In the Footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets

MARIST ABROAD IN ISRAEL

This short-term program will consist of a combination of pre-departure lectures, readings, and on-site lectures/activities designed to engage students in historical sites as mentioned in the Bible: Netanya, Caesarea, Meggido, Tiberias, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea and Qumran. Students will learn the historical context and relevance of these sites. The scope of the program will include discussions on biblical history. All lectures will be in English or with an English translator.

Students are required to attend orientation/class sessions during Spring Semester 2009. Dates and times to be announced.

THE COURSE

Three (3) credits will be offered for the program. Students will enroll in the following course:

• REST 390L-150 ST: In the Footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets

Note: Courses above may fulfill the elective for the Global Studies minor or serve as a Foreign Culture credit or for the Cultural Diversity requirement. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Academic details will be provided by the Program Director, Prof Timmian C. Massie. Students interested in the program will need to meet with Prof Massie to discuss the program and to receive permission to enroll. A second full-time Marist instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The program will include formal lectures and presentations, as well as visits to museums in New York City and Israel, in addition to cultural sites in Israel. Students will write a pre-departure paper, keep a daily journal while in Israel, and complete a final post-departure paper.

PROGRAM ITINERARY*

Scheduled destinations include museums, historical and cultural sites in Israel. Additional information on the itinerary will be available at the first orientation.

Mar 11, 2009: Depart from NY/NEWARK for Tel Aviv/Lod, Israel.

Mar 12: This afternoon we’ll find ourselves in the land of Jesus. Upon Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, we’ll transfer to Netanya and the Mediterranean shore for our first day in Israel. Overnight Netanya.

Mar 13: This morning we’ll drive north to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Israel. We’ll see the excavations of Roman statues, the aqueduct, and the amphitheater. On to Meggido, King Solomon’s Stables, and the twenty layers of civilization. In the afternoon we’ll ascend Mt. Carmel. Our last site visit will be Acre, and the Crusaders’ stronghold. Tonight we’ll check into our hotel in Tiberias for two nights. Overnight Tiberias.

Mar 14: After Mass, we will board a boat on the Sea of Galilee. We’ll visit Capernaum and the house of Saint Peter. Then on to Tabgha where Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fishes to feed the multitudes. In our deluxe motorcoach we’ll ascend the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. Overnight Tiberias.

Mar 15: Today we will drive to Nain, where Jesus raised the widow’s son. Ascend to the magnificent gardens atop Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration. The place also commands a spectacular view of the Upper Galilee. Overnight Tiberias.

Mar 16: Today we’ll visit Cana and Nazareth, Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation and then a visit to St. Joseph’s Carpenter Shop. On our way to Jerusalem, we’ll visit Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Overnight Jerusalem.

Mar 17: Our day begins with an ascent of the Mount of Olives and a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Next, on to the garden of Gethsemane, and visit the Basilica of the Agony. Tour the Old City of Jerusalem, the western Wall, the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock. In the afternoon we’ll walk the Via Dolorosa and pray at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Our touring will end with a visit to the tomb of King David, the room of the Last Supper, and the Dormition Abbey. Overnight Jerusalem.

Mar 18: Today we’ll visit the Good Samaritan Inn at 1200 feet below sea level. Later we’ll ascend by cable car to the spectacular Zealot fortress of Masada. From here we’ll head to Qumran, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and ascend the Mt. of Temptation. Overnight Jerusalem.

Mar 19: Our journey today will take us to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. This afternoon we will visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Overnight Jerusalem.

Mar 20: This morning we will depart from Tel Aviv/Lod for the US.

HOUSING

Students will stay in budget hotels (double or triple occupancy).

MEALS

Breakfast and dinner are provided on the program. All other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Students are encouraged to explore the culinary offerings available in each city.

*The MAP reserves the right to make changes to the scheduled itinerary. Any changes will be discussed during orientation.
PROGRAM COST OF $3,800.00 INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare (NYC-Jerusalem)
- Airport Transfer in Israel
- Program Transportation in Israel
- Accommodations (double occupancy)
- All Meals
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance

COSTS NOT INCLUDED:

- 3-credits Marist Tuition/Registration Fee
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport
- Taxes and surcharges (airline, airport & departure)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

SPACE IS LIMITED!!

PROGRAM NOTES

- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to costs changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants in the program. Refund Policy: Please speak with the Coordinator for specific information on Marist International Programs short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Your $300 non-refundable deposit indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of Israeli culture and society, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- This program is open to students of all religious denominations.
- Marist International Programs reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by current economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary or program dates.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.

PROGRAM TUITION

This Spring Break course can be taken as part of your 2010 Spring Semester course load. If you decide to take this course in addition to your regular full-time course load (16 credits maximum), you will be responsible for any additional per-credit charge ($610.00 per undergraduate credit). Tuition is not included in the program cost.

All payments, including the $300 non-refundable deposit, should be made in Student Financial Services, Donnelly 200. Student Financial Services can accept payments by cash or check. If you wish to pay by credit card (Discover, MasterCard or American Express only), you must do so online at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid/payment.html. A 2% convenience fee is assessed for all credit card transactions.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

November 20, 2009 $300.00 Deposit (non-refundable)  
SPRING ADD/DROP

January 25, 2010 LATE SPRING ADD/DROP

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if course is added during Late Spring 2010 Add/Drop.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Program cost is included with the Spring Tuition bill and is payable by the Spring Bill due date which is early January.

TuitionPay offers a Spring only monthly payment plan option. Contact 1.800.635.0120 or visit their website at www.tuitionpay.com for additional information. Spring plans can be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with first payment due in December.

Alternative loans: visit our website at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid for information on alternative loans.

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