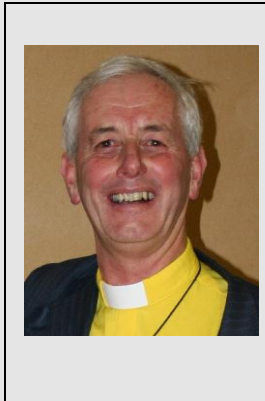


First Schedule: 15 July 2011

Your invitation to join this special pilgrimage tour  
 With Reverend Mike Hawke to Jordan & the Holyland in 2012  
 Co-hosted by Colleen Pasley



In 2010, Reverend Mike Hawke and Colleen Pasley co-hosted a tour to Jordan, Israel and Oberammergau. The popularity of this tour has created further interest to visit the Holyland and Jordan again in 2012. Formerly the Vicar of St Christophers Church in Avonhead from 1988 until 2010, Mike is now based with the Anglican Mission Board as its Church Support officer, a role which involves travelling around both New Zealand and the Pacific, providing a wider view of the church and its communities. We invite you to join Mike with experienced tour co-host Colleen Pasley to explore the lands where Jesus once lived; walk amidst the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem with many other highlights including St Georges Church; visit Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity; the Sea of Galilee and the many areas where Jesus preached; plus many highlights in Jordan including the famous red rose city of Petra, once home of the Edomites.

You are encouraged to register now to join this exciting pilgrimage tour.  
 The Bible will never be the same again....!

**JUNE 2012**

**Sun 17 Christchurch or Auckland-Dubai**

Depart NZ.

**Mon 18 Dubai**

Arrive Dubai early this morning. On arrival make your way through immigration and customs. After immigration procedures you will be met and transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay.

**Tue 19 Dubai- Amman- Petra**

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Amman.

On arrival you will be met and assisted with visa formalities and transferred directly to Petra via the Desert Highway for two nights accommodation. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel. (D)



**Wed 20 Petra**

Today discover the lost city of Petra.

Petra is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

During the iron age, approximately 1200 BC, the area was inhabited by the Edomites, who controlled the trade routes between the Arabian Peninsula and Damascus in what is today Syria. (Edom is the Aramaic word for "red"). According to the Bible, King David subdued the Edomites around 1000 BC. The area later became controlled by the Nabataeans, merchant people from the Arabian Peninsula, who settled in South Jordan more than 2000 years ago. From a remote staging post, they dominated the trade routes of ancient Arabia, levying tolls and sheltering caravans laden with Indian spices and silks etc. The Nabatean Kingdom endured for centuries and Petra became widely admired for its refined culture, massive architecture and

ingenious complex of dams and water channels. Ultimately, however, the Roman Emperor Trajan annexed the Kingdom. By the 16<sup>th</sup> Century it was completely lost to the west, and was so until 1812 when it was re-discovered. Most of Petra's appeal comes from its spectacular setting deep inside a narrow desert gorge. Various walks and climbs reveal literally hundreds of rock cut tombs and temple facades, funerary halls and rock reliefs.

Lunch is included at Petra. Dinner is included this evening at your hotel. (B,L,D)

### Thu 21 Petra-Dead Sea

This morning travel via the Kings Highway. Visit Madaba where you can view the oldest known map of the 'Holyland' inlaid in mosaics in the St George church which was constructed approximately 542 AD by the Christian community at Madaba. Continue to historic Mt Nebo where Moses looked out over the 'Promised Land'. Transfer to the Dead Sea for overnight. Time for a float in these therapeutic waters which contain over 30% in natural minerals. This evening dinner is included. (B,D)



### Fri 22 Dead Sea-Jerusalem

Early this afternoon transfer to the King Hussein/Allenby Bridge border. Pay departure tax direct. On arrival in Israel you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to Jericho (subject to security clearance) for a short tour before continuing to Jerusalem for four nights accommodation. Dinner is included this evening. (B, D)

### Sat 23 Jerusalem

Start the day with a spectacular view of Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives.

