

## VISALIA TOUR TO ISRAEL - OCTOBER 13 - 22, 2018

WITH 6 NIGHTS PRE-TOUR TO EGYPT & JORDAN STARTING OCTOBER 7 - 14, 2018

**\$3,595** Land and Air Package  
Per Person in Double Occupancy - based on 44 travelers



JOIN US ON A  
JOURNEY  
OF A LIFETIME



## ITINERARY

### Day 1 | SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2018

#### USA DEPARTURE

Our journey begins today as we depart on our way to Israel – the Land of the Bible. Our flight departs from LAX at approx. 3:15pm. Sit back, relax and enjoy your flight. Get some rest...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

**Meals included:** On Board

**Overnight:** On Board

### Day 2 | SUNDAY OCTOBER 14, 2018

#### ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL / TEL AVIV / WELCOME!

Today we arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. Our flight arrives in Tel Aviv at approx. 5:35pm. You will be met and assisted by our Israeli tour guide and bus driver. We drive to Tel Aviv - Israel's largest and most modern city (20-30 minutes' drive from the airport). Check in at our Hotel. You'll have free time to rest and relax in your hotel room or stroll the Tel Aviv famous sidewalk. After our welcome dinner, we will explore Old Town Jaffa at night. We will arrive in Jaffa and walk through the narrow passages of Old Jaffa, believed to be the oldest port city in the world. See the amazing St. Peter Church at night and take in a spectacular view of the Tel Aviv shoreline from Jaffa's Hilltop. Return to our hotel.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Dinner

**Overnight:** Herods Tel Aviv

### Day 3 | MONDAY OCTOBER 15, 2018

#### FROM TEL AVIV TO THE SEA OF GALILEE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN / CAESAREA / MT. CARMEL / MEGIDDO / NAZARETH / CANA / SEA OF GALILEE / TIBERIA

After breakfast we start our tour heading north to the Sea of Galilee. We will have a relaxing drive along the beautiful coast of the Mediterranean Sea and stop at Caesarea Maritime (Acts 9:30; Acts 10: 24-48), which was the center of early Christians. Here Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10), and it was also here where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). Next, we will stop at Mount Carmel (Muchraka), where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets. Then on to Megiddo (1 Kings 4:28, 9:15; 2 Kings 23:29 & Rev.16:16), and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16), to see the remains from Solomon's days, and view the site where the Battle of Armageddon will be fought. We continue along the Jezreel valley to visit the town of Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26, 4:16-29; Matthew 2:23). Our last stop will be in Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first public miracle - the turning of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11). Drive through the Lower Galilee region to the Sea of Galilee. We'll check in at our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Sea of Galilee

### Day 4 | TUESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2018

#### SEA OF GALILEE AND THE UPPER GALILEE / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES / TABGHA / CAPERNAUM / UPPER GALILEE / CAESAREA PHILIPPI

Today we will experience the area of Jesus' early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. After breakfast, we will drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and visit the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5:6,7,8), where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. We will visit the famous chapel, constructed in 1939 by the noted architect Antonio Barluzzi, and enjoy the breathtaking view. We will continue to Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy of Peter (Matt. 13; Mark 33-45; John 21). Here we will visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue on to the 2,000 year old remains of Capernaum (Matt. 4:13, 13:54, 17:24; Luke 7; Mark 1:2; John 4:46-54). Here we can stand in what is left of the synagogue in which Jesus ministered. It was from this city that Jesus did most of his Galilean ministry, where he performed many miracles, and where Peter's mother-in-law lived and was healed. We will drive to the upper Galilee to visit Banias - ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16:13 and Mark 8:27), where Jesus said "on this rock I will build my Church". We will hike through the natural Banias nature reserve to the water falls. We will drive through the natural Hula Valley and the Upper Galilee region back to the Sea of Galilee. We'll return to our hotel for dinner and a restful evening.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Sea of Galilee

### Day 5 | WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2018

#### SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / "JESUS BOAT" / YARDENIT / BETH SHEAN / DEAD SEA / FREE TIME TO FLOAT & ENJOY THE RESORT

