

Please let me know if you wish to be kept informed of developments. And also let others know of the proposed tour: we need a minimum of 20 participants to make it viable. Thanks again for your interest.



For more information on the Study Tour of Biblical Lands (2008) please contact Br Rod Doyle cfc. A meeting will be arranged after Easter (tentatively 8<sup>th</sup> April) to review arrangements



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# STUDY TOUR OF BIBLICAL LANDS

(REVISED)



15 November – 15 December  
2008



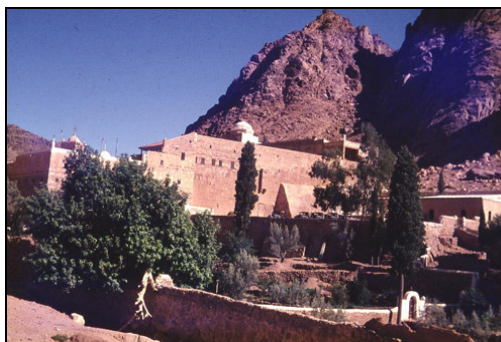
Thank you for your interest about the Study Tour of Biblical Lands (2008). I do hope you find the proposed tour attractive. We will depart Australia 15<sup>th</sup> November.

During this month long tour we visit sites relevant to Old and New Testaments, as well as many other places along the way. These include Petra and Aqaba in Jordan, Istanbul and Gallipoli in Turkey, and Meteora in Greece.

Some of the participants will be utilising the tour for credit towards a degree. For all, the visit is an occasion of enriching their reading of the Word of God. If a picture is worth a thousand words, we hope that the images, memories and reflections that you bring back will not only enrich that Word for you, but communicate itself to your family, friends, students and associates.

**The tour cost will be \$9650.** This covers air travel, accommodation (twin share), half-board and entry to museums and historic sites.

There is also an added cost for CTC as all participants are enrolled as students. **The cost for the two units will be \$700 (Audit) or \$1396 (Degree).** Some may also want to pay a supplement for a single room, and others add time on to the end of the tour etc.



Here is the proposed itinerary. As you might expect, some elements of this programme will need to be refined according to travel/accommodation availability:

Day 1 Flight from **Melbourne**

Arrive: Amman (**Jordan**)

Day 2 Amman, Mt Nebo, Petra

Day 3 Petra, Eilat (**Israel**)

Day 4 Eilat, Taba (**Egypt**), Mt Sinai

Day 5 Mt Sinai, Taba, Eilat (**Israel**)

Day 6 Eilat, Masada, Qumran, Jerusalem

Day 7 Jerusalem: Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Model of Jerusalem

Day 8 Holy Sepulchre, Temple Mount, St Anne's, Ecce Homo

Day 9 Jerusalem: Free Day

Day 10 Bethlehem (am), Bible Lands Museum (pm)

Day 11 Jericho, Belvoir, Beth She'an, Tiberias

Day 12 Sea of Galilee, Gennezareth, Capernaum, Tabgha

Day 13 Beatitudes, Hazor, Banyas (Caesarea Philippi), Golan Heights

Day 14 Mount Tabor (am), Free afternoon

Day 15 Nazareth, Sepphoris, Megiddo, Caesarea

Day 16 Flight Tel Aviv – Istanbul (**Turkey**): Sancta Sophia, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Cistern

Day 17 Boat trip up Bosphorus, Chora Museum

Day 18 Istanbul: Free Day

Day 19 Flight: Istanbul – Ankara; Boghazkoy, Avanos

Day 20 Goreme: Rock Churches of Cappadocia, Ankara

Day 21 Flight Ankara – Izmir; Ephesus; Meryemana

Day 22 Izmir, Bergama, Assos

Day 23 Assos, Gallipoli, Greek border, Alexandroupoli (**Greece**)

Day 24 Alexandroupoli, Philippi, Thessalonica

Day 25 Thessalonica, Beroea, Meteora

Day 26 Meteora, Athens

Day 27 Corinth (am), Athens (pm)

Day 28 Flight Athens to **Melbourne**