, The Yad Vashem, the war memorial to the six million Jews who were killed during the Holocaust in World War II. We will return to our hotel in the early afternoon so you can begin to pack your suitcases and prepare to return home the next day.

Day 17 – June – 06 In Jerusalem - Our flight is schedule for a late departure and return home, we will have time visit Nebi Samuel, the traditional burial place for the prophet Samuel. We have a late night checkout and a late dinner before our departure for the airport and our return flight home.

Please note: things not included tips guide-driver-hotel staff serving our group (a suggested breakdown will be provided). Expenses for meals not listed, beverage of any kind if not on the menu. Any service not mentioned as included. Border taxes/visa on Petra day trip from Eilat 62.00 per person these must be paid in cash no prepayment accepted.

# Registration and Information Sheet

ISRAEL-PETRA STUDY ABROAD  
hosted by **Dr. William McDonald**  
May 21 – June 7, 2016

Please complete this form and return to Biblical Research Foundation as soon as possible. Please print

Name (as it appears on your passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (other) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Valid until \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Accommodation Requests  Single (add \$1,190)  Double

Roommate (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list special needs \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, notify \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Info Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Deposit paid  Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date paid \_\_\_\_\_

Balance owed \_\_\_\_\_ Date paid \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, understand balance is due in full 60 days prior to departure. In the event this program is cancelled through no fault of myself, deposit will be refund. Refund's for those unable to continue the trip must be requested 30 days before departure date. Do not wait for passport to send deposit. Forward passport information at later date if necessary.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Please return a copy of this form with signature and a copy of your passport to: Dr. McDonald</b>	<b>Make deposit and registration checks payable to: Canaan Tours</b>
	<i>Credit cards accepted with 4% processing fee</i>