STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

ISRAEL
PAST AND PRESENT

March 8 to 21, 2013

a program of the stanford alumni association
One would be hard-pressed to find a country that elicits as much passion, as many opinions, and, for a destination that has been covered so doggedly by the media, as much confusion as Israel. However difficult it may be to understand this tiny, complex land, we are intrigued by the challenge! Join us in an exploration of both modern and ancient Israel as we examine incredible archaeological excavations; view dramatic landscapes; visit historical and cutting-edge cities, both Israeli and Palestinian; experience the most sacred sites of the world’s three great monotheistic faiths; and meet with a vastly diverse array of people that comprises this multifaceted and ever-evolving society.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ‘83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

EXPLORE Jerusalem’s Old City, home to the Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Dome of the Rock—three of the holiest sites in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

MEET with local scholars, settlers, soldiers and businesspeople to better understand and appreciate Israel’s complex society.

VISIT the Palestinian city of Ramallah and the cutting-edge Palestinian development of Rawabi, seldom visited by tourists.

COVER: JERUSALEM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 8 & 9
U.S. / TEL AVIV, ISRAEL
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights, arriving in Israel on Saturday. Transfer to our hotel in Tel Aviv, the first Hebrew city in modern times. DAVID INTERCONTINENTAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
TEL AVIV
After a welcome orientation and introductory lecture, explore the Yitzhak Rabin Center for Israel Studies, which was established to perpetuate Prime Minister Rabin’s legacy by promoting tolerance across all sectors of Israeli society. Visit the Rabin Memorial and Independence Hall, where Prime Minister Ben Gurion declared Israel’s independence in 1948. Stroll through one of the Tel Aviv neighborhoods best known for World Heritage-listed Bauhaus buildings. Enjoy a welcome reception this evening. DAVID INTERCONTINENTAL (B,L)

MONDAY, MARCH 11
TEL AVIV / JAFFA
After a guest lecture on Israeli politics, visit the charming port of Jaffa where, according to tradition, Jonah emerged from the whale and St. Peter was born. Today Jaffa is home to a thriving artists’ community. Visit the eclectic Ilana Goor Museum, then enjoy a walking tour through Neve Tzedek, the first Jewish neighborhood built outside Jaffa. Wander through the outdoor Carmel Market to Shenkin Street, Tel Aviv’s trendiest thoroughfare. After dinner at leisure, perhaps attend an optional music or dance performance. DAVID INTERCONTINENTAL (B,L)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
CAESAREA / TZIPPORI / NAZARETH / ROSH PINNA
Drive along the coast to Caesarea Maritima. Built by Herod the Great, Caesarea was home to one of the most impressive architectural feats of the ancient world: an artificial harbor built in the open sea. Continue to Tzippori National Park, known for its magnificent mosaic collection. In Nazareth visit the Church of the Annunciation, which has been venerated since Byzantine times as the place where the Virgin Mary was visited by the Archangel Gabriel. Drive to the charming town of Rosh Pinna, one of the oldest Zionist agricultural settlements. MITZPE HAYAMIM (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
THE GOLAN HEIGHTS / SAFED
Travel into the Golan Heights for a view of Quneitra, the largely destroyed and abandoned Syrian garrison town that now lies in the UN demilitarized zone. Visit former Israeli and Syrian fortifications to understand the complexities of the Golan Heights in the context of current-day Middle East geopolitics, then view the remains of the Second Temple period community of Gamla, site of one of the fiercest Roman-era battles.
After lunch with soldiers of the Israeli Defense Force, drive to picturesque Safed, a center of Kabala (Jewish mysticism) for hundreds of years and today a contemporary artists’ colony. Visit Safed’s 16th-century synagogues and participate in a dialogue with a local artist inspired by Kabalistic messages. MITZPE HAYAMIM (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
SEA OF GALILEE / JORDAN VALLEY / JERUSALEM
Explore Christian sites along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy a spectacular view from the Mount of Beatitudes, traditional site of Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount,” and visit Tabgha, where Jesus is said to have performed his miracle of multiplying a few loaves and fishes to feed multitudes of people. Explore the archaeological park at Capernaum, which served as a base for Jesus during his Galilean Ministry, and visit Bet She’an, one of Israel’s largest archaeological sites. Drive along the Jordan Rift Valley to our hotel in Jerusalem, where we stay for the next six nights. HOTEL MAMILLA (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
JERUSALEM—THE OLD CITY
Explore the Jewish Quarter of the Old City beginning with the Tower of David Museum, which explains the city’s history from the time of Abraham to the end of the British Mandate over Palestine. View some of the sites excavated over the past 30 years, including the 2,000-year old Herodian Mansions where the priestly class once lived. Observe the faithful praying at the Kotel (Western Wall) and wind through the Western Wall Tunnel, which runs along the length of the Temple Mount. You may choose to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the colorful Machaneh Yehudah open air market as shoppers and shopkeepers prepare for Shabbat. Enjoy a traditional Shabbat dinner this evening. HOTEL MAMILLA (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
BETHELHEM / JERUSALEM
Return to the Old City, this time to explore the Muslim and Christian quarters. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, past the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest site in Christendom, which is widely considered to be the place of Jesus’ crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Travel to the West Bank city of Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, the basilica constructed around the cave traditionally considered the birthplace of Jesus. Meet with a Palestinian journalist for a perspective on the prevailing views in Palestinian society. Return to Jerusalem and observe how the city comes alive as Shabbat ends. HOTEL MAMILLA (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
JERUSALEM—THE NEW CITY
Attend a guest lecture by a local scholar to learn how the Holocaust is viewed in contemporary Israeli society, then explore Yad Vashem, Israel’s national memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Visit the National Military Cemetery on Mt. Herzl and explore the recently renovated Israel Museum, home to extensive collections of artifacts and Judaica as well as the 2,000-year-old Dead Sea Scrolls. Enjoy dinner at leisure this evening. HOTEL MAMILLA (B,L)
MONDAY, MARCH 18
RAMALLAH
Embark on an early-morning excursion to the Temple Mount or Noble Sanctuary, arguably the most hotly contested piece of real estate in the world. Site of the First and Second Temples, this platform is home to Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, Islam’s third-holiest site. Drive to the Palestinian West Bank city of Ramallah and visit the tomb and mausoleum complex of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, located at the Mukata’a, which serves as Palestinian Authority headquarters. Continue to Rawabi, a new Palestinian city in its early stages of development, to meet with one of the project’s chief architects. HOTEL MAMILLA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19
MASADA / DEAD SEA
Drive through the Judean Desert to Masada, Herod’s mountain palace and site of the Jewish Zealots’ last stand against the Roman Legionnaires. Float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea and visit nearby Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden until their discovery in 1947. Return to Jerusalem, stopping en route to view the setting sun over the Old City from the top of the Mount of Olives. Dinner this evening is at leisure. HOTEL MAMILLA (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
GUSH ETZION
Enjoy a presentation at the Shalom Hartman Institute, a research center that addresses the major challenges facing the Jewish people today. Journey to Gush Etzion, the block of West Bank settlements originally established in the 1920s, and engage in a dialogue with a local settler. Return to Jerusalem to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before gathering for a festive farewell reception and dinner this evening. HOTEL MAMILLA (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21
JERUSALEM / U.S.
Check out of our hotel this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Post-tour Extension to Petra, Jordan MARCH 21 TO 24
Fly to Eilat, Israel’s Red Sea resort city, and cross the border to Aqaba, Jordan. Travel to Wadi Rum to experience the magnificent landscape made famous as the setting of the film, Lawrence of Arabia. Spend an entire day exploring the ruins of Petra, one-time capital of the Nabataean Empire and home to some of the most unique and best-preserved rock-hewn structures in the Middle East. Drive to Jordan’s capital, Amman, stopping en route to visit the small town of Madaba, whose small church contains an incredible Byzantine-era floor mosaic depicting the entire region and including a detailed map of Jerusalem.

