

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FOUNTAIN HILLS

13 DAY BIBLICAL JOURNEY TO JORDAN & ISRAEL - AUG 28 - SEP 9, 2019

Land and Air Package - Per Person in Double Occupancy - based on 21 travelers



ITINERARY

Day 1 | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

USA DEPARTURE

Our Holy Land tour starts today with our overnight flight to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Our flight departs N at approx. 7:45PM. Sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight.

Meals included: On Board

Overnight: On Board

Day 2 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019

ARRIVAL IN AMMAN, JORDAN

Today we arrive at approx. 11:30pm at the Queen Alia International Airport in Amman, where we will be met by our Jordanian tour guide and transferred to our hotel for check in and dinner.

Meals included: Meals on Board and Dinner

Overnight: Marriot, Amman

Day 3 | FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019

AMMAN / MADABA / MT. NEBO / WADI MUJIB / KERAK / PETRA

After Breakfast we will depart through the King's Highway, an ancient route that still has marks left from traders, armies and pilgrims who crossed it centuries ago, which was once part of the ancient Silk Road. Visit the Christian Town of Madaba, which is known as 'The City of Mosaics'. You will be visiting the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, where you will see the masterpiece of Madaba (a Byzantine mosaic map of the Holy Land that goes back to the 6th century, showing Jerusalem and other cities), you will also visit the Archaeological Park, which houses the remains of several Byzantine churches, including the amazing mosaics of the Church of the Virgin. The park complex includes a school for the restoration and conservation of ancient mosaics. We will then go to Mt. Nebo, which is considered to be one of the most important holy sites in Jordan, as it is believed to be the place where Moses climbed from the Valley of Moab, and from where God showed him the Promised Land, as well as Moses' last resting place. It features ruins from the 4th to the 6th century with marvelous mosaics adorning the grounds of the church still visible. Proceed via Wadi Al Mujib, a deep valley holding one of Jordan's most breathtaking views. We will continue our journey to the city of Kerak, where we will visit the Crusader's Castle, with its diverse history dated from the Byzantine to the Mamluk period and get to know the architectural military brilliance of the Crusaders. Continue south to the hotel in Petra. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Meals included: Meals on Board and Dinner

Overnight: Marriott Petra

Day 4 | SATURDAY AUGUST 31, 2019

PETRA AND RETURN TO AMMAN

After Breakfast we will start our journey to explore Petra, aptly described as the "rose-red city, half as old as time". The ancient city was founded by the Nabateans 2000 years ago. Its massive architectural structure and its multicolored stones are an incredible attraction. The visit of the ancient Nabatean capital starts on horseback, followed by a walk through the Siq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. Towards the end of the Siq, you will be spellbound by Petra's most famous monument; the Treasury. The tour then proceeds to gradually unfold the mysteries of the city. Drive back to Amman. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Marriot Amman



Day 5 | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

FROM JORDAN TO ISRAEL / JERASH / BORDER CROSSING INTO ISRAEL / BETH SHEAN / SEA OF GALILEE

After breakfast we will check out from our hotel and drive north to visit 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 drive north to the Sheikh Hussein Border, where after crossing procedures into Israel, will be met by our Israeli tour guide and bus driver, both of whom will accompany us for the remainder of our tour. After introductions it's on to the remarkable archeological site of the ancient city of Beth Shean (Mark 5.20, 7.31), where after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31). We then continue north to the town of Tiberias where our centrally located hotel is situated right on the town's center. Check in to our hotel. After dinner enjoy a free evening to walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and explore the old town of Tiberias.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee

Day 6 | MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY ALONG THE SEA OF GALILEE SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE / "JESUS BOAT" / MAGDALA / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES / TABGHA / CAPERNAUM

