

# Bethsaida Excavations Project plus Jordan and Israel Expedition



23 days, 6 June to 28 June 2010, tour led by  
The Revd Dr Greg Jenks.

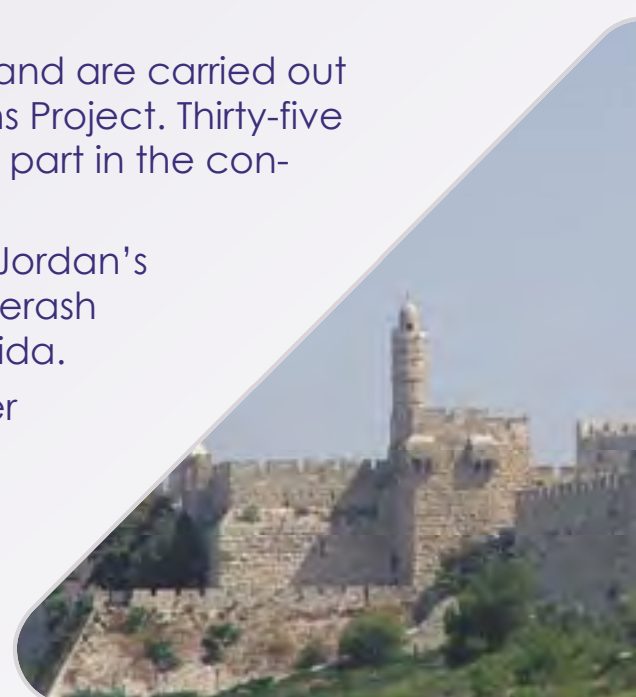
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Bethsaida, situated on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, was founded in the 10th century BCE as a capital city of biblical kingdom of Geshur.

The excavations of Bethsaida began in 1987 and are carried out by a consortium for the Bethsaida Excavations Project. Thirty-five faculty members in 17 universities have taken part in the consortium

Join The Revd Dr Greg Jenks in exploring the Jordan's sites including Petra, Mt Nebo, Amman and Jerash prior to your three week expedition at Bethsaida.

After the Bethsaida dig, we will spend another four days visiting the numerous biblical sites like, Tiberias, the Jordan Valley, Jericho, Qumran, Dead Sea, Masada, Bethlehem, Mt Olives. We will also spend time exploring the old city of Jerusalem as well as the modern city sites of Yad Vashem and Israel Museum.



## For further information

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## Expedition

### TOUR PRICE PER ADULT

Jordan and Israel Package Price  
Twin Share

AUD \$3899

Bethsaida Excavation  
Dormitory  
Accommodation

(TBA when 2010 Costs  
Published)

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- < Return Airfare with Emirates
- < Airline taxes and surcharges.
- < Jordanian program including transfer to Nof Ginosar for Bethsaida Excavation.
- < Israel Tour post Bethsaida dig.
- < Jordan Visa and exit taxes for Jordan and Israel.
- Inclusions: Jordan and Israel
- < 5 nights hotel accommodation in twin rooms- 3 star hotel.
- < Breakfast and dinner daily
- < Transport by deluxe motor-coach
- < All guiding and entrance fees
- < Sightseeing as per your itinerary.
- < Portage at hotels and airport
- < Jordan Visa fees
- < Departure tax Jordan and Israel

### DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ▲ Any personal expenses.
- ▲ Travel Insurance
- ▲ Tips
- ▲ Any not mentioned expenses and services.

### WHAT TO DO NEXT

A deposit of \$400 per person is required in order to secure a place on the tour. Please contact our office if you would like a tour registration form.

### EXTENDING YOUR TRIP.

If you would like to undertake further travel at the end of the tour. Mission Travel Group will be able to assist you with additional travel, please advise your needs when registering for the tour.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please call our office  
Phone: **03 9889 0777** or **1300 554 654**

## ITINERARY

Day 1: 7 June 2010 -Arrival- Amman Airport, Petra Hotel

Upon arriving Queen Alia International Airport , you will be received by our representatives assisting you on your way through immigration. Transfer to your Petra hotel in for Overnight Accommodation. Dinner included.

Day 2: 8 June 2010 - Full day visit to one of the 7 wonders of the world, The Rose City of Petra.