After breakfast we will board a wooden boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee as the disciples did 2,000 years ago. We will dock at Kibbutz Nof Geonsar and visit the "Ancient Jesus Boat" - the remains of a 2,000-year-old boat that was discovered in 1986. This boat was used at the time of Jesus and his disciples. We conclude our Galilee tour with a visit to Yardenit - the wonderful baptismal site on the Jordan River. From here we will drive south along the Beth Shean valley and the ancient city of Beth Shean (Mark 5:20, 7:31) for an overview of this remarkable archeological site. It was here that after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31). We will drive through the Jordanian Valley past the city of Jericho and arrive at the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. We will check in at our hotel, located on the shores of the Dead Sea. After check in and before dinner we will enjoy relaxing free time at our wonderful Dead Sea resort hotel, conveniently located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Walk to the beach and float in the salty water of the Dead Sea. You can also take this opportunity to enjoy the Dead Sea famous mud and mineral treatments at the hotel's spa.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Herods Resort Dead Sea

### Day 6 | THURSDAY OCTOBER 18, 2018

#### DEAD SEA / MASADA / QUMRAN / JERUSALEM / MOUNT OF OLIVES / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Today we will explore the Dead Sea and the Judean desert region and its biblical and historical sites. After early breakfast, we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit one of the most spectacular sites in Israel - the 1,500 feet mountaintop fortress of Masada. We will ascend to Masada by cable car and discover the 1st century Synagogue, Herod's Bathhouse and many other sites. We will continue along the shores of the Dead Sea and stop for overview at Ein Gedi, where David hid in a cave when running from Saul (1 Samuel 23). It was here that David composed several of his Psalms. Next, we will visit Qumran and walk through the ruins of this ancient Essene community. In this spot, an amazing cache of ancient biblical texts was discovered in 1947 - commonly called the Dead Sea Scrolls. From here we will ascend to Jerusalem - the holy city of Zion. Upon arriving in Jerusalem, we will head to the top of the Mount of Olives to stand where the Lord ascended into heaven (Acts 1) as we take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the city across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate where the Prince of Peace will enter (Ezekiel 44). We will pass by Pater Noster Church and visit Dominus Flevit where "the Lord wept" as he beheld the Holy City, and take the Palm Sunday Road down to the Garden of Gethsemane where we will see 2,000-year-old olive trees that date back to the time of Christ. Ending our day, we will check in our hotel for dinner.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

### Day 7 | FRIDAY OCTOBER 19, 2018

#### JERUSALEM OLD & NEW CITY / TEMPLE MOUNT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS / SOUTHERN WALL / SOUTHERN STEPS / DAVIDSON CENTER / WESTERN WALL / JEWISH QUARTER / MT. ZION / ROOM OF THE LAST SUPPER / CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALlicantu

Today we walk where Jesus walked. Following breakfast, we will head to the Old City and enter via the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall ("Wailing Wall") - the holiest site in Judaism and one of the original ancient walls that retained the Temple. We will continue to the Southern Temple Mount archaeological excavations. Here we will visit the "Southern Steps" - the archaeological reconstruction of the Temple Steps where Jesus walked so often. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money changers who were exploiting the people. We will visit the unearthed southern end of the western wall, the paved street and the Robinson's Arch. At the Davidson Center museum, we will view a documentary of the excavation and a 10-minute film describing a visit of a pilgrim to the second temple as it was in Jesus' time. We will walk through the historic Jewish Quarter all the way to Mt. Zion. We will visit the room of the last supper and then continue to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. According to tradition, this was the place of the palace of the high priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought to jail after his arrest. (Mark 14: 72) We will return to our hotel for a festive Shabbat dinner.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem



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### Day 8 | SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2018

**JERUSALEM OLD CITY / LION'S GATE / VIA DELAROSA / ST. ANNE CHURCH / POOL OF BETHESDA / JUDGMENT HALL OF PILATE / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / CHRISTIAN QUARTER / GARDEN TOMB**

