



University of the Holy Land

The Center for the Study of Early Christianity

INTRODUCTION TO THE GEOGRAPHICAL, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS OF THE BIBLE

JUNE 11 - 25, 2017

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Sunday, June 11, Arrival Overnight in Gloria or Knights Palace Hotel in Jerusalem. (Dinner in hotel.)

Monday, June 12, Jerusalem Field Trip Morning: overview of Kidron Valley and view across the valley to the Mount of Olives from the Eastern Hill (original Mount Zion), excavations on the Eastern Hill (Large Stone Building, Warren's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel, and Pool of Siloam). Afternoon: Broad Wall and Wohl Museum (mansions from the New Testament period) on the Western Hill, overview of Hinnom Valley/Gehenna from present-day Mount Zion. Overnight in Gloria or Knights Palace Hotel. (All meals in hotel.)

Tuesday, June 13, Jerusalem Field Trip Overview of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, Church of All Nations and traditional Garden of Gethsemane, Pools of Bethesda, View of Second Temple Period Tombs in the Kidron Valley, Southern Wall Excavations, Model of New Testament Jerusalem at the Israel Museum. Overnight in Gloria or Knights Palace Hotel in Jerusalem. (All meals in hotel.)

Wednesday, June 14, Benjamin Field Trip Qasr el-Yehud (a traditional location for Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist), Jericho (Tell es-Sultan [remains from the Old Testament period], Tulul Abu el-Alayiq and Tell es-Samarat [remains from the New Testament period]), Mizpeh Danny Observation Point (overview of Judean Wilderness and discussion of ministry of John the Baptist), Ayalon Park (location of an Emmaus during the New Testament Period), and Tel Gezer/Tell Jezer. Overnight Gloria or Knights Palace Hotel in Jerusalem. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch.)

Thursday, June 15, Bethlehem Area and Shephelah of Judah Field Trip. Herodium and Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Tel Azekah/Tell Zakariyeh (overview of Elah Valley where David and Goliath fought), overview of the Sorek Valley, Bell Caves at Maresha, and Tel Lachish/Tell ed-Duweir. Overnight in Kibbutz Sede Yoav. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch.)

Friday, June 16, Negeb Field Trip Tel Beer-sheba/Tell es-Seba and swimming at Engedi Spa by the Dead Sea. Overnight in Masada Guest House. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch.)

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Saturday, June 17, Wilderness of Judah and Dead Sea Area Field Trip: Masada, En-gedi Nature Reserve, and Qumran. Visit to Cave #11 with Dr. Stephen Pfann. Overnight in Gloria or Knights Palace Hotel in Jerusalem. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch.)

Sunday, June 18, Early Morning Visit to the Temple Mount (optional); remainder of day free. Overnight in Gloria or Knights Palace Hotel in Jerusalem. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; lunch on your own.)

Monday, June 19, Ephraim, Samaria and Sharon Plain Field Trip Shiloh, Jacob's Well, Tell Balatah/Shechem, Samaria/Sebaste and Mukhraka (traditional site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel). Overnight in Stella Maris pilgrims' hotel on Mount Carmel. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; lunch in Samaria Restaurant.)

Tuesday, June 20, Sharon Plain and Galilee Field Trip Caesarea, Nazareth Village (reproduction of a typical Galilean village in Jesus' time [special presentation by Mrs. Claire Pfann]) and Basilica of the Annunciation. Overnight in En Gev Holiday Village by the Sea of Galilee. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch.)

Wednesday, June 21, Sea of Galilee Area and Jordan Valley Field Trip Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee, Museum of First Century Boat at Kibbutz Ginosar, Migdal/Magdala/Taricheae, Capernaum/Tell Humm, Chorazin, et-Tell (Bethsaida?), overview of el-Kursi (Gergesa?), and Tel Sussita/Qalat el-Husn (Hippos). Overnight in Kibbutz En Gev Holiday Village by the Sea of Galilee. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch.)

Thursday, June 22, Northern Jordan Valley and Golan Field Trip Tel Hazor/Tell el-Qedah/Tell Waqqas, Tel Dan/Tell el-Qadi and Dan Nature Reserve, Banias (Caesarea-philippi) and Golan Heights. Overnight in hotel on the Mount of Beatitudes. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch.)

Friday, June 23, Beth-netofa, Jezreel and Jordan Valleys Field Trip Overview of Kh. Cana (Cana of Galilee), Tel Megiddo/Tell el-Mutesellim, Tel Yizre`el/Zerin (site where Ahab and Jezebel had a residence) and Tel Beth-shean/Tell el-Husn (ancient Beth-shan/Beth-shean/ Scythopolis). Return to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley. Overnight in Gloria or Knights Palace Hotel in Jerusalem. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel; picnic lunch.)

Saturday, June 24, Morning visit to Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb. Afternoon free. Overnight in Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem. (All meals in hotel.)

Sunday, June 25, Departure

Note: All meals are included from dinner on the day of arrival through breakfast on the day of departure with the exception of lunch on the Sunday that is a free day.