

Blessed are those...who have their hearts set on pilgrimage (Psalm 84:5 NIV)

Footsteps Walking and Travel Club of Aotearoa New Zealand in association with Naftali Tours (Israel) and Beyond the Jordan Tours (Jordan) warmly invites you to participate in a

BIBLE LANDS PILGRIMAGE

Monday 4 September - Friday 29 September, 2023

26 days, commencing in Tel Aviv and concluding in Amman

(estimated cost \$NZ9950pp as at Sept 2022)

(Single supplement to have your own room +\$NZ4000)

Based on a minimum of 15 participants, and subject to currency fluctuations.

\$200 discount for church and para-church staff and Spiritual Directors.



Scene of divine revelations, home of the People of the Book, background of the marvels recorded in the Bible... lands sacred to Jew, Christian and Moslem. Visiting this region, retracing the footsteps of Jesus, the patriarchs and the prophets, is more than just a journey; it is a pilgrimage to the very source of faith...

***"Amazing tour" (Allan,2018) "Absolutely superb" (Betsy,2018) "Trip of a lifetime" (Craig,2018)
"I want to go again" (Angelina,2018) "Awesome" (Letitia,2019) "plenty to reflect on" (Ben,2019)
"thoroughly enjoyed"(Aimee,2019) "wonderful" (Renee,2019) "an enriching experience" (Raewyn,2019)***

PRICE INCLUDES :

- Meeting assist upon arrival
- Licensed English-Speaking guides and the services of an experienced, knowledgeable Kiwi leader
- All accommodations in Jordan and Israel (24 nights twin-share in clean and comfortable hotels)
- All transport in Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories and connections between the 3 countries
- Most meals (all breakfasts, all dinners)
- National Parks passes and entrance fees (including World Heritage sites)
- Sunset cruise on Sea of Galilee and St Peter's fish dinner
- Sound and Light Spectacular in Jerusalem
- Dinner in the home of a messianic Jewish family
- Visa and border crossing fees (these are obtained at the border)

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- Flights to / from the region
- Transfers if arriving or departing at a time significantly before or after the majority of the group
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Personal incidentals e.g. internet, tipping, snacks.

Trip Leader: Rev. Phillip Donnell



Phillip Donnell has been a student of the Bible all his life, with a special interest in the historical geography of the Bible lands. He has travelled extensively in the Middle East, particularly in Israel, Jordan, Turkey and Egypt. He has an M.A. in Geography, a Bachelor of Divinity and a Master of Theology in Applied Theology. For twenty years he was a Baptist pastor in four different churches. He has also been a teacher of Geography, English and ESOL, and is a published author of poetry, articles and short stories. He has led group trips and expeditions in NZ and overseas for 40 years. The 2023 pilgrimage will be his sixth to the Bible Lands. Phillip currently lives in sunny Tauranga with his wife Katrina, where they are involved in Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Phillip has three married children and eleven grandchildren. He really enjoys visiting other countries and interacting with different cultures, and counts his experiences in the

Middle East as among the most life-changing. If you have any questions you would like to put to Phillip, he welcomes your contact: phillipjohndonnell@gmail.com, ph.07 544 9509, Mobile 021 172 3244.

This will be my 6th pilgrimage. For me, leading such a trip to the Bible Lands isn't like any other - not so much a vacation as an education and an inspiration. Some parts of the cultures seem foreign, but the oddities I observe often find their roots in places familiar, such as the Old and New Testaments. In that way, taking a trip to these lands feels like taking a trip inside the Bible. It isn't just seeing the sites that gives me insight into the Scriptures. The whole experience takes me there. And 99% of those who travel with me to these places agree that experiencing them has strengthened their spiritual life and in various ways changed them forever...