Following breakfast, we will enter the Old City via the Lion's Gate. The Lion's Gate, located in the eastern wall of the Old City, is the entrance marking the beginning of the last walk of Jesus from prison to the crucifixion – the Via Delarosa. We will start our walk along the Stations of the Cross to visit St. Anne Church (we'll sing with an 11 second echo!), the Pool of Bethesda, then continuing to the Judgment Hall of Pilate and all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt. 27:33-57, 28:10). We will enjoy some free time to rest and shop at the colorful Old City bazaars. We will end our day visiting the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. Return to our hotel for dinner.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

### Day 9 | SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 2018

**HALF DAY FREE / BETHLEHEM / "YAD VASHEM" HOLOCAUST MUSEUM**

After breakfast we will enjoy half day free in Jerusalem. We will drive to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7). We venture out to the Shepherd's Field, referenced in Luke 2:8-20, where an angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. We will head to the new city of Jerusalem and pass by the Knesset, Israel's parliament. We will head to Mt. Herzl area for a visit to the newly renovated Holocaust Museum – "Yad Vashem". If time permits, we will return to the city center and enjoy some free time at the Ben Yehuda Street to experience the authentic Jerusalem restaurants and shops. We will return to our hotel for Farwell dinner.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

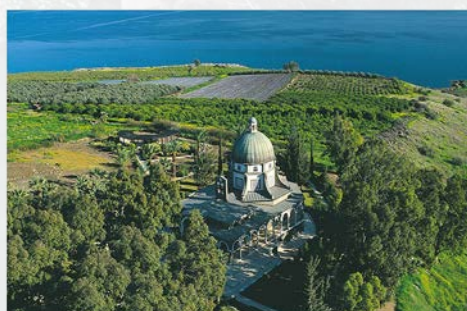
**Overnight:** Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

### Day 10 | MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2018

**FLIGHT DEPARTURE AND ARRIVE BACK IN THE US**

Early transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our departure flight back to LAX. Our flight departs @ approx 7am. We arrive back in LAX today at approx. 3 pm

**\* Remember to bring your Bible and notepad as we study the Scriptures at each site identified in the Bible.**



**ISRAEL LAND PACKAGE - \$3,595**

**ALL TAXES INCLUDED**

Single Room Supplement - \$875

\* Based on min. 44 travelers

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# ITINERARY

## 6 NIGHTS PRE-TOUR TO EGYPT & JORDAN

### Day 1 | SUNDAY OCTOBER 7, 2018

#### USA DEPARTURE

Our journey begins today as we depart LAX International Airport on our way to Cairo Egypt, home of the Great Sphinx of Giza and Pyramids. Our flight departs from LAX at approx. 7AM Sit back relax and enjoy your flight. Get some rest...tomorrow you will be walking through Bible history!

**Overnight:** On board

### Day 2 | MONDAY OCTOBER 8, 2018

#### ARRIVAL IN CAIRO EGYPT

This evening we arrive in Cairo Egypt. Our flight arrives at approx. 2pm. We will meet our guide and transfer to our hotel.

We check in and have dinner at the hotel.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Dinner

**Overnight:** Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel (Cairo)

### Day 3 | TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2018

#### FREE DAY

Enjoy free day in Giza. Optional tour to Memphis and Sakkara.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Dinner

**Overnight:** Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel (Cairo)

### Day 4 | WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2018

#### PYRAMIDS / SPHINX / ENTER INSIDE THE GREAT PYRAMID / CAMEL RIDE / EGYPTIAN MUSEUM / OLD CAIRO / COPTIC CAIRO

We start our day at one of the 7 Wonders of the World, the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx. What a great opportunity to go inside the Great Pyramid to explore the burial chamber of the ancient Pharaohs! Where else will you get to ride a camel in the Sahara Desert with the Egyptian Pyramids as a backdrop. Explore Old Cairo, visit the Egyptian Museum, the home of the greatest collection of Egyptian treasures in the world, and say Hi to King Tut! Visit Coptic Cairo and the famous Suspended Church, the Church of St. Sergius, and the Synagogue of Ben Ezra. Nile Dinner Cruise with Show (\*Optional \$55 pp including transfers) can be arranged with our tour guide upon arrival in Egypt.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel (Cairo)

