



12 DAYS INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN COMPLETE LAND PACKAGE WITH 5 STAR HOTELS FROM \$3.025

# JOIN US ON A JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

# **WHY JOIN US?**

Visit the biblical wonders of Jordan and Israel on our 12-day Holy Land Tour to some of the most significant locations in the Christian faith. Visit Jerusalem, Madaba, Mt. Nebo, and Petra (one of the seven wonders of the world) & more...





# **ITINERARY**

We are proud to announce our Both Sides of the River Jordan Tour with a new itinerary and upgraded hotel selection for all our tour departures.

# Day 1 SATURDAY

DEPARTURE

Our Israel Holy Land tour starts today as we depart on our way to Israel – the Land of the Bible. Sit back, relax and enjoy your flight. Get some rest because tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

# Day 2 SUNDAY

ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL / WELCOME TO THE HOLY LAND / VISIT OLD JAFFA Today you will arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport. You will be met and assisted by our airport representative and transferred to Tel Aviv – Israel's largest and most modern city (20-30 minutes drive). Check in at Herods Hotel, unpack and rest. Our hotel in Tel Aviv is conveniently located in the heart of the city, on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. After the welcome dinner, please join us for our tour orientation meeting, where you will meet your traveling companions and your expert tour guide. Spend free time resting and relaxing at your hotel room or strolling the famous sidewalk of Tel Aviv and enjoy your first evening in Israel.

After welcome dinner & orientation meeting – Enjoy an escorted tour to Old Jaffa with your expert guide. For those who would like to explore Old Town Jaffa at night, meet with your tour guide after the welcome dinner. We will take you in a bus to Jaffa (known as Joppa in Bible), where we 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. Peter came to Joppa from Lydda to raise Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead (Acts 9:36-42). While in Joppa, the apostle stayed at the house of Simon the Tanner. The Church of St. Peter marks the traditional site of Peter's vision of the great sheet.

# Day 3 MONDAY

FROM TEL AVIV TO THE SEA OF GALILEE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST & THE VALLEY OF ARMAGEDDON: TEL AVIV / COASTAL PLAINS / CAESAREA / MT. CARMEL / MEGIDDO / NAZARETH / SEA OF GALILEE / TIREPIAS

After an early breakfast we will start our Holy Land 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 Maritima (Acts 9:30 Acts 10 & 24-26), 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 (Muhraka), where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets. Then on to Megiddo (1 Kings 4:28, 9:15 & 2 Kings 23:29) and the Valley of Armageddon (Rev.16:16), to see the remains from Solomon's days, and view the site where the Battle of Armageddon will be fought. We will continue along the Jezreel Valley to visit the town of Nazareth (Luke 1:26, 4:16-29, Matthew 2:23). We will take in an unforgettable view of the city of Nazareth from the top of Mt. Precipice, also known as Mount of Precipitation, or Mount of the Leap of the Lord. It is believed to be the site of the rejection of Jesus, described in Luke 4:29-30. (\*If time permits we will also visit the Church of the Annunciation). Next we will drive to Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first public miracle - the turning of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11). We will end our first day of touring Israel by driving through the Lower Galilee region to the beautiful Sea of Galilee and the town of Tiberias. Our centrally located hotel is situated right in the town's center and on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Check in and eat dinner at our hotel before enjoying a free evening to walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and explore the town of Tiberias.

# Day 4 TUESDAY

DISCOVERING THE SEA OF GALILEE, THE UPPER GALILEE AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS: SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / "JESUS BOAT" / GOLAN HEIGHTS / UPPER GALILEE / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / TABGHA / CAPERNAUM

Today we will discover the tranquil Galilee Region and the beautiful Golan Heights as well as the areas of Jesus' early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. 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 will continue to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5-8), where lesus 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. Next, we will drive up to the beautiful Golan Heights and learn about the ancient Jewish settlements in this region. We will visit Banias Waterfall and ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16:13 and Mark 8:27), where Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my Church". We will drive through the natural Hula Valley and the Upper Galilee Region back to the Sea of Galilee. On the way back to our hotel we will drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and 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. We will continue on to the 2,000 year old remains of Capernaum (Matt. 4:14, 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 return to our hotel for dinner.