Phillip Donnell

Trip Organisation and Overview

- The most comprehensive and best-value tour available from Australasia.
- Thorough research and planning to make the best use of available time and provide a seamless experience.
- A 'trip of a lifetime' – 'if you only visit once' thinking to the itinerary construction.
- An experienced NZ trip leader, plus local guides or similar where helpful or necessary.
- Scriptural background of all sites, daily spiritual reflections, communion services, worship, resources for personal meditation, visits to local churches.
- Variety – historical, cultural, social, political and spiritual aspects are all strands in the tapestry.
- Some flexibility, worthwhile options and down time (3 rest days) incorporated, as appropriate.
- The companionship and satisfaction of shared travel with like-minded Kiwis.
- Learning and community, coming away with new understanding and great memories.

The details of all participants will be registered with the NZ/Australian Consulates in Amman and Tel Aviv. Plus we will register relevant details on www.safetravel.govt.nz

These matters are precautionary and essential to properly managed travel to this part of the world.

Pre-trip newsletters will provide further information than cannot be included here. These also typically provide a recommended gear list, any adjustments to the final itinerary, accommodation lists, details about transport logistics, updated security matters, recommended funds for personal use / options etc and of course the list of trip participants.

Israel

We mix the services of local operators with our own arrangements for seamless convenience and flexibility. Roads and highways in Israel are of a high standard and overall distances not too great. Driving is on the right and signage is in English. Israel is considered one of the safest destinations, and this is due to the highly visible presence of security people and systems in place. It pays to be vigilant, respectful and patient however. Expect lengthy questioning and bag searches on arrival at the border. Suspiciously parked vehicles are towed or destroyed, street markets and public facilities are spontaneously closed at the vaguest rumour of a threat. When entering transport terminals, shopping malls etc your bags will sometimes be searched and sometimes X-rayed. You may also be checked by a metal detector or body search and probably asked if you have a gun! It's amazing how quickly you get used to this, however.

Likewise there are very strict systems in place when entering or returning from the occupied West Bank. Israel is nominally a 'Jewish state', but 25% of the near 9 million population are not actually Jewish. Arab Christians, Arab Muslims, Druze, Bedouin etc make up the numbers. Relative to its population, Israel is the largest immigrant-absorbing country on earth. There are many nuances that make this region so fascinating, for all its conflict, controversy and tragedy. Traditions, religious and otherwise, play a huge part in daily life. Although Israel is located in the Middle East, it is a strongly western leaning society.

The water is safe to drink and the cuisine is wide ranging, featuring plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables. Food is healthy, interesting and draws families together.

Jordan

In Jordan we use the services of a long standing local operator with a strong ethical and conservation stance. This means we have the constant services of an English-speaking trip leader, with all arrangements made, ahead. While minor changes may be necessary, we are following established routes and visiting places where western visitors travel to and are made welcome. No visit to this part of the world would be complete without including the sights and history of Jordan because it is part of the biblical holy land. The Jordanians themselves are very hospitable and welcoming, and tourism infrastructure here is reliable and robust.

There is good drinking water available and the cuisine of the country is typically Arabic, wholesome and delicious. Shish kebabs, hummus, falafel, salads, grains, mezze, chicken and lamb all feature.

**The Seven Pillars of Wisdom,
Wadi Rum**



**The Treasury,
Petra**



**Shepherds' Fields,
Bethlehem**

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS

A thoroughly memorable 3.5 weeks in Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Territories!

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*For more details of the places mentioned below, see:

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www.BibleWalks.com, www.israel-webguide.com, www.goisrael.com, www.bible-history.com,
www.gemsinisrael.com, www.ilmuseums.com, www.israelinsideout.com, www.travelujah.com

* Full notes on every location will be provided to all participants prior to leaving New Zealand.

