

# 2020 Israel Study Tour

29th August - 13th September 2020

## Introduction to the Tour

We are excited to be conducting another BST study tour to Israel, the land of the Bible. We would love you to join us as we visit key sites related to events recorded in the Bible, especially the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus.

The tour will begin and end in Jordan, allowing us to visit Mount Nebo where Moses saw the land before he died, magnificent Petra, and the southern border crossing into Israel at the Gulf of Aqaba. We will travel up through the desert via Beersheba to the Dead Sea and visit Qumran, Masada, Jericho and the Jordan River.

We will be based in Jerusalem for seven nights, visiting many sites in the old city and new city, and also Bethlehem and Hebron. We will be amazed as we visit places where Jesus walked, and where Abraham, David and others left their mark.

We will then spend four days in the north of Israel, travelling along the Mediterranean coast via Jaffa and Caesarea

Maritima to Mount Carmel, and through Galilee to many places and cities significant in the history of Israel and in the life and ministry of Jesus, including Megiddo, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee and its famous sites. We will even travel by cable car to the top of Mount Hermon. It will be an amazing two weeks of Christian fellowship, getting to know and experience the land together.

The tour will have English-speaking and Mandarin-speaking groups, led by BST lecturers John Coulson and Dr Sam Goh. Local expert English-speaking and Mandarin-speaking guides will lead us throughout the tour, helping us to understand the richness of what we are seeing and experiencing. We will be praying that you experience what many others have experienced: a wonderful and memorable time in which the Bible comes alive in a fresh way.

*Tour arranged in conjunction with Selah Travel.*

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## Meet your tour guides



### **John Coulson (Lecturer in Bible)**

John's passion is teaching the Bible and encouraging God's people in Christian discipleship and ministry. He has been on the faculty of BST for over 15 years, teaching Old Testament and New Testament. His post-graduate research and writing has been mainly in the letters

of Paul: Jesus and the Spirit, and more recently, God's judgment. John led the BST study tour to Israel in 2014.

The tour is offered in English and Chinese. John Coulson will be leading the English group and Samuel Goh leading the Chinese group. There will be two local tour guides, one for English speaking and one for Chinese (Mandarin) speaking travellers.

### **Samuel Goh (Lecturer in Old Testament)**

Sam joined Brisbane School of Theology in 2019 as Lecturer in Old Testament for both English and Chinese programs, after teaching the Old Testament at Singapore Bible College for 17 years. He speaks English, Mandarin, and Cantonese. He completed his PhD in Old Testament

Studies at Queen's University Belfast in 2008. He has also authored six books (two English and four Chinese), along with many journal articles. Before lecturing Sam was a pastor of a church in Singapore for 10 years. He has organised and led Bible Lands tours for some years, teaching Bible lessons on biblical sites.



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**ITINERARY (page 1)****Saturday 29 August****Depart Brisbane for Amman**

Travel from Brisbane via Dubai to Amman, flying Emirates. EK435 departs Brisbane at 9pm, arrives Dubai at 5.10am. EK901 departs Dubai at 7.30am and arrives into Amman at 9.35am on 30 August.

**Sunday 30 August****Welcome to the Holy Land – Amman – Mt Nebo – Dead Sea**

On arrival at Amman airport, clear immigration and customs and be welcomed by your driver and guide. Load up our coach and visit Mt Nebo where Moses saw the Promised Land. Check into the Dead Sea hotel and enjoy the day to recover from the long flight with a dip in the Dead Sea.

*Meals: Dinner*

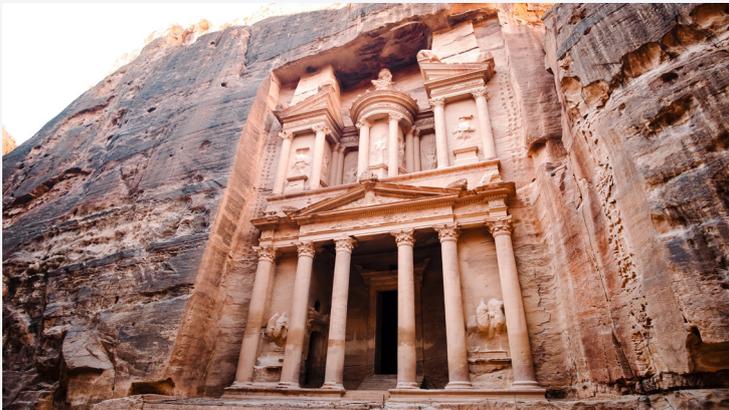
*Hotel: Holiday Inn Dead Sea, Jordan*

**Monday 31 August****Dead Sea – Petra**

After breakfast we will check out and travel along the King's Highway south to Petra. On arrival we will visit the UNESCO World Heritage Petra site, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Petra Panorama Hotel, Petra*