Full day visiting Jordan's Jewel "Petra" a city fully carved in the rose red stones of Wadi Mousa Mountains. Upon arrival, you will take a horse back ride, walk through the Siq, the only access to this city. Return back to Amman, where you will be treated for dinner. Overnight in Amman. Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 3: 9 June 2010- Amman – Jerash- Border Crossing to Tiberias.

After breakfast, head towards Madaba the city of Mosaics, which has the oldest known mosaic map of the holy land. After that we will go to view the Jordan Valley from the famous Mount Nebo. We continue North to Jerash, - the most complete and well preserved city of the Roman Empire. Jerash is one of the Decapolis cities of the north of Jordan nestled in a green and well-watered valley in the biblical land of Gilead , the remains of the ancient city have long attracted tourists from all around the world. We will then continue to the Border crossing at Sheikh Hussein on route to Kibbutz Nof Ginosar in Tiberius Overnight in Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 4 till Day 19 10 June 2010- Bethsaida Excavations. Daily Schedule:

Work requires various levels of physical conditioning, but there is a job for everyone. Work includes digging, sifting dirt, washing pottery and finds, and sorting and cataloguing finds. Work days are Monday—Friday

Daily work begins at 5:30 am, Breakfast at the site 9:00 am  
Lunch at the hotel 1:00 pm , Lab works "pottery reading" 4:30 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm , Lecture 8:00 pm

On the two weekends that occur during the special three week season, there will be an opportunity to visit other selected sites in Israel (for example one weekend we may go to Meggido and Caesarea Maritima, returning through the heartland of ancient Samaria and perhaps visiting the Christian village of Aboud (biblical Ephraim). There will also be opportunities to meet with local Jewish and Christian communities in the Galilee, including the Nazareth Sabeel Center.

Day 20: 25 June 2010- Tiberias, Jordan Valley, Jericho, Qumran, Dead Sea, Masada. Jerusalem

After breakfast we will start our day travelling through the Jordan Valley to Jericho, we will visit Qumran and stop for a float on the Dead Sea. After Lunch we will continue to Masada for the rest of the day before we journey north to Jerusalem for our overnight. Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 21: 26 June - Mt Olives - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

After breakfast we start with a panoramic overview of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, including visits to the Pater Noster Church and the beautiful chapel of Dominus Flevit. We will then visit nearby Bethlehem with its historic Church of the Nativity. After lunch we will return to Jerusalem to walk the Via Dolorosa, concluding with prayers in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The evening will be free for dining and sightseeing. Breakfast and lunch provided. Dinner by own arrangements. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 22: 27 June - St George's Cathedral - Israel Museum - Yad Vashem

After breakfast we will join the congregation at St George's Cathedral for worship and then visit selected sites around the ancient City of David and the southern steps to the Temple. After lunch we will visit the Israel Museum and Yad Vashem holocaust memorial. Late afternoon or early evening we will take a Western Wall tunnel tour. Overnight in Jerusalem. Breakfast and dinner included.

Day 23 : 28 June 2010- Jerusalem- Allenby Bridge Amman International Airport

**TOUR LEADER:** Dr Greg Jenks is Academic Dean at St Francis Theological College, Brisbane and teaches Biblical Studies in the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University. He has been Visiting Professor at St George's College, Jerusalem on several occasions and a frequent visitor to the Galilee. He is a member of the Bethsaida Excavations project team.

# Registration Form

Tour Name .....

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Tour Leader .....

Title [Circle Title] Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss, Dr, Prof, Rev

First Name .....

Surname .....

Date of Birth .....

Preferred Christian Name.....

Postal Address.....

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State.....

Postcode .....

Home Phone.....

Work Phone.....

Mobile No.....

Email .....

## Frequent Flyer

Account No .....

Airline .....

## Rooming (please circle selection)

Single      Double      Twin

Sharing with .....

## Emergency Contact

Person's Name .....

Daytime Ph.....

A/H Ph .....

## Passport Information

Passport No .....

Name (EXACTLY as it appears in your passport)

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Passport Country .....

Passport Expiry .....

Place Of Issue .....

Please forward a photocopy of your passport

## Special Requests

Seating (e.g., forward, rear, wing, bulkhead, window, aisle)  
Please note seating cannot be guaranteed

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Special Meal (e.g. vegan, lacto-ovo vegetarian, low-fat, gluten free, allergies etc.)

