



# ISRAEL & JORDAN

July 2-15, 2018

\$3,750/person\*

**Join the Madaba Plains Project and the Berrien County Historical Association for a journey of a lifetime.**

Renown archaeologists Dr. Larry Herr and Dr. Larry Geraty, invite you to accompany them as they

return to Israel and Jordan. Visit Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Sail the waters of the Sea of Galilee in a replica of a "Jesus Wooden Boat". Walk the streets of Old Jerusalem. Discover the fortress at Masada. Explore Jerash, the well-preserved

Roman ruins in Jordan. See the three Madaba Plains archaeology sites and celebrate 50 years of partnership between Andrews University and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Tour Madaba, the city of mosaics. Be amazed as you walk

through Petra - the famous city of stone.

To save your spot or for more information contact Kelsey Curnutt at 269-471-1202 or [kcurnut@berrienhistory.org](mailto:kcurnut@berrienhistory.org).

*\*Includes airfare out of Chicago, hotels, all meals, and entrances. Based on double occupancy. Single Supplement \$588.*

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## POTENTIAL ITINERARY\*

### **July 2 Depart from O'Hare airport, Chicago**

The first day will be a travel day. Wear comfy clothes and bring your passport!

### **July 3 Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel, Jerusalem**

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we will drive to our hotel in Jerusalem. Depending on our arrival time, this will likely be used as our recovery day and allow you to start adjusting to the different time zone. Israel is 7 hours ahead of Eastern Time Zone.

### **July 4 Mt. Olives, Old City of Jerusalem, Mt. Zion**

On our first day we will have a pilgrimage through Jerusalem. After breakfast, we will take in the panoramic view from the top of the Mount of Olives, visit the Ascension and Pater Noster Churches, the Dominus Fleuit Church where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, and the Garden of Gethsemane. Following this, we will enter the Old City to visit the St. Anne Church, Pools of Bethesda, and retrace the traditional Way of the Cross ending in a visit to the Holy Sepulcher Church and the Empty Tomb of Christ. We will visit the Wailing Wall and continue to Mt. Zion to the Upper Room, Dormition Abbey, King David Tomb, and the St. Peter in Gallicantu Church.

### **July 5 Bethlehem, New City of Jerusalem**

We journey today to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. We will visit the Church of the Nativity, the Milk Grotto Chapel, and King David's Wells. We will return to Jerusalem in the afternoon and spend our time in the Israel Museum where we can view the Shrine of the Book, housing the Dead Sea Scroll. After the Israel Museum you may wish to also visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial or the Israeli Parliament before returning to the hotel for dinner and a night's rest.

### **July 6 Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea**

A drive along the shores of the Dead Sea will take us to Masada where we will have a chance to explore the fortress built by King Herod and learn the heroic story of the Jewish Zealot fighters. After descending from the mountain we will go to the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and then to the Dead Sea to relax in the water or cover ourselves with the mineral rich mud.

### **July 7 Jerusalem, Gezer National Park, Caesarea, Megiddo**

We will begin today by taking in the natural surroundings of Tel Gezer National Park, an important historic site dating from the Canaanite through Crusader periods, and is the most excavated site in Israel. Then we will continue to Caesarea, Herod's greatest achievement, followed by a stop at Megiddo where archaeologists have unearthed 20 layers of civilization.

### **July 8 Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth**

Today, we will enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica of a Jesus wooden boat and then proceed to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the Jordan River. Later, we will drive through Capernaum where we will see the ruins of the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught then continue to Tabgha to visit the Church of Multiplication of the Fish and Loaves. Next we will visit Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus where we will step inside the Church of the Annunciation. We will end the day in Tiberias for dinner.

### **July 9 Cross border into Jordan, Umm Qais, Ajloun, Jerash**

After breakfast we will drive to Jordan, crossing at the Sheikh Hussein Border. Our first visit in Jordan will be to Umm Qais, also known as "Gedara," then to the hilltop Islamic Castle of Ajloun, and finally to Jerash, the Greco Roman ruinous city. We will drive to Amman where we will partake in dinner and have a good night's rest.

### **July 10 American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, Wild Jordan, Jordan National Museum**

We will begin our day at the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman followed by a visit to the Amman Citadel, Roman Theatre, Suq, Wild Jordan, and the Jordan National Museum.

### **July 11 Tall Jalul, Tall Umayri, Tall Hisban, MPP 50th Celebration**

If you were a student who participated in one of the Madaba Plains Projects, today will be a very special, memorable day. We will visit the archaeological sites of the Madaba Plains Project beginning at Tall Jalul, followed by Tall Umayri, and ending at Tall Hisban where we will join the celebration of 50 years of continuous excavation and research. We will spend this night in Madaba.

### **July 12 Mt. Nebo, Bethany, Madaba**

Today, we start off with a visit to Mt. Nebo, where Moses was shown the Promised Land before dying. We will also visit the newly restored church at Mt. Nebo before journeying to Bethany along the Jordan River another possible location for Christ's Baptism. In the afternoon we will tour the city of Madaba, including St. George's church to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land ending the day at our hotel in Madaba for dinner.

### **July 13 Wadi Rum, Little Petra**

Adventure is calling us to the Wadi Rum desert where we will enjoy a 3-hour 4x4 Jeep safari of the desert, seeing historical places such as the residence of Lawrence of Arabia and the al Ghazali graffiti, surrounded by red sand dunes and moon-like formations. After lunch, we will make our way to Little Petra, an ancient Nabatean town entirely excavated in stone.

### **July 14 Petra**

Our last full day in Jordan will be unforgettable. After breakfast, we have a day visit in Petra including the Siq, Treasury, street facades, royal tombs, Roman Theatre, Qasr al Bint, and if you are up for the challenge, climb the 900 steps to the Monastery. Lunch will be enjoyed in the park and we will enjoy dinner at our hotel before getting some sleep for our flights the following morning.

### **July 15 Fly out of Queen Alia International Airport, Amman**

We will depart the hotel for the airport in Amman where we will say farewell to the Holy Lands and return home.

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