

ITINERARY, HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF JORDAN

JUNE 5 - 19, 2023

Monday, June 5, Transfer from Israel to Jordan via Allenby Bridge; traditional location of Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist (Bethany-Beyond-Jordan?). Overnight in Amman. (Special arrangements can be made for those who wish to join the group in Jordan rather than in Israel.)

Tuesday, June 6, Lectures. Overnight in Amman.

Wednesday, June 7, The Land of Ammon Field Trip: Amman Citadel (Rabbath-Ammon); remains of Philadelphia (Nymphaeum, Theater, Odeon); Rujm al-Malfouf (Ammonite tower); Tall al-Umayri; Kh. es-Sar; Iraq al-Amir. Overnight in Amman.

Thursday, June 8, Upper Gilead Field Trip: Tall adh-Damiyah/ancient Adam (view from road); Tulul adhDhahab (Mahanaim? Penuel?); Tall Dayr `Alla (Penuel? Succoth?); Tall Ahsas (Succoth?); Ajlun Castle; Mar Elias, Listib, and Umm al-Hedamus (Tishbe? home of Elijah). Overnight in Ajlun.

Friday, June 9, Lower Gilead Field Trip: view of Tall al-Maqlub (Jabesh-gilead?) from the village of Judeita; Tabaqat Fahel (Pella); Umm Qeis (Gadara); Tall ar-Rumeith (Ramoth-gilead?). Overnight in Olive Branch Hotel near Jerash.

Saturday, June 10, Jerash (Gerasa); Tall al-Birah (overview from road). Overnight in Madaba.

Sunday, June 11, Free day. Overnight in Madaba.

Monday, June 12, Quiz and Lectures. Overnight in Madaba.

Tuesday, June 13, Medeba Plateau Field Trip: Tall Hisban (Heshbon); Kh. al-Mukhayyat (ancient village of Nebo); Mt. Nebo; Kh. `Attarus (Ataroth); Mukhawir (Machaerus); Tall Ara'ir (Aroer); Tall Dhiban (Dibon); W. Mujib/Arnon River Gorge. Overnight in Kerak.

Wednesday, June 14, Moab and Edom Field Trip: Kerak Castle; Sela (climb); Buseira (Bozrah); view of W. Danna. Overnight in hotel outside Petra.

Thursday, June 15, Little Petra (Siq al-Barid); Petra (main site). Overnight in hotel outside Petra.

Friday, June 16, Caravan Routes East and South of Petra: `Udruh (Roman Fort), Humayma (ancient caravan stop); Wadi Ram (jeep ride and traditional meal in Bedouin tent); Wadi Yitm; Aqaba. Overnight in Aqaba.

Saturday, June 17, Wadi Arabah Field Trip: ancient Copper Mines at Feinan (Punon?); Kh. en-Nahas; Sanctuary of St. Lot/Deir `Ain Abata; Bab adh-Dhra (view from road); Hot Springs of Callirhoe. Overnight in Madaba.

Sunday, June 18, Exam. Overnight in Madaba.

Monday, June 19 Madaba Mosaic Map and Jordan Archaeological Museum; return to Jerusalem; program ends. (Last meal is breakfast.)