DAY AND DATE	PLACES VISITED (on some days it may be a selection from those listed)		
	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
	ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES		
Day 1 Monday 4 Sept	Participants need to arrive at Ben Gurion Airport by 2.30 p.m.		Initial briefing O/n Tel Aviv
	<i>On arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you'll meet your waiting driver and coach. We will travel to Tel Aviv, Israel's contemporary Mediterranean city. We check into our hotel for a rest before dinner, a short briefing, and overnight. You may care to have a relaxing Med Sea dip at one of the beaches, beginning your Med Sea-Dead Sea-Red Sea trifector!</i>		
Day 2 Tuesday 5 Sept	Jaffa Ayalon Institute Sorek Valley (caves?)	Tel Azekah Valley of Elah Emmaus	Dinner with Jewish family at Tel Mond? O/n Tel Aviv
	<i>Jonah boarded a boat in Joppa (now known as Jaffa). This was the hometown of seamstress Tabitha. It was also here that Peter saw his life-changing vision while staying at the house of Simon the Tanner. At the Ayalon Institute in Rehovot we will visit a fascinating secret munitions factory. The Sorek Valley was Samson's stamping ground. David fought Goliath in the Valley of Elah, viewed from the Tel Azekah reserve. One of the four possible locations for Emmaus, where two despondent walkers encountered the risen Christ, is in Canada Park at Nicopolis.</i>		
Day 3 Wednesday 6 Sept	Caesarea Maritima Mount Carmel Range	Haifa Akko	Free O/n Akko
	<i>Crossing the Plain of Sharon, we pause at Caesarea Maritima, once the capital of the Roman province, to see the aqueduct, theatre, hippodrome, Herod's palace (where Paul addressed Festus and Agrippa) and the harbour from which St. Paul was taken to Rome. The lush slopes of Mount Carmel bring us to Muhraka, the traditional site of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal. Enjoy the gob-smacking symmetry of the Bahai Gardens in Haifa. Akko (Acre) was biblical Ptolemais and figured prominently as the capital of the Crusader kingdom in the Holy Land.</i>		
Day 4 Thursday 7 Sept	Capernaum Mount of Beatitudes Tabgha	Mount Arbel Magdala Nof Ginossar	Lake Galilee Cruise St. Peter's Fish Dinner O/n Tiberius
	<i>Our first stop today is Capernaum, Jesus' ministry base, to see an ancient synagogue and the house of St. Peter (later converted to a church). We will retell some of the incidents and miracles of our Lord's ministry in this place. At the Mount of the Beatitudes, the eight immortal statements are commemorated in the beautiful octagonal church. Passing the Cove of the Sower, we come to Tabgha, where the risen Jesus provided a beach breakfast for seven disciples and</i>		

	<p>recommissioned Peter. At Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene, we can reflect on the women in the gospel narratives. It has a pre-AD70 synagogue. The moving Chapel of the Encounter is famous for its huge "Encounter" painting. Mount Arbel towers over the Sea of Galilee and is believed by many to be the site of the Great Commission. The remains of the first century "Jesus" boat at Nof Ginossar will fascinate us before boarding our evening cruise across the Sea of Galilee and enjoying a St Peter's fish meal in Tiberius. From the mouth of one of these fish Jesus retrieved a coin to pay temple taxes.</p>		
Day 5 Friday 8 Sept	Hula Valley Banias (Caesarea Philippi) Mount Hermon	Mount Bental Bethsaida Kursi (Gergesa)	Free O/n Chammat Gader or Kinneret or Tiberius
<p>Today we travel the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee and explore the Golan Heights (biblical Bashan). Kursi is the traditional site where Jesus completely healed Legion the demoniac, sending his demons into pigs who rushed headlong into the lake. Mount Bental will afford us magnificent views of the Golan's volcanic landscape and the borderlands with Syria. The springs at Banias are one of the three sources of the River Jordan. In the Bible, the city of Caesarea Philippi was located here. The city was a hotbed of idolatry. It was therefore fitting that in this place Peter declared the truth that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God." From here, Jesus likely climbed the high mountain of Hermon, where he was transfigured before Peter and John. Passing Nimrod Castle and Tel Dan, we enter the fertile farmlands and wetlands of the Hula Valley. Bethsaida was the hometown of the apostles Simon Peter, his brother Andrew, and Philip. The town appears prominently in the Gospel accounts, especially as the likely vicinity where Jesus fed the 5000.</p>			
Day 6 Saturday 9 Sept	<p>Rest Day: Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee Opportunity to swim in the Sea of Galilee.</p>		Dinner with Jewish messianic family. O/n Tiberius
Day 7 Sunday 10 Sept	Yardenit Beit Shean (Scythopolis) Mount Gilboa	Spring of Harod Megiddo	Free O/n Nazareth
<p>Yardenit is a beautiful baptism facility located where the Jordan River leaves the Sea of Galilee. King Saul and his son Jonathan died on Mount Gilboa doing battle with the Philistines. Their bodies were taken and hung on the wall of ancient Beit Shean, which later became a major Roman city (known as Scythopolis) in the Decapolis region. Its ruins are among the most spectacular and best-preserved in Israel. At the Spring of Harod, Gideon whittled down his army. Megiddo overlooks the Jezreel valley and is considered to be the "Armageddon" of Revelation 16:16, the site of a great battle at the end of world history.</p>			
Day 8 Monday 11 Sept	Nazareth churches and Village	Sepporis Cana	Free O/n Nazareth
<p>In Nazareth we visit the Church of the Annunciation, where Mary was visited by the angel, and Mary's Well. Nazareth Village reconstructs village life just as it was in the time of Jesus and reveals the background of many aspects of his teaching. Sepporis was a large cosmopolitan Roman town near Nazareth, where it is very likely Jesus and his father Joseph worked as builder-craftsmen. It is famous for its mosaics (including "Mona Lisa of the Galilee"), Roman road, and Jewish settlement. The exact location of Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle, is uncertain, but we will visit or pass possible sites.</p>			
Day 9 Tuesday 12 Sept	Tel Dothan Samaria/Sebaste Mounts Ebal and Gerizim Samaritan Village and museum.	Shechem/Jacob's Well Shiloh Bethel/Ariel	Free O/n Jerusalem