### Day 5 | THURSDAY OCTOBER 11, 2018

#### SINAI DESERT / MARAH BY THE RED SEA / ELIM / REPHIDIM / MT. SINAI / DINNER IN A BEDOUIN TENT

After breakfast we will trace the routes of the Biblical Exodus and travel from Cairo to the Red Sea. Stop at Marah, the desert spring where the children of Israel found the water bitter. Visit the desert oasis of Elim and Wadi Feiran, where you will see Mount Serbal, the possible site where Moses held his arms up for victory. Enjoy an authentic Bedouin dinner in a Bedouin tent. Optional Night Activity: Climb Mt. Sinai and experience a stunning sunrise view. Those who choose to climb Mt. Sinai, please bring warm clothing and comfortable walking shoes. An optional camel ride is available for up to 1/3 of the mountain and can be arranged with your tour guide for \$25 per person. Please note: The options for accommodation in the remote area of Mt. Sinai are very limited. Although not equivalent in quality to the other hotels we use along this tour, the hotel we use is the best in the area. Optional Climb to Mt. Sinai. For those who wish to climb Mt. Sinai, please bring warm clothing and comfortable walking shoes for the ascent. Optional Camel ride is available up to 1/3 of the Mt. and can be arranged at the spot with your tour guide for \$25 per person.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Moregen Land



### Day 6 | FRIDAY OCTOBER 12, 2018

#### FROM MT. SINAI TO THE RED SEA AND THE MOUNTAINS OF EDMOM: CLIMB MT. SINAI / ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY / TABA BORDER / ILAT / CROSS TO JORDAN / AQABA

At daybreak those who desire and are physically capable will depart for a memorable early ascent to Mt. Sinai, where they will walk in the footsteps of Moses and the devoted pilgrims who traveled this route centuries earlier. You may choose to ride a camel part way, stopping at one of the stations to take in the scenery along the climb to the summit. We should reach the summit just before dawn in time to witness its incredible sunrise and splendid views. We will enjoy a time of praise and unforgettable, breathtaking views of the Sinai Wilderness. As we read from the Book of Genesis we remember that this is the place where Moses met the Lord in the Burning Bush and where he received the Ten Commandments. Descending the mountain, we will return to the hotel to rejoin the rest of our group for breakfast. We will visit the Monastery of St. Catherine, constructed by the Roman Emperor Justinian (527 and 565 AD). It is built around what was thought to be Moses' Burning Bush. We will head towards the eastern shores of the Sinai Peninsula and the Red Sea on our way north to the Taba Border (Egypt / Israel border). We will take a short city tour in Eilat- Israel's southernmost town on the Red Sea. Arrive at the Arava Border (Israel / Jordan southern border), cross to Jordan, and meet with our Jordanian tour guide - Welcome to Jordan! A short drive from the border (15 minutes) lays the resort city of Aqaba on the Red Sea. We will check in at our 5 star resort hotel for dinner and overnight. Use the free evening to enjoy the hotel's facilities or just rest, relax, and enjoy the Red Sea and the tranquil town of Aqaba.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Movenpick Aqaba

### Day 7 | SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2018

#### EXPLORING THE NABATEAN TREASURE CITY OF PETRA: FULL DAY IN PETRA / ARRIVE IN AMMAN, JORDAN'S CAPITAL

We will drive along the King's Highway to Wadi Musa - the Jordanian village located at the entrance to the ancient city of Petra - one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. The 2,000-year old ancient city of Petra, known as the red rock city, was the ancient capital of the Nabateans from the 3rd century BC to the 2nd century AD. Petra was forgotten for hundreds of years until it was rediscovered in 1812. At the entrance to Petra, travelers are offered the option to ride a horse for about 875 yards - from the visitor's center to the entrance of the dramatic "Siy" (canyon). We will explore Petra's incredible structures: the field of tombs, the obelisks, the altar, and much more. We will then drive north to Amman- Jordan's capital and largest city, where we will check in and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

