

Join a faculty-led cross-cultural trip to Israel/Palestine

We invite you to consider joining MTSO students and faculty for a cross-cultural trip to Israel/ Palestine May 24-June 7, 2017. Details of the trip are on the reverse side of this flyer. Please read them closely to determine whether this particular trip is one that would be of interest to you.

PRICE: The pricing below includes all breakfasts and dinners as well as three lunches. Lunch prices tend to run about \$8-\$12/day depending on where we are and your tastes. Be aware that soft drinks and alcohol are extra at all meals. Also, you will be considered an auditor by the school so will also need to pay the audit fee of \$200 for the course (\$75 for seniors). The cost for the trip will vary depending on the number of participants.

Cost each for 30 participants: \$3,600

Cost each for 16 participants: \$4,100

If the size of the trip is between those two extremes, price will be adjusted accordingly.

DEADLINES: A commitment to the trip and a \$200 deposit will be required by **Dec. 10**. Full payment of the fee for the trip is due **Feb. 10**. That is also when we will need your passport information.

ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION: We will be sending out information about how you can get the information from the on-campus orientation sessions we will have with the students on the trip. This will be either through a login to the actual session or through a link to recordings of the sessions. We do five one-hour orientation sessions on campus. You will also receive all the information that is provided for students in preparation for the trip. We also have a list of required and recommended readings. You will receive those as well. Included in the recommendations will also be some movies.

SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS:

Indications of interest, deposits and fees should be sent to Amanda Rodenberg:

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Cross-Cultural Trip to Israel/Palestine

Information Sheet for Students Interested in the May/June, 2017 Trip

Leaders: Drs. Yvonne Zimmerman and John Kampen

Accompanying: Dr. Ryan Schellenberg

Recommended Prerequisite: HB 510 and NT 510 (or their equivalents)

FOCUS OF TRIP:

An awareness of the many options available necessitates some focus for this experience. We have selected two foci:

- A. Archaeological evidence of life during the Greco-Roman period in Israel/Palestine
- B. Contemporary religious, political, and daily life in Israel/ Palestine

Other opportunities will also be explored. You will get to see a few archeological sites related to the biblical period (Hebrew Bible) in Israel. You also will have some opportunity to encounter the rich and varied religious traditions which span the spectrum of Muslim, Christian and Jewish beliefs in the modern world.

However this is not a pilgrimage trip. This is an encounter with people:

From the past in the artifacts they left behind

From the present as we encounter the varieties of peoples and experiences that make up this complex reality.

You will be expected to fully engage both.



DATES:

This trip is scheduled to depart May 24 and return June 7.

VISAS AND PASSPORTS:

The tourist visa required for entry is issued at the airport for all citizens of the United States, Canada, and many other countries. A valid passport that does not expire within six months of the trip is required for a visa. If your passport is not from the United States or Canada, you will need to check with Dr. Kampen to determine any additional requirements.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

Estimates for the trip range from \$3600 with 30 participants to \$4100 if only 16 are in the group. This price assumes rooms shared by two people. This includes the amount you have paid as cross-cultural fees. We are also opening up the trip to alumni and friends of MTSO.

EXERTION SCALE: Between Levels #1 and #2.

Very seldom will the required length of a walk to a site be more than one mile, however 2 or 3 flights of stairs at a time can be rather common. A good reservoir of physical stamina is required, since participants are on their feet for a good deal of the day. The stated expectation in the Cross-Cultural Handbook should constitute adequate preparation, unless there are special circumstances: "each student should be able to comfortably walk 3 miles in one hour prior to any cross-cultural immersion course."

