



# Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

## Season Fourteen (2019) Schedule

With thirteen excavation seasons completed, TeHEP is now focusing on a critical goal: unearthing Sodom's Middle Bronze Age palace and associated features. The 2018 dig season was amazing. Season Fourteen in 2019 looks like it will be even more remarkable!

### Season Dates

(2-week minimum requirement for participation)

**Front Team (selected staff & alumni only):** Monday, January 21, 2019 (Tuesday Jan 22 arrival)

**Five Excavation Weeks: Sundays thru Thursdays**

**Week One:** January 27 – 31

**Week Two:** February 3 – 7

**Week Three:** February 10 – 14

**Week Four:** February 17 – 21

**\*Week Five:** February 24 – 28

*\*You must have at least 2 weeks of excavation experience to participate in Weeks 4 & 5. Therefore, only the following may sign up for Weeks 4 & 5: (a) qualifying TeHEP alumni; and (b) 2019 volunteers who have worked Weeks 2 & 3.*

**Wrap Team (selected staff & alumni only):** March 1 – March 4 or longer (variable departures)

Important Note: Only 28 volunteer slots are available for Season Fourteen (2019).

### Weekend Field Trips

(free for volunteers unless specified below)

**Feb 1:** Jerash (Gerasa) and Ajloun Castle (12<sup>th</sup> C Islamic Castle)

**Feb 2:** Baptism Site (Bethany beyond Jordan) and Kerak Castle (Crusader Fortress)

**Feb 8:** Petra (*Free for first time Volunteers/50 JD for alumni*).

**Feb 9:** Madaba (Byzantine mosaic map, shopping) and Mount Nebo (Moses' view of the Promised Land)

**Feb 15 – 16:** **Overnight** trip to the Wadi Rum includes spending the night in a Bedouin setting (dinner included) with a camel ride. The next day is Aqaba for swimming and/or glass bottom boat. Bring warm clothes/jacket for Wadi Rum and bathing suit for Aqaba. (*Cost is approximately 125 JD per person*).

**Feb 22:** Pella (Decapolis city) and Umm Qais (Gadara)

**Feb 23:** Machaerus (Herod's palace and where John the Baptist was beheaded) and Dibon (where the Mesha inscription was found)

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# **TeHEP Season Fourteen (2019) Costs**

## **(no sign-ups after September 1, 2018)**

### **Participation Fee**

A participation fee is required for all volunteers. This cost helps with the processing of security forms and individual excavation fees paid to the Jordan Department of Antiquities, excavation-related expenses, lunches on dig days, daily transportation on dig days and field trips, and per diems for our site's DoA representative(s).

Due to more stringent DoA policies now in effect, **the deadline for the 2019 participation fee and all volunteer forms is September 1, 2018. Additionally, any cancellation will incur a \$250 processing fee deducted from the participation fee.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to our focus on the Middle Bronze Age palace, only 28 total volunteers will be accepted for TeHEP Season Fourteen. Since our DoA costs are based solely on the total number of security forms processed for participants, a volunteer staying for only two weeks is counted and costs us the same as a volunteer staying for five weeks. The number of people for whom we pay fees is based on the total for the entire season, not how many are “on the ground” during a given week. Thus, we encourage volunteers to stay as long as possible in order to maximize the number of people on the ground against the total cost per person paid to the DoA.**

March – May 1: \$650 for first-time volunteers/\$550 for alumni and students\*

May 2 – July 1: \$750 for first-time volunteers/\$650 for alumni and students\*

July 2 – Sept: 1 \$850 for first-time volunteers/\$750 for alumni and students\*

*\*“student” is any undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral student actively enrolled in an educational program directly related to or involving archaeology.*

### **Hotel Costs**

All effort will be made to match you with a roommate if you request a double room. However, **if that is not possible, you will be responsible for the single room rate.**

Hotel costs include daily breakfasts and dinners and free wifi. (Rates include all taxes and lodging fees, so that the US dollar total per night is as given below.)

**Single Nightly Rate: \$95**

**Double Nightly Rate: \$65 (per person in a double room with a roommate)**

### **Travel Costs**

All travel arrangements and costs to and from the excavation are at your own expense and arrangement. Please plan to arrive either 1-2 days before the dig week beginning each Sunday. The visa entry into Jordan is 40 JD, payable only in dinars at your point of entry. There are several change offices in the Amman customs area.

### **Additional Costs**

A 2 JD tip is suggested each day for the bus driver, and is collected each week. You will need money for weekend lunches (Fridays and Saturdays), taxis to the stores, restaurants, local museums, etc. You can have your laundry done by the hotel for a very reasonable price—1 JD per: pair of pants or shirt; 3 pairs of socks; 3 pairs of underwear.