**Meals included:** Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Le Merdein Amman

### Day 8 | SUNDAY OCTOBER 14, 2018

#### CROSSING TO ISRAEL - INTO THE PROMISED LAND: MADABA / MT. NEBO / CROSS TO ISRAEL / JERICHO / OLD JAFFA / TEL AVIV

After breakfast we will head to the biblical town of Madaba. Madaba is best known for its Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics and for its Greek Orthodox Church of St. George. Here we will view the earliest original map of the Holy Land. We will continue to the biblical Mt. Nebo, from which Moses viewed the Promised Land. Mt. Nebo, believed to be the site of the tomb of Moses, commands a spectacular view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. We will drive by Bethany Beyond the Jordan, where John the Baptist is purported to have baptized Jesus, and cross to Israel via the Allenby Bridge to meet our Israeli tour guide. Passing by Jericho will arrive in Tel Aviv - Israel's largest and most modern city. Meet with the rest of your group.

## PRE-TOUR TO EGYPT AND JORDAN - \$1,259

### ALL TAXES INCLUDED

Single Room Supplement - \$475

\* Based on min. 10 travelers

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### INCLUDED IN YOUR PRIVATE TOUR:

- Roundtrip Airfare from LAX -TLV-LAX all taxes included
- 8 nights accommodation in the hotels listed above
- "Meet & Assist" at the airport by an America Israel Tours airport representative.
- 1 Group arrival transfer escorted by your tour guide
- 1 Group departure transfer escorted by your tour guide
- All entrance fees as per your requests
- 7 Full days of Private touring with your assigned tour guide +arrival day tour to Jaffa
- 7 Full days of Private transportation in deluxe A/C coach and professional driver + arrival day
- Porter fees at airports and hotels
- Sea of Galilee boat ride
- Cable car transportation from/to Masada
- Mobile phone will be provided to the tour leader
- All land and service taxes
- \$75 tips per person

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Lunches daily
- Travel insurance (\$187 per person for a group Insurance policy for up to \$3000 in coverage) or (\$248 per person for a group insurance policy for up to \$4000 in coverage)
- Personal expenses

### INCLUDED IN YOUR PRE-TOUR:

- 6 nights hotel accommodations:
- 3 nights Cairo, Le Méridien Pyramids Hotel & Spa
- 1 night Mt. Sinai, Moregen Land Village (this is a 3 star hotel but the only one in the region)
- 1 night Aqaba Mövenpick Resort
- 1 night Amman Le Méridien
- Daily breakfasts dinners throughout the tour
- All entrance fees & attractions as per tour program
- 5 full days of touring and sightseeing with top professional, government-licensed, English speaking tour guides
- Meet & assist at all airports and all borders
- Private transportation in deluxe air-conditioned coach
- All transfers
- Porter fees at all hotels
- All land service and local taxes

### NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR PRE-TOUR:

- Lunches daily
- \$30 per person entry visa to Egypt – (for U.S Citizens – obtainable at Cairo airport upon arrival)
- \$80 per person Israel & Jordan border fees and border assistance
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Difference in airfare if applicable

\*\*\*Please note that the above visa and border taxes fees apply for U.S citizens only. If you are not a U.S citizen, please check with your local consulate/embassy for visa requirements & fees. It is the responsibility of the traveler to confirm with the consulate of each country visited, about any necessary travel documentation and/or visas required to enter these countries. America Israel Tours will hold no responsibility for travelers from any country other than the U.S who fail to fulfill these requirements.



### REGISTRATION

You may register online by visiting:  
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We offer online and mail registration. For those who prefer to register by mail or fax, please complete the "Register By Mail" form and mail / fax it with your \$500 deposit per person to: America Israel Tours, 5000 N. Parkway Calabasas | Suite 104, Calabasas, CA 91302

Please make all payments payable to:  
**America Israel Travel**

A \$500 pp Tour Deposit is due upon registration no later than April 27, 2018

\* Final payment is due by July 27, 2018



### QUESTIONS?

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