**Tuesday 1 September****Arava Border – Timna – Beer Sheva**

Farewell Jordan and cross into Israel at the Arava border crossing near the Red Sea. Travel north to the Timna National Park to see an impressive Model of the Tabernacle and Solomon's Pillars. Continue through the Negev desert to Beer Sheva, the site of Abraham's well. Beer Sheva is also an important WWI site for Aussie diggers.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Leonardo Negev Hotel, Beer Sheva*

**Wednesday 2 September****Masada – Ein Gedi – Wadi Qelt**

Drive along the shore of the Dead Sea on the Israeli side to Masada, the fortress stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans. Take a cable car ride to the summit for sightseeing and a wonderful view of the Dead Sea. Continue to the Ein

Gedi spring when David fled and hid from Saul (1 Sam 23), followed by a float in the Dead Sea.

On our way back to Jerusalem we will stop at Wadi Qelt and see the Judean wilderness where Jesus spent 40 days. It is also the old road from Jericho to Jerusalem and the setting for the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Check into our hotel in Jerusalem for a 7-night stay.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Thursday 3 September****Qumran – Qasr al Yahud baptismal site – Jericho**

Leaving Jerusalem, we travel south to Qumran to visit the heart of the Jewish sect, the Essenes. This is where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the 1950's. We then visit what is considered the traditional baptism site where John the Baptist baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. We continue to Jericho, the oldest inhabited city on earth, to visit the Mount of Temptation by cable car, before returning to Jerusalem.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Friday 4 September****Southern Steps excavations – Israel Museum**

This morning we visit the Old City and spend time at the Southern Steps of the Temple and the Davidson Centre Archaeological Museum housed underneath. We will then travel to new Jerusalem to the Israel Museum which houses an impressive model of Jerusalem as it was before the fall in 70AD. You will also see the Dead Sea Scrolls. Return to Jerusalem to welcome in Shabbat.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Saturday 5 September****Garden Tomb – Bethlehem - Hebron**

Our day will commence at the picturesque Garden Tomb for a time of prayer and reflection. We then visit Bethlehem, to see the Church of the Nativity and Shepherds' Fields. There will be an opportunity to shop at a local souvenir store that specialises in olive wood and nativity

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scenes! Continue to Hebron, the largest city in the West Bank, to visit the Tomb of Abraham and the Patriarchs.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Sunday 6 September****Mount of Olives – Gethsemane – Old City**

Today we begin at the Mount of Olives for a spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem. Walk down Palm Sunday Road, ending at the Garden of Gethsemane. Continue into the Old City at the Lion Gate and walk the Via Dolorosa, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The afternoon will be spent visiting Mount Zion, including the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu that commemorates when Peter denied Jesus three times, and is built over the dungeon where Jesus was kept before his trial. We will also see the Upper Room.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Monday 7 September****Western Wall and Tunnels – Temple Mount – City of David**

We return to the Old City to visit the Western Wall and go underground to see original temple foundations. Mondays are the day for Bar Mitzvahs, so the western wall will be full of singing and celebration! We will also visit the Temple Mount which is now home to the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa Mosque. After lunch we will travel to the City of David which houses David's tomb. Wade through water underneath in Hezekiah's Tunnel.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Tuesday 8 September****Yahuda Market – Ramparts Walk**

Enjoy a more relaxing day today with a visit to the Yahuda Markets, followed by a walk along the ramparts on top of the Old City. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy Jerusalem.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Wednesday 9 September****Joppa - Caesarea Maritima – Mount Carmel**

Farewell Jerusalem and travel to the Mediterranean coast. Our first stop is the ancient port city of Joppa (Jaffa), to see Simon the Tanner's house and wander the cobblestoned streets.