The Mount of Olives is a mountain ridge in East Jerusalem with three peaks running from north to south. It is named for the olive groves that once covered its slopes. It is frequently mentioned in the New Testament as the route which Jesus took from Jerusalem to Bethany and the place where he stood when he wept over Jerusalem. Jesus is said to have spent time on the mount, teaching and prophesying to his disciples and also coming there on the night of his betrayal.

Walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. This afternoon visit the Garden Tomb, continue to visit nearby St Georges Church, including a church service. (B)



### Sun 24 Jerusalem

Walk through one of the Gates to the walled Old City. Discover the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Experience a spiritual visit to the Wailing Wall and onto St Georges Church. This afternoon is at leisure. This evening is an *optional* overnight visit to the church of the Holy Sepulchre. This site is said to be the site of Golgotha-(the Hill of Calvary), where Jesus was crucified. The church has been an important Christian pilgrimage destination since at least the 4th century AD. (B)

**Mon 25 Jerusalem**

Visit the magnificent Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Visit Yad Vashem. See the model of Jerusalem as it was in the time of King Herod. Continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of Nativity and Shepherds Field. (B)

**Tue 26 Jerusalem-Galilee**

This morning depart for Caesarea and Nazareth to see Mary's Well and visit the Church of Annunciation. Continue to your kibbutz hotel at Cana for four nights at the Ginnosar Inn Kibbutz Country Lodging. Dinner is included this evening. (B,D)

**Wed 27 Galilee**

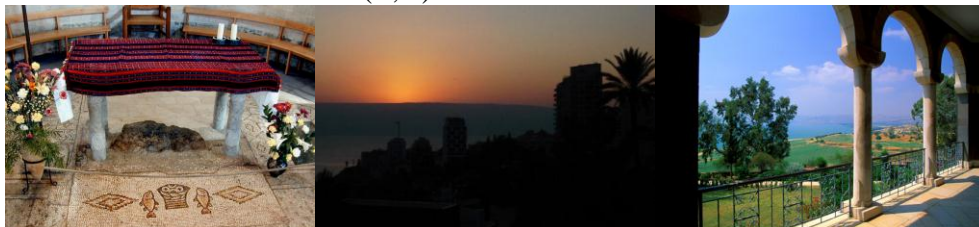
Start the day with a boat ride in a traditional wooden sailing vessel on the Sea of Galilee. Explore the centre of Jesus' ministry at Capernaum and see the remains of the synagogue where he preached. Onto the site of the miracle of the Fishes and Loaves at Tabgha, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4<sup>th</sup> century mosaic floor. Ascend the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where the Sermon on the Mount took place. Visit Cana Wedding Church and onto the site of the miracle of the Fishes and Loaves at Tabgha. Dinner is included this evening. (B,D)

**Thu 28 Galilee**

Drive to Caesarea of Phillipi at Banias Springs and then tour the Golan Heights to better understand the geopolitical issues affecting the region. (B,D )

**Fri 29 Galilee**

Today visit Safed, city of Mystical Judaism for a walk through the artists' colony and Tel Dan. Onto Mt Carmel, Muhraka, the Druze village of Daliyat Carmel, Haifa and Bahai Gardens, This evening a farewell dinner is included. (B,D)

**Sat 30 Galilee-Sheikh Hussein Bridge-Amman-Dubai**

Travel to the border at the Sheikh Hussein Bridge. After visa formalities, transfer to Amman Airport for your flight on Emirates to Dubai. Transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

**Sun 01 Dubai-Auckland or Christchurch**

Transfer to the airport for flight to New Zealand. (B)

**Mon 02 Auckland or Christchurch**

Welcome home.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Tour Hosted by Reverend Mike Hawke and Colleen Pasley
- Economy class air tickets on Emirates Christchurch or Auckland-Dubai-Amman return
- Meet and assist on arrival and departure
- Jordan visa
- All transfers airport - hotel return
- Transport in air-conditioned coaches
- English speaking guides
- Accommodation with private facilities – a combination of 3-4\* hotels
- Sightseeing as specified
- Breakfasts daily
- 3 x dinners in Jordan
- Dinner on first evening in Jerusalem
- Dinners in the Galilee
- Special farewell dinner in the Galilee
- Entrance fees as specified
- Special visit to St George's Church
- Porterage & Tipping
- Travel notes for Jordan & Israel

## TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Departure and airport taxes
- Early check in / Late check out
- Meals not specified
- Mini bar
- Departure tax increases or new departure taxes

Tour price: \$7995.00 per person/share twin

Single supplement: \$1295

## NOTES:

This tour itinerary has been published approximately one year prior to departure. Closer to departure some amendments could occur due to rescheduled airlines, or local conditions which are beyond the control of The Innovative Travel Company. Prices are based on a minimum of 25 travel participants plus tour leaders. Prices may be adjusted prior to departure if there is less than the specified number of participants, unforeseen local increases such as entrance fees to attractions or major fluctuations in currency. A non refundable deposit of \$600 should accompany your signed registration form. A further deposit of \$1,000 is due by 30 October and the balance due on 01 April 2012. Further interim deposits may be required.

### **Cancellation fees**

From registration until 29 October \$300 per person; 30 October – 31 Jan \$500 per person; 01 Feb-31 March \$1500 per person; 01 – 20 April 50%; 21 April to departure 100%.

### **Solo Traveller**

If you are travelling alone and would like to be matched in a twin room with a fellow traveller, Innovative Travel will accept this service on request; note a share twin room is not guaranteed. If during the tour for any reason a single room is required, payment for the additional room charge will be required immediately.



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### **Sightseeing**

Generally takes place in the cooler periods of the day ie early morning or late afternoon, therefore on occasion some early starts may be necessary to avoid the heat. Visits to Jericho and Bethlehem are subject to security clearance on the day.

**Hotel check-in/out** times are normally IN: 2pm /OUT: 12noon

The only way to guarantee an early check-in or late check-out is to pre-book the night before (early check-in) or night after (late check-out). Otherwise early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability when you are there.

**Double Beds** Please note we are able to request a double bedded room if requested, but cannot guarantee one will be available upon check in.

**Non Smoking Rooms:** As a policy Innovative Travel request non smoking rooms for all guests. These rooms are requested and are subject to availability.

### **Tipping**

Please remember that tipping is an accepted practice throughout the world. In the majority of countries tipping acts as a supplement to a basic wage. Tipping is included for all group activities. Your tour leaders will tip for all included sightseeing, transfers and portage. Please ensure that you have some USD cash in some smaller denominations such as 1, 5 and 10's for non included tipping. Innovative Travel will provide guidelines in the final comprehensive travel notes provided with your documentation.

### **On a lighter note**

Please remember that religious beliefs, traditional customs and daily manners may differ from country to country, these may seem quite strange at first. These idiosyncrasies are part of what makes travelling a special experience. Please be patient if you think things are happening a different pace than you are used to and respect the differences in culture.

### **Extensions**

Please note it is possible to extend your tour to the UK and/or Europe including Ancient Kingdoms Holidays tours to Greece, Turkey or Egypt. Additional travel airfares surcharge and taxes will apply. Additional airfare costs will become available later in the year and will be able to be quoted.

### **General Tour conditions**

General tour conditions apply as per the Ancient Kingdoms brochure. A non refundable deposit of \$500 per person should be submitted along with your signed registration form. Interim deposits will be required. Final payment is due on 01 April 2012. Specific tour conditions apply as per the details on your registration form. Signing your registration form is deemed to have accepted the tour conditions.

If you need assistance relating to travel arrangements provided while on tour, please speak to Colleen Pasley or Archdeacon Mike Hawke, who are there to assist you in the first instance. Please note it is our strong recommendation that any issues with hotel rooms or any other matters are brought to the attention of your tour leaders whilst on tour.

**Travel Advisory Information can change at any time and we suggest clients refer to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Travel Trade Advisory website at [www.safe-travel.govt.nz](http://www.safe-travel.govt.nz) prior to departure for the latest up to date information and general advice regarding the countries you are visiting.**

### **Further information and registration**

If you have specific enquires please contact The Innovative Travel Company or if you wish to register, you may visit your preferred travel agent or contact The Innovative Travel Company. A registration form should be filled out at the time of registration.



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