	<p>chance to "get your bearings." Communion at the Garden Tomb, one possible location for Christ's resurrection, is always a highlight. Immediately adjacent is Gordon's Calvary. Nearby lie the vast subterranean caverns where Solomon quarried stone to build the Temple. The slopes of Mount Zion, a hill just outside the present walls of the Old City, have much to inspire us. Oscar Schindler, immortalised by the film "Schindler's List", is buried there. The Church of St Peter in Gallicantu marks the spot where Jesus was imprisoned after his arrest, and Peter denied him. The remains of the house of Caiaphas, the high priest, and the ancient steps Jesus climbed, have been excavated. Overlook the Hinnom, scene of ancient child sacrifice, and Akeldama, the "Field of Blood" where Judas hung himself.</p>		
Day 13 Saturday 16 Sept	<p>Rest day in Jerusalem. 1st day of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year: Feast of Trumpets) Optional visit to the Great Synagogue to witness the blowing of the shofars and Ramparts Walk (atop the walls and towers of the Old City)</p>		<p>Free O/n Jerusalem</p>
Day 14 Sunday 17 Sept 2 nd day of Rosh Hashanah	<p>Bethlehem (Church of Nativity) Beit Sahur (Shepherds' Fields)</p>	<p>Herodion (Herod's palace/grave) Bethany (El Azariya) .</p>	<p>O/n Jerusalem</p>
	<p><i>In Bethlehem see the birthplace of Jesus and the grotto where Jerome translated the Bible into Latin. Linger among the shops and stalls of Manger Square. Breathe the fresh air of the grassy slopes where the shepherds heard of Christ's birth from angels. Ascend Herodion, Herod the Great's palace and burial place. Continue through the Judean hills to the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus at Bethany, including the possible grave site where he "came forth".</i></p>		
Day 15 Monday 18 Sept	<p>City of David: Warren's Shaft Hezekiah's Tunnel Pool of Siloam</p>	<p>Pilgrimage Road Davidson Centre and Southern Wall of Temple Kidron Valley Tombs</p>	<p>O/n Jerusalem</p>
	<p><i>Today we visit the City of David Museum and (if you wish) actually walk through Hezekiah's water tunnel, finishing at the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus healed the blind man. We climb the newly-opened Pilgrimage Road to the Davidson Archaeological Centre to explore the Southern Wall excavations and walk on the very stones that the feet of Jesus touched. Those who wish may descend into the Kidron Valley to view ancient tombs dating from the Second Temple period.</i></p>		
Day 16 Tuesday 19 Sept	<p>Temple Mount Jewish Quarter: Cardo, Golden Menorah, Hurva Square</p>	<p>Temple Institute Western (Wailing) Wall Western Wall Tunnels</p>	<p>O/n Jerusalem</p>
	<p><i>This morning we visit the Temple Area, with the Al-Aska mosque and Dome of the Rock shrine (691AD), believed to be the same rock that Abraham used as an altar when he was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. Many believe future temples will be built here. We then make our way to the Jewish Quarter to view some of its unique sites. The Temple Institute contains furniture and implements replicating those used in the Old Testament and all ready for use in any rebuilt sanctuary. Pray at the Western Wall before you walk through its associated tunnels to catch a glimpse of the sheer scale of the Second Temple foundations.</i></p>		
Day 17 Wednesday 20 Sept	<p>Jericho/Mount of Temptation Qumran and/or Ein Gedi</p>	<p>Masada Dead Sea</p>	<p>O/n Ein Bokek</p>
	<p><i>We descend alongside the Wadi Kelt, pausing to remember the famous gospel parable of The Good Samaritan. Tel Es-Sultan at Jericho, the most ancient city in the world, is where the walls came tumbling down. Nearby is the traditional Mount of Temptation, where Jesus was tested for 40 days. The Dead Sea scrolls were written and hidden by the Essene community at Qumran. We visit their village and see some of the caves where the scrolls were discovered in 1947. Alternatively, we may pause at the cool springs of Ein Gedi, where David and his men found rest and refuge.</i></p>		