Details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.
Trip Information

**Dates**
March 8 to 21, 2013 (14 days)

**Size**
Limited to 34 participants

**Cost**
$7,995 per person, double occupancy
Association nonmembers add $200 per person

**Included**
- 12 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 6 dinners
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions
- Bottled water on excursions
- Gratuities to porters, guides and drivers for all 12 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**Not Included**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers on dates other than arrival and departure days
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**Air Arrangements**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost.

**What To Expect**
We consider this program to be moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding and busy. We will have a full schedule of excursions, lectures and special events, and some days will require early-morning starts. Daily excursions involve one to three miles of walking with tours lasting as long as three to four hours. Much of the walking takes place at ancient sites, where paths can be rocky and uneven, as well as on city streets, which can be uneven or cobblestoned. In some instances, such as museums, guided tours require standing in one place for 40 to 50 minutes at a time and climbing up and down several flights of stairs, which may not have handrails; elevators are often limited or unavailable. Some sites and museums do not allow buses to pull up in front, thus requiring a several minutes’ walk to reach the entrance. Our journey at times requires several hours of travel by motorcoach, the longest drives being up to 6 hours in length. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

Terms & Conditions

**Deposit & Final Payment**
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for this program. Complete and return the attached reservation form or place your deposit online. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

**Insurance**
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you postmark your insurance payment within a specified window. A 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter for the Waiver of Pre-existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency; 21 days for the Cancel for Any Reason benefit.

**Eligibility**
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/go/to/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

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JACK RAKOVE is a professor in Stanford’s political science and history departments. He has been conducting research and teaching courses in early American history and the origins and interpretation of the U.S. Constitution since coming to Stanford in 1980. This will be Professor Rakove’s sixth trip to Israel. His first was in 1967, shortly after the Six-Day War. He subsequently attended conferences on Israeli constitutionalism and Israel’s 1948 declaration of statehood and in 2010 he taught a mini-course at Tel Aviv University’s law school. Professor Rakove is the author of six books, including *Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution* for which he won the 1997 Pulitzer Prize in History. His newest book, *Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America*, was published in May 2010.

— Currently at Stanford: W. R. Coe Professor of History and American Studies; professor of political science; and professor, by courtesy, of law
— Member, American Philosophical Society, since 2007
— Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, since 1999
— BA, history, Haverford College; PhD, history, Harvard University

“[Professor Rakove’s lectures] couldn’t be better. This was the best element of the entire trip from my point of view.”

EDWARD FEIGENBAUM, CRUISING THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, 2011

Faculty Leader

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Reservation Form

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I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them.

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If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I wish to have single accommodations.

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Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for _____ space(s).

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“This was one of the best trips I’ve ever taken. It combined vital history with important current events.”

ELAINE KNOERNSCHILD, ’59, ISRAEL SUITCASE SEMINAR, 2010