



A Unique Holy Land Experience: Jerusalem, Galilee, and Jordan

"Walking in the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia"

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

The cost is \$5,200 per person (based on double occupancy, single occupancy is an additional \$850). Airfare is not included. Each reservation requires a deposit of \$1,000 that must be received by November 11, 2017. Participants need to arrive in Israel by March 17, 2018. This tour is expected to fill up quickly and numbers are limited so early reservations are advised. Final payment of the remainder of the tour cost is due January 15, 2018.

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Hosted by University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Chancellor Philip L. Dubois and his wife Lisa Lewis Dubois
along with Professors James D. Tabor and Shimon Gibson

March 16-25, 2018

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AN OVERVIEW

This exclusive tour of the Holy Land, hosted by UNC Charlotte Chancellor Phil Dubois and his wife Lisa, is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. It has an unprecedented itinerary and will be expertly guided at every step by Dr. James Tabor, of the Department of Religious Studies, and Dr. Shimon Gibson, of the Department of History. Tabor is a historian of early Christianity and Gibson is an expert in the archaeology and history of the region, and, particularly, the life and times of Lawrence of Arabia. Both have had decades of experience doing historical research and archaeology, and guiding select groups. Whether you have been to Israel and Jordan before or have never had the opportunity, this tour will prove to be unforgettable. Participants will get a rare "behind the story" perspective on all the places that we visit. The itinerary includes Jerusalem, the Galilee, and the entire country of Jordan north to south. Accommodations are at five star hotels, carefully selected for their exceptional amenities.

What's Included

- All tips, taxes, and border fees
- Five-Star Hotel Accommodations
- In country transportation
- Breakfasts, dinners, and four group lunches
- Licensed guides and entrance fees
- Special lectures by Professors Tabor and Gibson
- Tour guidebooks



ITINERARY

DAY 1: FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Participants leave the U.S. on March 16 to arrive at the Ben Gurion airport, Tel Aviv, Israel the next day.

DAY 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Participants will be provided with transportation to our lodgings at the new Mamilla Hotel just outside the Old City Walls of Jerusalem. In the evening we will enjoy a welcoming reception and an optional walk into the Old City with Dr. Tabor.

DAY 3: SUNDAY, MARCH 18

A day of touring in Jerusalem where participants will see rarely visited tourist sites, including our UNC Charlotte sponsored Mt. Zion excavation, the newly discovered site of Pilate's Judgment seat, identified by Dr. Gibson, and so much more.

DAY 4: MONDAY, MARCH 19

A visit to the spectacular ruins of Caesarea Maritima, built by Herod the Great, will end with lunch on the Mediterranean. We will then drive to Sephoris, the ancient urban capital of all Galilee, and end our day at Tiberias with a boat ride on the beautiful Sea of Galilee at sunset.

DAY 5: TUESDAY, MARCH 20

We will drive north along the Sea of Galilee to visit the new excavations at Magdala as well as the ancient harbor and seaside of Capernaum. We will then cross into Jordan to visit the spectacular ruins of the ancient city of Jerash. We will end the day at the Four Seasons Hotel in Amman, the beautiful capital of Jordan.



DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

We will spend the morning viewing sites in Amman including the ancient Citadel and the Roman Theatre before heading south to Mt. Nebo for a spectacular view of the Dead Sea. We will spend the night at the Dead Sea, experiencing its healing waters, at the Kempinski Hotel.

DAY 7: THURSDAY, MARCH 22

We will spend all day touring the mysterious pink rock city of Petra under the expert guidance of Dr. Shimon Gibson who will reveal to us the unknown story of the palace and its discovery. We will stay overnight at the Movenpick Hotel in Petra.

DAY 8: FRIDAY, MARCH 23

It's time for a Jeep ride in the magnificent Wadi Rum--Lawrence of Arabia country--under the expert guidance of Dr. Gibson, one of the foremost world authorities on Lawrence. We will spend the night under the star-lit desert sky at Rum Captain's Eco Camp.

DAY 9: SATURDAY, MARCH 24

We will cross into Israel at Eilat, the southern port on the Red Sea enjoying an afternoon of swimming or snorkeling with a final evening reception at the fabulous Queen of Sheba Hotel.

DAY 10: SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Sunday morning, while traveling through southern Israel, we will view sites on our way back to the Tel Aviv airport for our overnight flights back to the U.S.A.