	<p><i>The highlight of today will be the spectacular fortress of Masada. Herod the Great built palaces for himself on the mountain and fortified it between 37 and 31 BCE. According to Josephus, the siege of Masada by troops of the Roman Empire at the end of the First Jewish–Roman War ended in the mass suicide of 960 people, the Sicarii rebels and their families hiding there, in 73 AD. We will ascend in the cable-car, and some may care to descend on the Snake Path. There will be opportunity for an evening dip in the Dead Sea.</i></p>		
Day 18 Thursday 21 Sept	Tel Beersheba Wilderness of Zin Sde Boker	En Avdat Maktesh Ramon	Free O/n Shizafon
	<p><i>Today we head south into an area few tourists visit - the Negev desert. Tel Beersheba, home to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is located at its northern boundary. David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, lived at Sde Boker – if time allows, we will visit his home and/or grave, and wander in the spectacular En Avdat canyon, part of the Zin Valley traversed by the ancient Israelites. We will drive across, and gaze down into, Maktesh Ramon, the largest erosion crater in the world. Tonight is your opportunity to stay on a genuine Israeli kibbutz.</i></p>		
Day 19 Friday 22 Sept	Timna NP: Tabernacle Replica Mount Yoash Observation Point	Eilat (biblical Elath/Ezion Geber)	Free O/n Eilat
	<p><i>Timna National Park introduces us to copper smelting by the Egyptians and Solomon, and also an exact replica of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. After pausing at the Mount Yoash Lookout to view Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, we arrive at Eilat on the Red Sea, one of Israel's ancient ports, utilized by King Solomon, rebuilt by King Uzziah, and now a tourist mecca. Here you have the chance to complete your aquatic trilogy: Med Sea, Dead Sea, Red Sea! The underwater observatory and coral reef are well worth investigation.</i></p>		
Day 20 Saturday 23 Sept	Rest Day in Eilat Opportunity to snorkel and swim in the Red Sea, and visit the Underwater Observatory.		Free O/n Eilat
JORDAN			
Day 21 Sunday 24 Sept	Arava Border Crossing Aqaba	Wadi Rum	Free O/n Petra
	<p><i>The "other holy land" of the Middle East, Jordan, beckons us. We cross the border into ancient Edom, driving north into Lawrence of Arabia country at Wadi Rum. We will gape at the massive mountains rising sheer from the sand as we enjoy a 2-hour jeep tour with optional camel ride. Then it's on to Wadi Musa and Petra, a wonder of the ancient world.</i></p>		
Day 22 Monday 25 Sept	Petra Our two full days at Petra will ensure that you have plenty of time to visit as many of the spectacular sites as possible. We will walk through the Siq gorge to The Treasury. <i>Select from:</i> Petra Museum, The Royal Tombs, The Monastery, High Place of Sacrifice, Street of Facades/Roman Theatre, Aaron's Tomb, Temples and Byzantine churches, Wadi al Farasa tombs, Al-Khubta Trail, Um al-Biyara Trail.		Free O/n Petra
	<p><i>Petra, a World Heritage site, has features unparalleled anywhere on earth. Inhabited since prehistoric times, this Nabataean caravan-city was an important crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia. Petra is half-built, half-carved into the rock, and is surrounded by mountains riddled with passages and gorges. It is one of the world's most famous archaeological sites.</i></p>		

