

## Itinerary Highlights

Careful study of Jerusalem • regional trips throughout Israel • geographical, historical, and archaeological previews of each trip • hikes and biblical walks • scenic overviews • nature reserves • archaeological sites • traditional church sites • museums • lectures on contemporary issues • President's Reception • Sabbath meal and Vespers • recreational activities • free time for personal explorations.

### Jerusalem Walks and Sites

introduce students to the four quarters of the Old City, as well as its walls and gates, and reconstruct the changing features of the biblical city during the times of David, Solomon, Hezekiah, the Maccabees, and Jesus. Overviews from surrounding hills and visits to models of the city during biblical times help clarify the city's development.

### Regional Field Studies

• *The Benjamin Field Study* crosses the strategically located tribal territory of Benjamin from east to west following biblical stories such as Joshua's entrance into the Promised Land, his relief expedition to the cities of the Gibeonites, Jesus' journeys from Jericho to Jerusalem, and Paul's night flight from Jerusalem toward Caesarea.

• *The Judah, Shephelah, and Philistine Coast Field Study* takes a Judean perspective on the regions to the west to explain David's confrontation with Goliath in the Elah Valley and the famous Assyrian siege of Lachish. The trip also explores the tension in the New Testament between Herod and the Jews.

• *The Negev and Great Wilderness Field Study* transports students to Patriarchal times at the site of Beer Sheva and allows them to explore the Great Wilderness of the Israelite wanderings. It also recounts the Judean aspirations to secure Red Sea trade and introduces the Nabateans as a people who mastered the trade routes of the Great Wilderness.

• *The Dead Sea Area Field Study* examines the political and religious contexts of the New Testament period with visits to Masada and Qumran.

• *The Sharon Plain and Jezreel Valley Field Study* traces the great Coastal Highway north, visits Caesarea where Paul stood trial and where later, the first Jewish Revolt broke out. The trip also looks at biblical battles in the Jezreel Valley and visits Megiddo, the Armageddon of the apocalypse.

• *The Galilee Field Study* sets the ministry of Jesus within the tense political and ethnic balance created by the cities of the Decapolis to the east, the Samaritans to the south, the seafaring cities of Tyre and Sidon to the west, and the holdings of Herod Antipas.

• *The Northern Approaches Field Study* journeys through the Huleh Basin to the northern extent of the land at the biblical site of Dan and across the Golan, looking into Syria while recalling ancient routes to Damascus.

• *The Jordan Field Study* (optional add on) traverses the lands of the ancient Edomites and Moabites and traces the Nabateans to their rock-cut city of Petra. A walk through the Roman-Byzantine city of Jerash—one of the cities of the Decapolis—explores aspects of a Roman city and the beauty of Byzantine architecture.

• *The Jerusalem Environs Field Study*, takes students on a special two day trip in the Jerusalem region, visiting the Israel and Citadel Museums, touring through Neot Kedumin, the Biblical Landscape Reserve which preserves the flora and fauna of the biblical Israel, and visiting other key sites in the area.



## Terms and Conditions

• **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Accommodations are at the discretion of the university. Off campus housing is in 3 star or better hotels and hospices with 2 or 3 per room and private bath. On campus housing is dormitory style with 4 or more per room and centrally located bath. There are no guaranteed private or double room accommodations on the overnight field trips.

• **TOURING AND BOARD:** Touring in Israel is by air conditioned, modern motorcoach. Three meals per day and all tips are included in the program fee. Breakfast and dinner are normally taken at the place of lodging. Lunch is taken on the field trips. The only additional expenses are personal purchases and the cost of sherut (taxi – approximately \$11.00 US one way) from Ben Gurion airport to the university if you are arriving independent of a group. Group bus transfer from Ben Gurion is available upon request (\$700.00 per group).

• **TRAVEL TO ISRAEL:** Travel arrangements to Israel are the responsibility of the participant. The university will recommend a travel service which has negotiated group fares. These fares are based on non-refundable and non-transferable tickets. The university is not responsible for making travel arrangements or for the refunding of airfare charges for any reason.

• **APPLICATION:** Completed application form with application fee, deposit and material fee is due 3 months prior to the program. Balance of payment is due 30 days prior to the program. Credit card payments are accepted at our Rockford, Illinois office.

• **PLEASE NOTE:** Jerusalem University College reserves the right to cancel any program. In such case the applicant will be refunded all program fees submitted. No refunds once the program has begun.

• The university does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color or national/ethnic origin.

• The information contained in this brochure does not constitute a contract and is subject to revision. The program fees and program itinerary are subject to change.

## JORDAN

### The land of the Edomites, Moabites, Reuben and Gad!

A two day optional add on after the regular program takes you to Petra, Mt. Nebo, Jerash, and Madaba.

A charge of \$600.00 beyond the regular program fees is required to cover site fees, travel, room and board, tips, JUC instructor and guide.