



Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

Season Sixteen (2021) Schedule

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With fifteen excavation seasons completed, TeHEP is now focusing on critical goals: unearthing Sodom's Middle Bronze Age palace and acropolis fortifications. Season Fifteen was remarkable. Season Sixteen in 2021 looks like it will be just as amazing!

Season Dates

Front Team (selected staff & alumni only): Monday, 18 January

Six Excavation Weeks: Sundays through Thursdays

Week One:	January 24–28
Week Two:	January 31–February 4
Week Three:	February 7–11
Week Four:	February 14–18
Week Five:	February 21–25
Week Six:	February 28–March 4

Wrap Team (selected staff & alumni only): March 5–7 (variable departures)

Important Note: **only 45 volunteer slots per week are available for Season Sixteen (2021)**

Weekend Field Trips

(free for volunteers unless specified below)

- 29 Jan: Jerash (Gerasa) and Ajloun Castle (12th C Islamic Castle)
- 30 Jan: Baptism Site (Bethany beyond Jordan); Karak Castle (Crusader Fortress)
- 5 Feb: Petra (Free for first time Volunteers/50 JD for alumni)
- 6 Feb: Madaba (Byzantine mosaic map, shopping); Mount Nebo (Moses' view of the Promised Land)
- 12–13 Overnight trip to the Wadi Rum includes spending the night in a Bedouin setting (dinner included) and a camel ride (cost is approximately 100 JD per person)
- 19 Feb: Feb: Pella (Decapolis city); Umm Qais (Gadara)
- 20 Feb: Machaerus (Herod's palace and where John the Baptist was beheaded); Lot's Cave (& Museum)

"Unearth the Biblical World"

TeHEP Season Sixteen (2021) Costs

(no sign-ups after 15 August 2020)

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, field trips, and per diems for our site's DoA representatives.

Due to more stringent DoA policies now in effect, the deadline for the 2021 participation fee and all volunteer forms is 15 August 2020. Additionally, a cancellation on your part will incur a \$250 processing fee deducted from the participation fee refund. However, **because of uncertainties created by the COVID-19 situation, the \$250 processing fee will not be deducted from refunds requested on or before 15 July 2020. Thus, if you make your reservation early, you can get a full refund until 15 July 2020.**

For each dig week there are 45 volunteer slots available. These slots will be filled on a **first-come-first-served basis**. When you sign up (by paying the participation fee) you must choose your dig week(s) within 48 hours by contacting Dr Glenda Austin by phone (505-332-4253) or by email (admin@tsu-edu.us). If you fail to do this your name will automatically be moved to the end of the list. You must also have your dig paperwork and security form in the TSU office within 30 days of paying the participation fee. If you fail to do this your name will be moved to the end of the list.

So, you must do three things to be a volunteer in Season Sixteen: **first**, pay your participation fee; **second**, declare your dig weeks within 48 hours; **third**, have your paperwork and security form on Dr Austin's desk within 30 days.

When the number of volunteers reaches 45 for a given week, that week will be closed and no additional participants will be accepted for that week. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you plan to participate for **multiple weeks** or the **entire 6-week season**, your earliest possible sign-up is recommended. For example, if Week 3 fills up quickly before you register (which it tends to do), then the most you'll be able to do are the two weeks before or after Week 3.

Sign-Up/Participation Fee, Early Registration Discount (must be paid by 24 April 2020)

*Students and TeHEP Alumni: \$600

All Others: \$775.

Sign-Up/Participation Fee (after 24 April 2020)

*Students and TeHEP Alumni: \$775

All Others: \$975.

*"Student" is any undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral student actively enrolled in an academic program at an approved educational institution.

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.** It is recommended that you recruit your own roommate to come dig with you. There are always inherent problems rooming with someone you don't know well. 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.) **Your hotel stay must be arranged by TeHEP.**

Single Nightly Rate: \$89

Double Nightly Rate: \$59 (per person in a double room with a roommate)

Travel Costs

All travel arrangements and costs to and from Jordan and the Olive Tree Hotel 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 currency exchange offices in the airport customs area.

Additional Costs

A 3 JD tip per person is suggested each day for the bus driver, and is collected each week by a member of the dig staff. 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; 5 pairs of socks; 5 pairs of underwear.