	<p><i>The ancient Nabateans carved their magnificent tombs in Petra's sandstone cliffs from 300BC onwards. One of their kings, Aretas IV , is mentioned in the NT. The divorce of his daughter by Herod Antipas led to the beheading of John the Baptist. Roads and theatres were added during the Roman period, and Christian churches in the Byzantine era. This "rose-red city half as old as time" will leave you spellbound and amazed, beginning with a walk or ride through the Siq - the narrow entrance gorge which winds its way 1.2 kilometres and ends at Petra's most elaborate ruin, Al Khazneh (The Treasury), featured in the 1989 film "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and believed to be the mausoleum of King Aretas IV.</i></p> <p><i>You can choose which other spectacular parts of Petra you will explore. The fusion of Hellenistic architectural facades with traditional Nabataean rock-cut temple/tombs, including the Urn Tomb, the Silk Tomb, the Palace Tomb, the Corinthian Tomb and El Deir ("The Monastery"), represents a unique artistic achievement and an outstanding architectural ensemble of the first centuries BC to AD. The Nabataean priests used the High Place to perform religious rituals and make sacrifices to their gods. It features a couple of 6m obelisks carved out of solid rock. It is a 5-6 hour walk to the mountaintop tomb of Aaron. The Casr el-Bint, Winged Lion and Great Temples are spectacular. Close by, the main Byzantine church has noteworthy mosaics, and it is worth looking at the adjacent Blue Church and Ridge Church. Wadi al Farasa features more spectacular tombs. The Al-Khubta Trail enables you to look down on the Treasury, while Umm al-Biyara affords magnificent views of the entire massif.</i></p>					
Day 23 Tuesday 26 Sept	Petra See above.		O/n Petra			
Day 24 Wed 27 Sept	<p><i>Travel from Petra to Madaba via the Jordan Valley highway, and the Mt. Nebo/Pisgah Ridge</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 995 1552 1073"> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 995 753 1073"> Lot's Cave Machaerus </td> <td data-bbox="753 995 1224 1073"> Mount Nebo Madaba </td> <td data-bbox="1224 995 1552 1073"> Free O/n Madaba </td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Today we traverse ancient Moab, where Ruth came from. After the destruction of Sodom, Lot and his daughters lived in a cave ear Safi. The Moabites were descendants of Lot, and occupied the area east of the Dead Sea. According to Jewish historian Josephus, King Herod Antipas had John the Baptist imprisoned and executed at the hilltop fortress of Machaerus.</i></p> <p><i>Moses viewed the Promised Land from Mount Nebo before he died and the Lord buried him. We stop for the night in Madaba, the main town of the region, where you may choose to visit St George's Greek Orthodox church, which houses the oldest map in the world, dating from the 6th century AD.</i></p>			Lot's Cave Machaerus	Mount Nebo Madaba	Free O/n Madaba
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Day 25 Thursday 28 Sept	Bethany Beyond the Jordan Jabbok River	Jerash (biblical Gerasa) Amman (biblical Rabba)	Celebration Dinner O/n Amman			
<p><i>Bethany Beyond the Jordan (otherwise called Bethabara) is one of the most recent archaeological discoveries. It is of immense religious significance to the majority of denominations of the Christian faith, who have accepted this site as the location where Jesus of Nazareth was baptised by John the Baptist. There will be opportunity to renew our baptismal vows here, which is perhaps fitting on the final day of our pilgrimage. Traditions based on interpretations of the scriptural texts connect the site with two other miracles: the crossing of the River Jordan, whose waters were divinely restrained by God for the Israelites, under the command of Joshua (Joshua 3); and the prophet Elijah being taken to heaven by chariots of fire (2 Kings 2:9, 11).</i></p> <p><i>At Peniel on the Jabbok River Jacob wrestled throughout the night with a divine being before he was made lame, his name changed, and he received a blessing. Jerash is biblical Gerasa, one of the ten cities of the Gentile Decapolis, and now site of some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in the Middle East. The Gerasene demoniac was from this area. We end our day in Amman, capital</i></p>						