Continue to Caesarea Maritima, Rome's port into Israel and Israel's port to the world: where Pontius Pilate made his residence; where Paul testified before Festus and Agrippa II; where Philip the Evangelist lived with his four preaching/prophesying daughters; and where the 'mustard seed' of Jesus' message sprouted its first non-Jewish believers. We then travel towards the Galilee with a stop at Mount Carmel to recall the story of Elijah, before travelling to the Galilee.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Nof Ginosar Village, Tiberias*

**Thursday 10 September****Nazareth – Cana – Megiddo – Beatitudes – Capernaum**

Today we will travel to Nazareth where Jesus grew up, including Nazareth Village that depicts what life was like in Jesus' day. Continue with a short visit to the city of Cana. We then visit Megiddo, a place synonymous with the end of the world as mentioned in Revelation as Armageddon. We then return to the Galilee and enjoy some time at the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Capernaum to see the synagogue where Jesus spent time teaching, as well as Simon Peter's house.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel: Nof Ginosar Village, Tiberias*

**Friday 11 September****Sea of Galilee – Mount Hermon**

We will kick off at 8am with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, followed by a visit to Tabgha, the site of the feeding of the 5,000, before continuing to Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights by cable car. Our last night together back at the hotel as we reflect on all that we have seen and learned.

*Meals: Breakfast*

*Hotel: Nof Ginosar Village, Tiberias*

**Saturday 12 September****Travel to Amman**

Check out of the hotel and travel to Beat Shean, a fine example of a Greco-Roman city. Cross back to the Jordanian border to Amman airport for our late afternoon flight home via Dubai to Brisbane.

*EK904 departs Amman at 6pm, arrives Dubai 10pm.*

*Meals: Breakfast*

**Sunday 13 September****Arrive Brisbane**

*EK430 departs Dubai at 2.30am and arrives in Brisbane at 10.20pm. \*\*END OF SERVICES\*\**

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# Tour Pricing

## Includes

- Economy class airfares from Brisbane to Amman, flying Emirates
- 13 nights' accommodation in hotels, as listed
- 13 days of guided sightseeing
- 2 x Licensed government guides in Israel & 1 x Jordan
- Deluxe air-conditioned coach transport
- All entrance fees to sights listed
- Half board meals: breakfast & dinner
- Headsets in Israel
- Visa fees and entry/exit taxes for Israel & Jordan
- Tips to guides/drivers

## Not Included

- Meals not listed, i.e., lunches
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses – drinks, shopping, laundry

### Price Per Person Full tour, including airfares

Twin Share: \$7,165.00  
Single Room: \$8,529.00

## Credit students using Fee-Help

| Up-front payment required by student not covered by Fee-Help, payable to Selah Travel | Fee-Help will cover the following costs*           |
|---|--|
| \$3,710 (twin share)  | \$3,455 (tour twin share) + \$2,400 (tuition fee)  |
| \$5,070 (single room)   | \$3,459 (tour single room) + \$2,400 (tuition fee) |

\* Total amount going on Fee-Help will be \$3,455 + \$2,400 = \$5,855.

\* Undergraduate students using Fee-Help will incur a 25% loan fee and total amount on Fee-Help = \$7,318.75.

## Credit students paying up-front

| Full tour including airfares paid upfront to Selah Travel | Payment to BST for tuition |
|---|----------------------------|
| \$7,165 (twin share)                                      | \$2,400                    |
| \$8,529 (single room)                                     |                            |

## Audit students

| Full tour including airfares paid upfront to Selah Travel | Payment to BST for tuition |
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| \$7,165 (twin share)                                      | \$600                      |
| \$8,529 (single room)                                     |                            |

## Apply

**If you are a current BST student, please submit this enrolment form.**

Unit code is either BB202-712 (undergraduate –English/ Chinese) or BB202-812 (graduate and post-graduate –English only). Please list unit name as *Israel Study Tour* and select intensive mode.

**If you are not a current BST student, please complete this audit application form and email to [info@bst.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@bst.qld.edu.au).**

Acceptance as a BST student is first required before you can book in for the tour with the tour company Selah. Upon acceptance to BST you will be sent the link to the booking form and will need to complete this form online and then pay a non-refundable deposit of \$500 upon booking.

### Payment

First payment required is a **\$500 non-refundable deposit** to Selah Travel with the booking form.

Then you will be sent two invoices.

- Selah Travel will invoice for the tour expenses
- BST will invoice for tuition expense

Please pay the invoices to the appropriate organisation as per the invoice.

**Final payments are due by Friday 29 May 2020**

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## Unit Details

### BB202-712/812

Unit outline is going through the approval process and will be available when approved.