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*Learning, Service, Renewal*

**Alumni Invitational Journey**  
*Biblical Backgrounds, Christian Origins,  
and Cultural Heritage in Italy*

6 - 15 May 2024

**10 Day Biblical Backgrounds in Italy \$3,637 for alumni  
(\$3,998 for first time travelers)**

**3 Day Elective returning 18 May 2024:**

*Florence—Renaissance & Baroque Italy \$1,488*

## Program Conditions

**The Program Conditions** represent mutual obligations and responsibilities. All travel involves a range of variables, both predictable and unpredictable. The Society for Biblical Studies wants to assist you as best we can. If you have any questions about any aspect of the program prior to registration or in preparation for the journey, we are eager to assist you. When you sign and return the original registration form (photocopies and scans are not accepted), we will assume that you have read, understood and accepted the terms contained herein. You can also browse our web site to learn more about us. Especially, please read our FAQ pages for additional general information.

**Included in the Price (\$3,998) of the Program:** Roundtrip airfare from the gateway city (JFK); lodging based on double occupancy in hotels suitable for comfort, well located and appropriate to the journey's objectives; breakfast daily, dinner as per the itinerary (2 dinners included); ground transportation during the program and entrance fees for sites indicated on the course outline, unless indicated otherwise in the itinerary; instruction/lectures/guiding; airport and departure

taxes; facilities and security fees; hotel tips, including tips for waiters, reception, and housekeeping; administrative fees; airline taxes and surcharges. The price is based on 15 people in the group. If the group is smaller than 15 people, a surcharge may be assessed. The price is accurate as of the time of the publication of this registration, but is not guaranteed until the date of your enrollment.

**Program Price does not include:**

Airfare differential for travel from a gateway city other than JFK, transfers to, from or between domestic (US) airports; optional costs such as single room supplements and travel insurance; personal expenses such as laundry; optional passport and/or visa service; individual travel arrangements; 6 dinners *on your own*; beverages at meals; lunches; any/all baggage fees; portorage; tips for bus drivers and guides (about €8 - €10 per person per day per driver); passports and foreign visas; airline baggage fees, any required Covid-19 testing or fees and surcharges imposed after the time of pricing and publication of this registration form.

**Registration and Payment:** You are registered in the program only when

The Society for Biblical Studies receives your completed and signed registration form along with your \$400 deposit and a copy of the photo page of your valid US passport or other valid travel document. Changes made to your registration elections after the time of your registration may incur additional administrative charges and will require payment with a credit card if made after the full payment deadline. If you request periodic account statements, you will be charged a \$100 administrative fee.

**Deadlines: Full payment must be made 90 days prior to departure (6 February 2024). A late fee of \$150 per registrant will apply thereafter and there may be an additional airline cost differential applied to your account.**

**Credit Cards:** The Society for Biblical Studies accepts credit cards. However, all quoted prices reflect a discount of 3.9% for cash/check payment.

**Passports and Visas:** Each person must procure a passport valid for six months after your return. Non-US citizens are responsible for proper re-entry documentation. All passengers

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must submit to The Society for Biblical Studies copies of their travel documents not later than 60 days prior to departure. Additional foreign visa charges may apply thereafter.

**Lodging:** The price is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is available at a supplemental cost (\$777 10 day, \$344, 3 day).

Registrants can stipulate roommate preferences in the registration form. If you do not enroll with another person and would like a roommate, we will try to assign one on a first come, first served basis. If an odd number of registrations requires an unrequested (forced) single room to be assigned, the single room will be assigned to the latest person to register and a single room supplement will apply.

**Luggage:** The per person limit is one suitcase and one carry-on bag. Airlines sometimes impose additional limits and charge for checked baggage. Checked baggage fees are not included in the price.

**Airline ticketing:** Reservations are non-refundable *once ticketed*. Travel is in jet economy class aboard IATAN and ARC carriers only. Flight times and routing are subject to change by the airlines. Such changes may result in additional costs and charges. The Society for Biblical Studies is not responsible for such changes or delays and cannot reimburse expenses resulting from them. The Society for Biblical Studies does not recommend the purchase of budget

tickets for domestic airline connections.

**International and Domestic airfare and air travel:** The Price of the program includes international air travel from the gateway city (JFK). If you would like The Society for Biblical Studies to arrange for your travel from a different gateway city, or from a domestic departure city near you to your gateway city, you can indicate your preference for a domestic departure city in the Registration Form and a cost adjustment will apply. If your request is made after the time of your original registration, an administrative fee of \$150 may apply in addition to the cost of domestic air travel. If your request is made after ticketing occurs, additional airline change fees may apply.

**Cancellation conditions:** The Society for Biblical Studies will make every effort to recuperate program payments in the event of cancellation. However, our ability to do so is sometimes limited. 100% of cancellation fees are covered by the optional travel insurance (see next page), if the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is insurable. The following cancellation penalties will apply: from the day of registration to 90 days prior to departure, \$85; from 89-70 days prior to departure, \$125; from 69-45 days prior to departure, 35% of total program cost; from 44-31 days prior to departure, 70% of total program cost; from 30-8 days prior to departure, 85% of total pro-

gram cost; within 7 days of your departure, 100% of total program cost. If your cancellation is after the full payment deadline and causes a forced single supplement to another traveler, that cost will be deducted from your refund. Any unrecoverable charges, e.g., airline or hotel charges, will be deducted from any refund. Total cancellation charges will not exceed the total program cost. The cost of travel insurance is not refundable.