	<i>of Jordan, the place where Joab conquered the Citadel and King David sent Uriah the Hittite to his death. We will celebrate our farewell dinner.</i>
Day 26 Friday 29 Sept	Departure Day. Trip concludes after breakfast. Travel from Amman to Queen Alia International Airport. Depart Jordan with wonderful memories of a fantastic journey! (Those attending the Feast of Tabernacles, or preferring to fly out of Tel Aviv, will need to cross the Allenby Bridge back into Israel and thence to Jerusalem. Our agencies can assist with this. The process takes several hours, so flights out of Tel Aviv would need to be in the evening, or the next day.)
Friday 29 Sept to Friday 6 October	ICEJ Feast of Tabernacles Conference and Celebration in Jerusalem. This is <u>not</u> part of our tour, but you may care to stay on after the tour to participate. There are daytime and evening activities. ICEJ will arrange a complete package for you, including events, accommodation and meals. Go to their website for details.

Other Options in Jerusalem

- *The *Bible Lands Museum* explores the culture of the peoples mentioned in the Bible.
- *In *Yemin Moshe*, the vaulted lobby and tower of the *YMCA* , the famous *King David Hotel*, and the beautiful *Lion Fountain* are worth a look. The *Montefiore Windmill* testifies to a British philanthropist's attempt to combine accommodation with industry. Right opposite is an exact replica of the *Liberty Bell* in Philadelphia.
- **Ammunition Hill* commemorates the Israeli capture of East Jerusalem during the Six Day War in 1967.
- *You may be interested in a visit to the magnificent *Belz Great Synagogue* of Jerusalem, the largest in Israel.
- **The Rockefeller Archaeological Museum* contains thousands of artifacts arranged in chronological order, ranging from prehistoric times to the Ottoman period.
- **The Tower of David Museum* presents the story of Jerusalem, its history and its significance to three religions.
- **Jerusalem Biblical Zoo* has both biblical and non-biblical animals in a pleasant setting.
- *The *Rooftop Promenade*, *Austrian Hospice* and *Lutheran Tower* in the Old City provide birds-eye views.
- * The *Armenian Cathedral of St James* is dedicated to that apostle, and is said to house some of his bones.
- * *Mount Herzl* is the site of Israel's national cemetery and other memorial and educational facilities, found on the west side of Jerusalem beside the Jerusalem Forest.

Booking conditions and registration form below...