# Day 5 WEDNESDAY

JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY ALONG THE SEA OF GALILEE: BETH SHEAN / QUMRAN / DEAD SEA / FREE TIME TO FLOAT AND ENJOY THE RESORT

After breakfast we will visit the wonderful baptismal site on the Jordan River-Yardenit. 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 archaeological site. It was here that after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31). We will drive through the Jordan Valley, pass the city of Jericho, stop for a visit at 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 by a shepherd, commonly known as the Dead Sea Scrolls. The original documents are exhibited in the Israeli Museum in Jerusalem. We will continue south and arrive at the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. At 1293 feet below sea level, you can sunbathe without any sunscreen protection and will not burn. We will check in to our spa 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 with its own private beach. You can walk down to our beach, float in the healing salty water of the Dead Sea, and take a dip in the beautiful swimming pools of our resort hotel. You can also take this opportunity to enjoy the Dead Sea's famous mud and mineral treatments at our hotel's spa.

# Day 6 THURSDAY

EXPLORING THE DEAD SEA AND THE JUDEAN DESERT: ARRIVE IN JERUSALEM DEAD SEA / MASADA / EIN GEDI / 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 breakfast we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit one of the most spectacular sites in Israel, the 1,500 foot mountaintop fortress of Masada. Built by King Herod, Masada is famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. 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 for a look out on the oasis of 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. 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). From the Mount of Olives, we will 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. We will 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. We will end our day and continue to our centrally located hotel for check-in and dinner. Our hotel is conveniently located walking distance from the Old City Jerusalem as well as from the City Center. Enjoy free time to rest, relax and enjoy your first evening in Jerusalem.



# ITINERARY (CONTINUED)

# Day 7 FRIDAY

THE STONES OF YOUR HERITAGE: TEMPLE MOUNT IN JESUS TIMES, JERUSALEM OLD & NEW CITY: TEMPLE MOUNT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS / SOUTHERN WALL / SOUTHERN STEPS / DAVIDSON CENTER / WESTERN WALL / JEWISH QUARTER / MT. ZION / UPPER ROOM / TOMB OF KING DAVID

Today we will walk where Jesus walked. We will return to the Old City, where we will enter via the Dung Gate and visit 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 fascinating documentary of the excavation and a 10 minutes film describing the visit of a pilgrim to the Second Temple to better understand what the Temple was like in Jesus' time. We will continue our Old City exploration and walk through the historic Jewish Quarter all the way to Mt. Zion. Here we will visit the Tomb of King David and worship in the Upper Room (Luke 22)- the traditional site where Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper and where Thomas later cried, "My Lord and my God". In the late afternoon, we will return to the Western Wall plaza and visit the Western Wall ("Wailing Wall"), the holiest site in Judaism and one of the original ancient walls that retained the Temple. We will have some free time to experience this holy site, to pray at the wall, and to sense the importance of this site to the Jewish and Christian people just before the entrance of the Shabbat. We will return to our hotel for a festive Shabbat dinner.

# Day 8 SATURDAY

CITY OF ZION – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE- JERUSALEM OLD CITY AND BETHLEHEM: LIONS' GATE / VIA DOLOROSA / ST. ANNE CHURCH / POOL OF BETHESDA / JUDGMENT HALL OF PILATE / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / CHRISTIAN QUARTER / KNESSET / BETHLEHEM / CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY / SHEPHERD'S FIELD / GARDEN TOMB

Following breakfast we will enter the Old City via the Lions' Gate. The Lions' Gate, located in the Eastern Wall of the Old City is the entrance that marks the beginning of the last walk of Jesus from prison to the crucifixion - the Via Dolorosa. We will start our walk along the Stations of the Cross to visit the St. Anne Church and the Pool of Bethesda. From there we will continue to the Judgment Hall of Pilate all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt. 27: 33-57, 28:10). After lunch we will enjoy some free time to rest and shop at the colorful Christian Quarter bazaars. We will drive through the New City of Jerusalem and pass by the Knesset-Israel's parliamentand continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7), the oldest working church in the world. We will 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 conclude our touring day by visiting the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the resurrection with a time of prayer (Luke 23). We will end the day by driving back to our hotel for our great farewell dinner. It is here that we will say goodbye to those in the group who are ending their tour in Israel. We will share food with our new friends and be inspired by all the memories from our journey - memories that will last a lifetime.