**Travel and cancellation insurance:**

The Society for Biblical Studies strongly recommends that each traveler considers the purchase of travel insurance. Travel insurance varies from one policy to the next and the shopper must compare prices and policies carefully. Anyone who would like The Society for Biblical Studies to purchase travel insurance for them can indicate so on the registration form and enclose premium payment along with their registration deposit.

**The purchase of travel insurance does not entitle the buyer to reimbursement for any expense or for any reason. Claims must be for "insurable" reasons and these are carefully defined by the travel insurance company.** Once purchased, travel insurance premiums are not refundable and the travel insurance purchased through The Society for Biblical Studies **is not** "cancel any time for any reason" travel insurance. If you would like to upgrade your travel insurance, please so indicate when you register.

*The Society for Biblical Studies, Inc., ("SBS") pledges its commitment to maintain the highest standards of program authenticity and quality. We will exercise the highest level of care for each of our passengers. However, SBS can neither accept responsibility nor assume liability for the performance and/or delivery of services of any travel vendors, including those that arrange transportation or accommodations, or purveyors of any components of tours and/or programs. SBS frequently contracts with professional tour operators, not only to enable us to fulfill our obligations to our travelers and enable our travelers to enjoy a broader range of services and experiences, but also where it is required by local laws. SBS's responsibility will be strictly limited to activities over which SBS has sole, exclusive and absolute control. In addition, SBS reserves the right, in order to maintain the quality of the program, to provide the highest level of care of its travelers, and/or to improve the program or secure the safety of the travelers, to alter and/or adjust the daily itinerary. SBS assumes full responsibility for the accuracy of the information it disseminates at the time of its publication, but we accept no responsibility for any information not disseminated directly by SBS to our travelers.*



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## Registration Form

Personal information:

Full Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it appears on your Passport)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. Rev., Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(what you like to be called)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Program name: Biblical Backgrounds in Italy

Departure date: 6 May 2024

Group Leader: SBS Faculty

Passport information:

Please submit with your registration a legible photocopy of a US passport (or other travel document) valid for 180 days after your return date.

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
(day/month/year)

Date of expiration: \_\_\_\_\_  
(day/month/year)

Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(day/month/year)

Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Insurance: (for more info call 781.641.4453)

Minimum Coverage Schedule\*:

Trip cancellation.....	Up to trip cost
Trip interruption.....	Up to trip cost
Travel delay.....	\$150/day after 12 hours, up to \$500
Loss of Baggage/Personal effects.....	\$500
Baggage delay.....	\$100 after 24 hours
Emergency Medical/Dental.....	\$10,000
Medical Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$50,000
24 hr. Accidental Death & Dismemberment.....	\$10,000
24 hr. Assistance.....	Included

\*subject to change

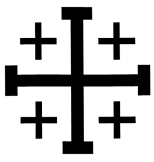
Estimated plan rates (subject to change):

Trip cost	Up to age	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age
	35	36-60	61-70	71-75	76-80	81-85
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$173	\$189	\$255	\$417	\$463	\$498
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$194	\$204	\$284	\$457	\$498	\$545
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$207	\$226	\$349	\$485	\$526	\$572
\$4,501-\$5,000	\$232	\$253	\$386	\$517	\$571	\$614
\$5,001-\$5,500	\$267	\$292	\$421	\$527	\$608	\$643
\$5,501-\$6,000	\$322	\$354	\$454	\$578	\$642	\$679
\$6,001-\$6,500	\$377	\$417	\$495	\$615	\$682	\$733
\$6,501-\$7,000	\$427	\$469	\$545	\$670	\$772	\$815
\$7,000-\$7,500	\$457	\$512	\$632	\$725	\$819	\$889
\$7,501-\$8,000	\$488	\$581	\$683	\$751	\$845	\$940

I accept the travel insurance (include premium payment along with registration deposit)

Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

I decline the travel insurance



## Registration Form, cont'd.

*Please check all the boxes that apply:*

*Electives (please check any box that applies):*

- I am an SBS alumnus and I qualify for the alumnus rate.
- I would like to have a single room. I understand that single rooms are subject to availability and that my account will be charged a single room supplement (\$777 10 day, \$344 3 day).
- Roommate preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roommate preferences cannot be guaranteed. If you do not specify a roommate preference, a roommate will be assigned as long as one is available. In the event that no roommate is available, a forced single room supplement will be added to your account.
- I would like to enroll in the 3 Day Elective Florence—Renaissance and Baroque Italy (\$1,488), returning 18 May 2024, no dinners included.
- Please check this box if you would like domestic flight arrangements to your international gateway city. Please indicate your domestic departure city preference \_\_\_\_\_ (additional cost to be determined)
- I would like to alter my departure or return date to accommodate personal travel (\$150). I understand that this travel is “on my own”.
- I would like to have a receipt and periodic statements of my account mailed to me (\$100).

**\$400 DEPOSIT PER  
PERSON PLUS ANY  
INSURANCE  
PREMIUM AND A  
PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR  
PASSPORT PICTURE  
PAGE IS REQUIRED  
WITH REGISTRATION.**

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*Participant's Signature\**

\*Your registration and deposit represents your acceptance of the Program Conditions and certifies that you have read and understood the Program Conditions and the FAQ pages of our web site ([www.sbsbibletoours.org](http://www.sbsbibletoours.org)).

\*Please visit the FAQ pages for further information about Program Conditions, registration, how to prepare for travel and general information about S.B.S.

\*Incomplete registration forms *may* result in a late fee and additional administrative charges.