Temple Mount, Jerusalem

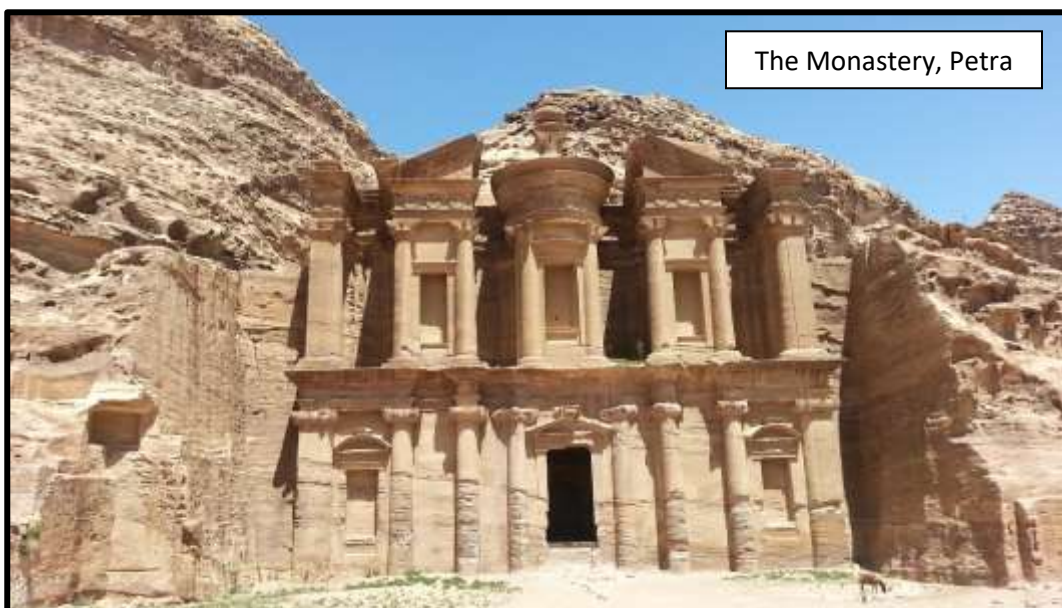


Swimming in the Dead Sea

BIBLE LANDS PILGRIMAGE 2023: *Booking Conditions*

1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. Footsteps Walking and Travel Club, and Naftali/Beyond the Jordan Tours, are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip.
3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be fully refunded. We also reserve the right to make any modifications that may be essential.
4. The trip price includes some subsidisation of the leader's administrative and travel expenses.
5. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration Form. The deposit is \$950 per person (or \$750 if you are eligible for a discount).
6. Registrations **should be sent as early as possible** in order for our agencies to ensure optimal arrangements. The deadline for registrations is **31 March 2023**.
7. Half of the balance (\$4500) is due by **31 May, 2023** and the remainder (\$4500) by **31 July, 2023**. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (please write your surname and "BLP 2023" in the reference boxes).
8. Arrangements are made in other currencies. Events beyond our control, such as exchange rate fluctuations or any unforeseen additional costs, may affect the overall trip price. We cannot guarantee the price until such times as *full payment has been received* (31 July, 2023). Upon full payment, the trip price is guaranteed.
9. Cancellations. If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise Phillip in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. Full refunds are given up to 90 days prior. Following that, refunds are by negotiation, with the aim of refunding the maximum amount possible. Travel insurance can cover you for unexpected changes of plan that have a valid reason. If you find a suitable replacement person, cancellation fees MAY be waived.
10. Personal travel insurance is mandatory, and proof thereof should be carried by all participants.

A registration form is below...



Registration Form – Bible Lands Pilgrimage, 2023

Complete and send to Phillip Donnell with a **passport copy**. The deposit required is \$950 per person (or \$750 if eligible for discount). Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (with your surname and “BLP 2023” in reference columns).

Your full name(s) as per passport(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s)

Mailing address

Day phone

Night phone

Mobile

Email

Date(s) of birth

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers for 3.5 weeks with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the full trip dossier and I / We enclose the per person deposit of \$950pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due dates. I/ We understand that the final trip price is subject to minimum numbers and other cost impacts as detailed under the Booking Conditions section; therefore the final trip price cannot be guaranteed until such time as *full payment has been made*.

Signed (all participants should sign here):

Send to : Phillip Donnell, 3B Te Arawa Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga 3112. Email: phillipjohndonnell@gmail.com

**FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM**

PROVIDER: Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)(“Footsteps”)

PARTICIPANT: _____
 (“the Participant”)

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant: _____

Date: _____