



invites you to experience

The Holy Land Tour



Join Professors Beth Stapleton and Ivan Parke on MC's 2020 Spring Break and walk where Jesus walked in the **Holy Land**. The tour departure is Wednesday, March 4 (evening departure) with the return on Friday, March 14. This trip is open to all MC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community friends. Participants may select courses for college credit or participate as a non-credit enrollee.

Classes are offered in conjunction with the trip at the graduate and undergraduate level. Please contact Dr. Stapleton (stapleto@mc.edu) for specific class information. Enrollees may take no more than 4 hours. Those enrolled for credit must attend the class meeting at 6:00 pm each Tuesday from January 21 to February 23 (Sunday) and complete all other requirements as designated by the instructor. Scholarship applications are available on the MC Spring Break trip website www.mc.edu/academics/study-abroad/spring-break/ on a first come, first served basis and should be submitted to Dr. Stapleton (stapleto@mc.edu). Students should check with the professors first and then register as usual for the spring class. You must be enrolled in a Spring Break class to qualify for the scholarship.

Non-credit enrollees are not required to attend any of the classes. However, attendance to these classes is strongly encouraged due to the general travel/tourist information discussed and the meaningful background information about the history, culture and literature of the area provided.

Itinerary Overview: (Meals included are B= Breakfast; D= Dinner)

Day 1) Wednesday, March 4: TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT

Overnight flight from Jackson via Miami to London. Food and beverages are served on the plane. Enjoy your flight! We're off!

Day 2) Thursday, March 5: London arrival (Day trip to Stonehenge) to Tel Aviv

We arrive in London around noon, then have a short daytrip in the surrounding area before an evening departure to Tel Aviv.

Day 3) Friday, March 6: Tel Aviv to Sea of Galilee

Arrive in Tel Aviv in the early morning hours, and transfer to a nearby hotel. After lunchtime, we will check out and travel to Tiberius, Sea of Galilee for a three nights' stay.



Day 4) Saturday, March 7: Sea of Galilee

After breakfast at the hotel, we start our touring at the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. We will enjoy lunch in the city of Ein Gev followed by a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Later in the day, we visit Kibbutz Ginosar to view the "Jesus Boat". We will return to the hotel and enjoy our welcome dinner together. **(B, D)**

Days 5) Sunday, March 8: Sea of Galilee

After a hearty breakfast, we travel to the ancient Roman city of Caesarea-Philippi located at the base of Mount Hermon. Lunch will be on the road as we head to our destinations. We will have two key visits today to the cities of Tel Bethsaida and Capernaum. There is also an opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River for an additional cost. We will return and have dinner at our hotel. **(B, D)**



Day 6) Monday, March 9: Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem

After breakfast, we travel to the archeological site of Sepphoris to view the ancient ruins. We continue to Nazareth, the largest city in the northern district of Israel. There we will visit the Church of the Annunciation, Mary's Well at St. Gabriel's Church, and Nazareth Village. Enjoy lunch on your own in Nazareth. After lunch, we go to Mt. Precipice, likely the ledge that the citizens of Nazareth tried to push Jesus over. We will experience a stunning view of the Jezreel Valley, also known as Armageddon.

From Nazareth we travel to Caesarea, where we will see the harbor that Herod built, his seaside home ruins, theater, hippodrome, fortress, and aqueduct. We then travel to Jerusalem for the remainder of our time in Israel. Check-in and eat dinner at the hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 7) Tuesday, March 10: Jerusalem

Have a large breakfast and relax as we travel to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. We will visit the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's Fields. Enjoy lunch on your own in Bethlehem and spend the afternoon at your own pace and leisure. Dinner tonight is at the hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 8) Wednesday, March 11: Jerusalem

We enjoy a great day of Jerusalem's main sites today. We will go to the Temple Mount, Western Wall (Wailing Wall), and Southern Steps. Enjoy lunch on your own in the Old City of Jerusalem, and then continue with a brief walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem to see Broad Wall, St. Anne Church, and the Pools of Bethesda. Have free time the remainder of the day for shopping in the Old City of Jerusalem and dinner on your own. **(B)**



Day 9) Thursday, March 12: Jerusalem

After breakfast, we travel to the ancient sites of Qumran and Masada. We have time for lunch in Masada before we go to the Dead Sea, where you will have the option for floating. We return to the hotel and have free time for the rest of the afternoon. Dinner will be on your own tonight. **(B)**

Day 10) Friday, March 13: Jerusalem

After a full breakfast, we start our last day in Jerusalem with a visit to the Mount of Olives to see Dominus Flevit Church, the Garden of Gethsemane to see Church of All Nations, and the Palace of Caiaphas. We break for lunch in the Old City of Jerusalem and end our touring with a visit to the Via Dolorosa and the Garden Tomb. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure followed by our farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 11) Saturday, March 14: Flight to the USA

The departing flight leaves early morning for the USA.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Round-trip airfare from Jackson to Tel Aviv (bonus day trip in London)
- Transfers to and from airports and hotels
- Sightseeing by deluxe motor coach and walking tours with local guides
- 8-night stay in 4-star hotels in tourist areas
- Full breakfast each morning
- Tips and gratuities for guide and driver
- 5 multi-course group dinners
- Entrance fees to included sites and excursions with group

PRICE:

\$ 3480 per person in double room (Single rooms are available with single supplement fee+ \$900).

Deposit of **\$600** (non-refundable) is due **October 1, 2019**, to hold your spot.

Next payment of **\$1440** is due **November 1, 2019**. (additional single supplement \$450).

Final payment of **\$1440** is due **December 1, 2019**. (additional single supplement \$450).

SPECIAL NOTE: If a credit card is used for payments, an additional 5% is added to cost of each payment. It is processed as a cash payment to our agency and is because we have negotiated airfare for group to travel together.

CANCELLATION: Cancellation from the tour any time after enrollment will result in a loss of your \$600 deposit. After the first payment has been made, cancellation from 90 days to 55 days prior to departure, will result in a charge of 50% of price. If trip is canceled after December 1, 2019, the entire fee of \$3480 will be lost. Optional trip insurance for cancellation/medical protection is available if desired. See Dr. Stapleton for information on this trip insurance once deposit is paid.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Airfare is based on a special group fare roundtrip Jackson to Tel Aviv, Israel. Deviations from itinerary will result in additional expenses.

NOT INCLUDED: Passports (required), baggage handling, expenses resulting from accident or illness; loss of or damage to luggage; optional sightseeing; after hours transportation while not with group; meals not listed as included; items of a personal nature.

We are accepting deposits now, so enroll TODAY!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks payable to **Mississippi College** and submit with deposit to Continuing Education (213 Nelson Hall) or mail to: Continuing Education, Box 4031, Clinton MS 39058. **Future payments will be made directly to booking agency and address will be sent upon receiving deposit.**

Enclosed is **\$600** non-refundable deposit for **MC Holy Land Tour**, March 4-14, 2020.

DATE _____

NAME (as it appears on passport) _____
First Middle Last

ADDRESS _____

COURSE(S) FOR COLLEGE CREDIT: YES _____ NO _____

PHONES:

(Home) _____

(Office or Cell) _____

E-MAIL _____

GENDER _____

BIRTH DATE _____

Please confirm:

() Single Room – extra single supplement required +\$900

() Double Room

ROOMMATE _____

*If no roommate is available, single supplement is required. When application is received, you will be notified of acceptance or deposit will be returned if tour is filled. Enrollment is limited to **30** for this tour. First 30 with \$600 nonrefundable deposit will be selected.*