Note: \*Please be advised that Bethlehem is administered by the Palestinian Authority and it is not part of the State of Israel, therefore a passport is required to enter Bethlehem. Due to an increase in tourists visiting the region, please expect long lines to visit the Grotto. If you wish not to visit Bethlehem and remain in Jerusalem during that time, please advise your tour guide at least 1 day in advance.

# Day 9 SUNDAY

DEPART JERUSALEM AND ARRIVE IN AMMAN: JERASH / AMMAN, JORDAN'S CAPITAL

After breakfast check out of the hotel. We will have an early departure from Jerusalem to the Jordan border. After border crossing procedures, enter into Jordan and meet our Jordanian tour guide and bus driver. We will then proceed to Jerash, the city of the Decapolis- located about 28 miles north of Amman in the fertile heights of the Gilead. The Greco-Roman City of Jerash is the best preserved of its kind in the world. Here we will visit the colonnaded streets, the baths and the temple. We will then drive to Amman, the capitol of Jordan. After a short orientation tour viewing the various landmarks of the city, we will drive to the hotel for check-in and dinner.

# Day 10 MONDAY

### **EXPLORING THE NABATEAN TREASURE CITY OF PETRA**

After breakfast 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 world's greatest archaeological sites and one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the 2,000-year old ancient city of Petra. Known as the red rock city, Petra was the ancient capital of the Nabateans from the 3rd century BC to the 2nd century AD. Carved by the Nabataeans out of solid rock, 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 800m – from the visitor's center to the entrance of the dramatic "Siq" (canyon). From the entrance to the Siq, there is a 1,250 meter walk to the 1st monument "The Treasury". Throughout most of the day we will explore Petra's incredible structures: the treasury, the field of tombs, the obelisks, and the altar, and much more. In the late afternoon we will drive north back to Amman. Enjoy dinner at our hotel.

# Day 11 TUESDAY

### MADABA / MT. NEBO / CROSS TO ISRAEL / DRIVE TO TEL AVIV AIRPORT / DEPARTURE

After breakfast we 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 (Jordan/ Israel Central border) Passing by Jericho, we will drive westward to Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv to catch your flights back to the US on Tuesday night.

# Day 12 WEDNESDAY

**ARRIVAL** 

Today you will arrive back in the U.S.A and start planning your next trip to the Holy Land.

### SOME OF THE SITES THAT YOU WILL SEE ALONG THE TOUR:

Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth, Lower Galilee, Sea of Galilee, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Upper Galilee, Tiberias, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitude, Sail on the Sea of Galilee, Tabaja, Beit Shean (Beth Shean), Dead Sea, Masada, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Old City Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Western Wall Tunnels, Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Christian Quarter, Jewish Quarter, The Room of the Last Supper, Kind David Tomb, Garden Tomb, Western Wall, Southern Wall, Temple Mount, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Jerash, Amman, Petra, Mt. Nebo, Madaba, and much more...



