

JORDAN

The Land of the Prophets

A 9 Day pilgrimage to the Biblical Land
of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

led by

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We made our first pilgrimage to Jordan in 2024 and were astounded by the powerful combination of ancient and biblical history, woven together in this remarkable kingdom.

When Middle Eastern events are a constant feature in our news, Jordan is a place, not only of warmth and hospitality, but of safety, tolerance and inclusion. We saw this in their welcome of and care for refugees, in the inspiring work going on in their parishes, and even in the religious pluralism of the nation's parliament.

We have both enjoyed leading many pilgrimages to a variety of destinations over the years. Fr Michael is the Parish Priest of St Stephen's Lewisham and the Area Dean of East Lewisham. Fr Brett now lives in Devon (when he isn't travelling) in the bliss of "retired" priestly life.

We are looking forward to leading this Easter pilgrimage, which is open to everyone, and are keen to share the wonders and beauties of Jordan, its holy sites and inspiring people. We will visit and pray together in ancient places, and also meet some of the Christians whose home is in this holy land today.

Fr Brett Ward Fr Michael Bailey

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Our Itinerary

Day 1, Monday 6th April

Journeying to Jordan

We meet at London Heathrow for our afternoon flight to Amman in Jordan. On arrival we will be met by our guide and driven to our Amman hotel for overnight stay in Amman.



Day 2, Tuesday 7th April

Jerash

Having arrived late yesterday, we will have a (relatively) leisurely breakfast we drive north to visit one of the great Decapolis cities. The Graeco-Roman city of Jerash (biblical Gerasa) is known as the Pompeii of the East. Here we will explore the stunning first century ruins of this once great city, acknowledged as one of the best preserved Roman provincial



towns in the world, with its paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hill-top temples, spectacular theatres, public squares, plazas, baths and fountains. We will break for lunch during our day in Jerash. Late afternoon we leave Jerash and return to Amman and our hotel, arriving back in good time to relax and freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Amman.

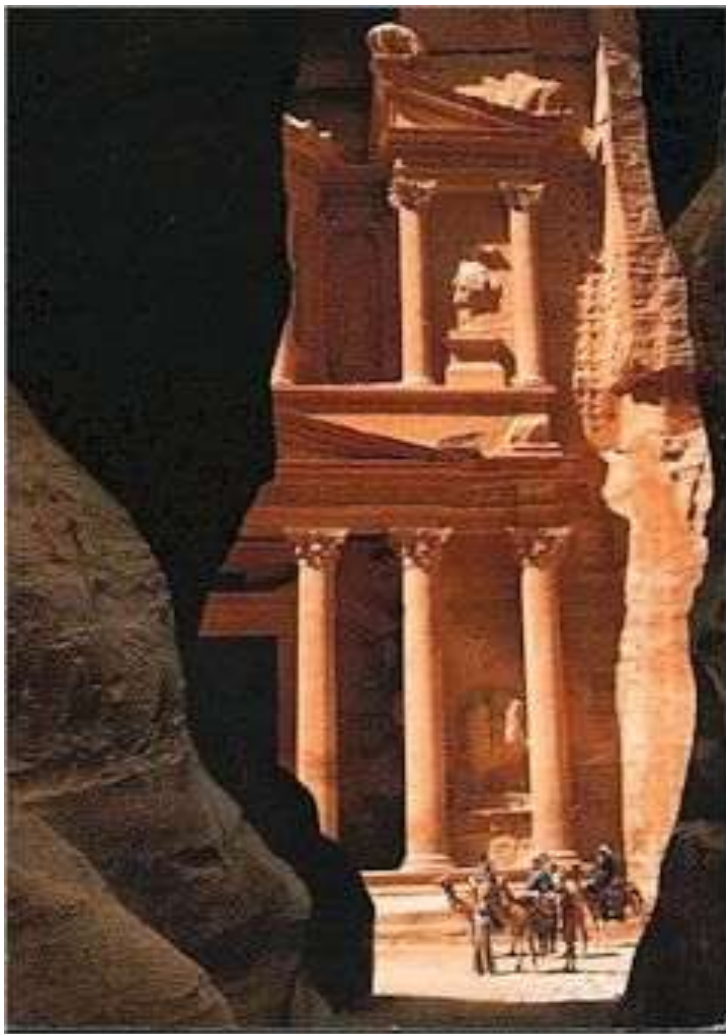


Day 3, Wednesday 8th April

The Kings Highway - Kerak - Petra

After breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel south along the King's Highway, one of the most historic and scenic roads in the Middle East. The route runs through the ancient lands of Ammon, Moab and Edom, and is spectacular as it winds through the gorges of Wadi Mujib and Wadi el Hasa. Our first stop is Kerak, where we will visit the partially excavated Crusader castle of Krak de Moab. After a break for a snack lunch we continue to Wadi Musa and to the "Rose-Red" city of Petra, arriving in good time to relax before dinner. Overnight stay in Petra.