Today we will experience the area of Jesus' early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. After breakfast we will board a wooden boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee just like the Jesus and the disciples. We will dock at Kibbutz Nof Geonsar to visit the "Ancient Jesus Boat" - the remains of a 2,000-year-old boat (the type used by Jesus and his disciples) that was only discovered in 1986. Our Next visit will be Magdala, best known as the home of Mary Magdalene. Walk through the ruins of a first century Jewish town where a synagogue from the time of Christ's ministry was found. We will drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, we arrive at the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5,6,7,8), where Jesus preached his Sermon on the Mount and visit the famous chapel constructed in 1939 by the noted architect Antonio Barluzzi. After enjoying the breathtaking view, we will drive on to Tabgha, the site of the Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy of Peter (Matt. 13, Mark .33-45, & John 21) and here visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Next we will visit the 2,000 year old remains of Capernaum (Matt. 4.13 13.54, 17.24, Luke 7, Mark 1.2, John 4.46-54) where 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 and preformed many miracles, and where Peter's mother-in-law lived and was healed. Return to our hotel for dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee

Day 7 | TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

LOWER GALILEE AND MEGIDDO / ARBEL CLIFF / NAZARETH / SEPPHORIS / MEGIDDO

After breakfast we will take a panoramic view from the Arbel Cliff. Drive through the lower Galilee to visit the town of Nazareth - home of Jesus' childhood and where he grew to maturity - and visit the Church of the Annunciation. We will continue to visit Sepphoris. Josephus called Sepphoris "The Jewel of Galilee," and in 4 B.C. Herod's son selected it as the provincial capital for his government in Galilee. Here we will see some of the best mosaics in all of Israel. Afterwards we will continue along the Jezere Valley to Megiddo (1 Kings 4:28, 9:15; 2 Kings 23:29 & Rev.16:16) and to 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 (Luke 1:26, 4:16-29; Matthew 2:23). In the afternoon we will drive back to Tiberias and our hotel for dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee

ITINERARY (CONTINUED)

Day 8 | WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

FROM THE GALILEE TO THE DEAD SEA / YARDENIT / BETH SHEAN / DEAD SEA / FREE TIME TO FLOAT & ENJOY THE RESORT

After breakfast, 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. You can also take this opportunity to enjoy the Dead Sea famous mud and mineral treatments at the hotel's spa. Check in and dinner at our hotel located on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Herods Dead Sea

Day 9 | THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

EXPLORING THE DEAD SEA AND THE JUDEAN DESERT FREE MORNING / MASADA/ EIN GEDI / QUMRAN / ARRIVE IN JERUSALEM

After breakfast we will enjoy relaxing free time at our wonderful Dead Sea resort hotel. 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. We will start our day driving 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 - which was built by King Herod and 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 the remains of this fortress. We will then 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) and composed several of his Psalms. Next, we will visit Qumran and walk through the ruins of this ancient Essene community, where close to this spot an amazing cache of ancient biblical texts were discovered in 1947 - commonly called the Dead Sea Scrolls. From here we will drive to Jerusalem. We will end our day by driving to Jerusalem. Check in and dinner at our hotel.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem

Day 10 | FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

MOUNT OF OLIVES / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE / VIA DELAROSA / ST. ANNE CHURCH / POOL OF BETHESDA/JUDGMENT HALL OF PILATE /CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER / GARDEN TOMB

Today we walk where Jesus walked. We will drive 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.

We will enter the Old City via the Lions' Gate, located in the eastern wall which marks the marks 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 the St. Anne Church (incredible acoustics) and the Pool of Bethesda, and then continue to the Judgment Hall of Pilate, all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt. 27. 33-57, 28.10). We will end our day visiting the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the resurrection with a time of prayer (Luke 23). Ending the day, we will return to our hotel for a festive Shabbat dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem



Day 11 | SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

TEMPLE MOUNT / SOUTHERN WALL & STEPS / DAVIDSON CENTER / WESTERN WALL / JEWISH QUARTER/ MT. ZION/ UPPER ROOM/ TOMB OF KING DAVID / CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU

We will enter the Old City of Jerusalem via the Dung Gate and visit the Temple Mount (*visit is subject to change). Our next visit will be at the Southern Temple Mount archeological excavations and the "Southern Steps" - the archaeological reconstruction of the Temple steps where Jesus walked so often. It is from here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and the 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, and at the Davidson Center Museum will view a fascinating documentary on the excavation and 10 minute film describing a visit of a pilgrim to the second temple. We will continue our Old City exploration 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 later Thomas cried, My Lord and my God". We will then visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu where, according to tradition, was the place of the palace of the high priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought to jail after his arrest (Mark 14:72). Return to our hotel for dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem

Day 12 | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

CITY OF ZION / BETHLEHEM / CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY / SHEPHERD'S FIELD / YAD VASHEM HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

This is the last day of our journey. Following breakfast, we will drive through the new city of Jerusalem and pass by the Knesset - Israel's parliament - and continue 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. After Lunch we will head to Mt. Herzl area of Jerusalem for an emotional visit of the newly renovated Holocaust Museum - "Yad Vashem". Ending the day, we will return to our hotel for our farewell dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem

Day 13 | MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

DEPARTURE FLIGHT / ARRIVAL BACK IN PHOENIX

This morning we will take an early transfer back to the airport. Our flight departs from Tel Aviv @ 7:40am and arrives Phoenix at approx. 5:30pm.

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



AIR & LAND PACKAGE - \$4,685

AIRFARE & ALL TAXES INCLUDED

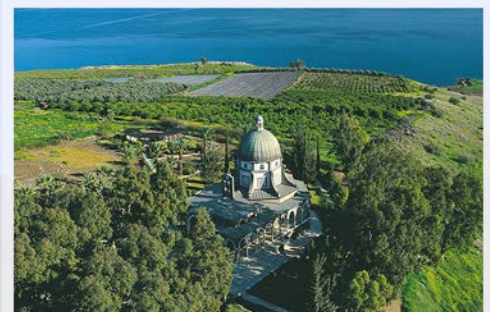
Single Room Supplement - \$1375

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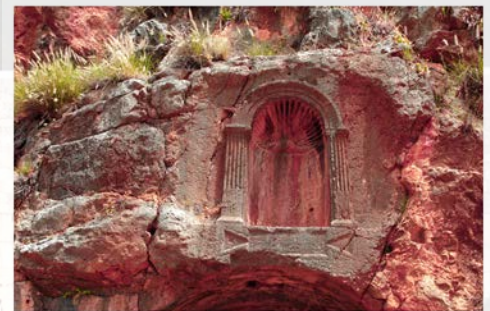
INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE:

- Round trip airfare from Phoenix, AZ to Amman & back from Tel Aviv to Phoenix, AZ with British Airways. BA0147 29AUG LHR-AMM 16:05 23:20 / BA0289 09SEP LHR-PHX 14:45 17:35
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges are included in your tour package
- 11 nights' accommodation in 4-star hotels as per below hotels
- Daily Breakfasts and Dinners served daily at the hotels
- "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 tour program
- 9 Full days of Private touring with your assigned tour guides in Jordan and Israel
- 9 Full days of Private transportation in deluxe A/C coach w. pro driver in Jordan and Israel
- Porter fees at airports and hotels
- Sea of Galilee boat ride
- Cable car transportation from/to Masada
- All land and service taxes are included
- \$50 Jordan and Israel Border taxes



NOT INCLUDED:

- Daily lunches
- \$105 total per person tips (\$75 per person in Israel and \$30 per person in Jordan)
- Travel insurance (optional & highly recommended)
 - \$248 per person for a group insurance policy for up to \$4000 in coverage
 - \$313 per person for a group insurance policy for up to \$5000 in coverage



QUESTIONS?

For more information and registration please contact:
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REGISTRATION

You may register online by visiting: www.americaisraeltraveltours.com/fbo

A \$500 pp Tour Deposit is due upon registration but no later than **Monday, April 01, 2019**

* Final payment is due by **Monday, June 10, 2019**