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# **DATES & RATES**

	AUG 24, 2019	SEP 4, 2019	\$3025
	AUG 31, 2019	SEP 11, 2019	\$3025
	SEP 14, 2019	SEP 24, 2019	\$3025
	OCT 19, 2019	OCT 30, 2019	\$3025
	OCT 25, 2019	NOV 6, 2019	\$3025
	NOV 2, 2019	NOV 13, 2019	\$3025
	NOV 9, 2019	NOV 20, 2019	\$3025
	NOV 16, 2019	NOV 27, 2019	\$3025
	DEC 14, 2019	DEC 25, 2019	\$3025
	FEB 15, 2020	FEB 26, 2020	\$3025
	FEB 22, 2020	MAR 4, 2020	\$3025
	MAR 7, 2020	MAR 18, 2020	\$3085
	MAR 14, 2020	MAR 25, 2020	\$3085
	MAR 21, 2020	APR 1, 2020	\$3085
	MAR 28, 2020	APR 8, 2020	\$3085
	APR 18, 2020	APR 29, 2020	\$3085
	APR 25, 2020	MAY 6, 2020	\$3085
	MAY 2, 2020	MAY 13, 2020	\$3085
	MAY 9, 2020	MAY 20, 2020	\$3085
	MAY 16, 2020	MAY 27, 2020	\$3085
	JUN 6, 2020	JUN 17, 2020	\$3085
	JUN 13, 2020	JUN 24, 2020	\$3085
	JUN 20, 2020	JUL 1, 2020	\$3085



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AUG 22, 2020	SEP 2, 2020	\$3085
AUG 29, 2020	SEP 9, 2020	\$3085
SEP 12, 2020	SEP 23, 2020	\$3085
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DEC 19, 2020	DEC 30, 2020	\$3085

## **JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Stand in awe at the incredible carved entrance of the city of Petra
- Visit the impressive Caesarea Maritima, built in honor of Augustus Caesar by Herod the Great (Acts 10 & 25)
- Take a breathtaking panoramic view of Nazareth from the top of Mt. Precipice
- Visit Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle
- Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at our Dead Sea Resort hotel, where you can enjoy the famous Dead Sea Spa treatments
- Experience a breathtaking panoramic view from the Mount of Olives toward Old City Jerusalem
- Explore the Southern Temple Mount archaeological excavations and the Davidson Center Museum
- Visit Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity, and Shepherd's Field



### **INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE:**

- 9 nights excellent superior first class hotel accommodation:
- 1 night Tel Aviv: Herods Hotel
- 2 nights Sea of Galilee: Leonardo Plaza Tiberias (former Sheraton Tiberias)
- 1 night Dead Sea: Herods, Dead Sea
- 3 night Jerusalem: Leonardo Plaza (former Sheraton Plaza Jerusalem)
- 2 nights Amman: Le Meridian Amman
- 18 meals: 9 Israeli buffet breakfasts and 9 dinners throughout the tour
- All entrance fees & attractions as per tour itinerary plus: Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, "Jesus Boat" Museum, Masada Cable Car, Davidson
- Center Museum, Garden Tomb and much more
- 8 full days of touring with top professional, government-licensed, biblically oriented, English speaking tour guides
- Private transportation in deluxe air-conditioned coach
- Private arrival transfer from Ben Gurion International Airport to your Tel Aviv hotel (please check below for transfer remarks)
- Departure transfer from the Jordanian border to Ben Gurion International Airport (please check below for transfer remarks)
- Porter fees at all hotels
- All land service and local taxes

### TRANSFER REMARKS:

Arrival transfers are provided FREE for all travelers arriving in Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport on flights arriving between 2pm – 6pm on the tour arrival day only (Sundays ONLY).

Departure transfer is included only for Tuesday night flight departures (no earlier than 10:30 pm). It is a 40-60 minute drive from Jerusalem back to the Tel Aviv airport You are required to check in for your international flight a minimum of 3 hours prior to flight departure

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- International flights: please call us toll free at (877) 248-8687 to arrange your flights
- Tips to tour guides, bus drivers and hotel staff (\$95 total tips per person)
- Lunches daily and last night dinner before departure
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended- please call us for travel insurance info)
- We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance package to protect your travel investment.



### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

If your flight departs on Wednesday morning (between midnight and 1:30am) you will arrive back in the U.S. on the same day (Wednesday) and will be required an extra night that is not included in this tour package

If you flight departs on Tuesday night you will arrive back in the U.S. the following day (Wednesday)