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## Deposit Information

Deposit amount of \$.....

Pay By Cheque     Pay By Credit Card

AMERICAN EXPRESS     DINERS CARD

MASTER CARD     VISA

Credit Card Holder Name

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Signature.....

Credit Card No

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The nominated non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place on all tours and cruises offered. Passengers wishing to include other destinations and itinerary variations may do so by contacting Mission Travel Group. Full payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Any bookings received inside this 60day period will require payment in full within 7 days. Payments not paid by the nominated deadline will be subject to surcharge.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a requirement that all passengers participating in any Mission Travel Group tours and cruises must purchase appropriate travel insurance at the time of booking. Your travel insurance policy must include coverage for cancellation fees. Proof of insurance cover purchased elsewhere is required to be submitted to us prior to departure. Deposit protection insurance is also offered by our office, please enquire.

## DOCUMENTATION

Mission Travel Group has taken every precaution to ensure that information and details provided about each tour, and the tour itinerary is correct and accurate. A considerable amount of pre-planning and site inspections has been undertaken by Mission Travel Group to ensure that details mentioned in the itineraries meet our high standards. Every effort is made to ensure that details are correct at the time of distribution, however no responsibility or liability is accepted for any errors, omissions, or alterations contained in either documentation or the itinerary. Check your Itinerary. Ensure that all names and titles are the same as in your valid passport. Check the accuracy of all dates and timings. Any errors on your documents will be your responsibility if not advised to your consultant now.

## PRICE CHANGES

Currency fluctuations, changes in airfares, and/or tour/cruise costs can happen without notice. It is our intention that any such changes will be advised in advance, Mission Travel Group is not responsible for any increases applied by any of our contracted tour operators, airlines, or hotels, nor for any currency fluctuations. In the event of significant movements in currency exchange rates it may be necessary to apply from time to time a currency surcharge. The price is only guaranteed once paid in full.

## AMENDMENT FEES

Amendments made after payment of deposit may incur an amendment fee of \$100 plus any charges applied by any associated operator. This includes any name change due to incorrect passport details given at time of booking. Other fees may apply where a booking is changed, or tickets are re-issued or refunded.

## CANCELLATION

No refunds will be applicable to any termination of any reservations or tours due to unforeseen circumstances once commencement of the tours departure. Any such claims will usually be covered by your travel insurer.

Once full payment has been received for your travel arrangements, a 75% cancellation fee will Apply.

## MINIMUM GROUP SIZE

All tours are costed on a minimum group size. Should the group number fall below this, Mission Travel Group reserves the right to make any appropriate adjustments, including cancellation or surcharge. In the event of cancellation a full refund of all monies, excluding deposit, will apply. Any additional money paid for other arrangements is not covered if the tour is cancelled.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of all passengers to ensure that they hold a current passport and any visas or documentation necessary, including any recommended vaccinations. It is the responsibility of any passenger to take whatever precaution is necessary to avoid any occurrence of Deep Vein Thrombosis. Mission Travel Group does not accept any liability for injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expenses or inconvenience caused either directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable due diligence on the part of Mission Travel Group. Mission Travel Group has exercised due care with its selection of reputable travel operators such as airlines, car companies, hotels, coach companies, tour operators and/or other suppliers. Some of these operators limit and exclude liability in respect of death, personal injury, delay and loss or damage to baggage.

## TRAVELLERS CHECKLIST

1. Complete your travel insurance form- sign and return it to our office. If you choose another Travel Insurance company, it is solely your responsibility to organise and finalise arrangements with them. If you decline travel insurance, you will be required to sign a disclaimer.
2. Although organisation of passports and visa remains the responsibility of the traveller, please ask your consultant to assist with visas for your destination.
3. All passports must have a minimum of 6 months validity from the arrival date back into Australia. If you have any questions, please ask us to assist you.
4. Vaccinations are required for travelling to some countries. Mission Travel Group will not comment on recommendations. Please see your local doctor or a specialist vaccination clinic for advice.
5. Please advise us of any special requirements you may have; child meals, seating requests, medical requirements etc.
6. Advise your consultant of frequent flyer memberships etc.

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*I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the information, terms and conditions as mentioned above:*

Name .....

Signature ..... Date: .....