Day 4, Thursday 9th April
The Rose-Red City of Petra

After an early breakfast we set off for a full day to explore the amazing site the “Rose-Red” city of Petra. We begin by following a narrow path through towering rock walls

sandstone of Petra. We plan to spend the day exploring this magnificent city that lay hidden from the world for centuries. The Treasury, El Khazneh, is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh we are surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures including the Monastery which involves a climb of almost a thousand steps. The afternoon will be free to explore the site at your leisure and make your own way back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay in Petra.



into ancient Petra. Here we are confronted by a stunning spectacle of temples, tombs and monuments carved by the Nabateans and later by the Romans from the red



Day 5, Friday 10th April

Desert Highway - Umm ar-Rasas - Dead Sea

After a relaxing breakfast we leave Petra and make our way back north driving along the Desert Highway. Our first stop will be Umm ar-Rasas, a recently excavated site that was declared a world heritage site in 2004. Jeremiah mentioned the city in the Bible and the historian Eusebius also mentions it in his works. Excavations are still



on going and to date they have revealed many buildings and mosaics including many churches with beautiful mosaic floors. After a break for a snack lunch, we will proceed down to the Dead Sea Spa hotel, arriving in good time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Day 6, Saturday 11th April

**Bethany-beyond-the Jordan
The Dead Sea & Spa**

After a leisurely breakfast we drive down to the Jordan River to visit the baptismal site of



Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan, the site close to where John the Baptist baptised Jesus and marked the start of Jesus' public ministry. This is where Elijah and Elisha crossed the Jordan as well as the area where the children of Israel led by Joshua entered the Promised Land. We will visit the Cave where John the Baptist may have lived, before we celebrate the Eucharist on the banks of the River Jordan and an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. We return to the Dead Sea Spa to spend the rest of the day at leisure to relax and enjoy the Dead Sea Spa and an opportunity to bathe in the unique mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight stay at the Dead Sea Spa.





Day 7, Sunday 12th April

Sunday worship - Amman city tour

After an early breakfast we will drive in to St Paul's Anglican Church in Amman for the Sunday morning Eucharist. After time to meet up with the local Anglican community for coffee we will begin our exploration of the city of Amman (Ancient Philadelphia). Amman, the capital of Jordan, is a modern city dotted with numerous ancient ruins.



Atop Jabal al-Qala'a hill, the historic Citadel includes the pillars of the Roman Temple of Hercules and the 8th-century Umayyad Palace complex, known for its amazing grand dome. After a break for a snack lunch we will proceed to downtown Amman where we can visit a beautiful 2nd century, 6000-seater Roman Theater which is still used to this day for special events. Late afternoon we return to our hotel with time to relax and freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Madaba.

Day 8, Monday 13th April

Mt Nebo - Madaba - Machaerus - Madaba

We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way in this Christian town of Madaba to the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George which houses a sixth century mosaic map



with Jerusalem at its centre. From Madaba we drive a short distance to Mount Nebo with spectacular views across the Jordan Valley to Jericho, Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. It is said that Moses stood here and surveyed the Promised Land. After a break for a snack lunch, we drive to Mukawir, ancient Machaerus. This was the fortress built by Herod the Great and passed to Herod Antipas after his death. It was where



he imprisoned John the Baptist and Salome danced for Herod and was granted her wish that John be beheaded. We finally return to Madaba in good time to freshen up and enjoy our farewell dinner. Overnight stay in Madaba.

Day 9, Tuesday 14th April

Our journey home

After a leisurely breakfast we drive to Amman's Queen Alia airport and our journey home. We plan to arrive back in London early afternoon

Please note this touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments

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 - Dead Sea - The Dead Sea Spa Hotel** (*By the Dead Sea*)
 - Madaba - Mosaic City hotel** (*situated in the centre of Madaba*)
- ✓ **Full board** (*with the exception of day 4*)
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