

VISALIA TOUR TO ISRAEL - SEPTEMBER 8 - 17, 2019

WITH 7 NIGHTS OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR TO EGYPT & JORDAN FROM SEPT 1 TO SEPT 9, 2019

\$3,670 **Israel - Land and Air Package from LAX**
Per Person in Double Occupancy - based on 32 travelers

\$2,670 **Israel - Land Only Package**
Per Person in Double Occupancy - based on 32 travelers

\$1,645 **Egypt / Jordan Pre-tour Land Package**
Per Person in Double Occupancy - based on 21 travelers



JOIN US ON A
JOURNEY
OF A LIFETIME

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Day 1 | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 08, 2019

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. 6:30pm. 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 | MONDAY SEPTEMBER 09, 2019

ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL / TEL AVIV / WELCOME!

Today we arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. Our flight arrives in Tel Aviv at approx. 10pm. 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 | TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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 | WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

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.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 5 | THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

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 | FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

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 foot 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 | SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

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 have some free time to stroll through the old city markets before we return to our hotel for our festive Shabbat dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

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Day 8 | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

JERUSALEM OLD CITY / WESTERN WALL TUNNELS / 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 Dung Gate and visit the Western Wall Tunnels. Continue to 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 | MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

BETHLEHEM / SHEPHERD'S FIELD/ SHRINE OF THE BOOK/ HOLY LAND MODEL / "YAD VASHEM" HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

After breakfast 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 the Israel museum to visit the Shrine of the Book, where the dead sea scrolls are housed, and the holy land model. 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

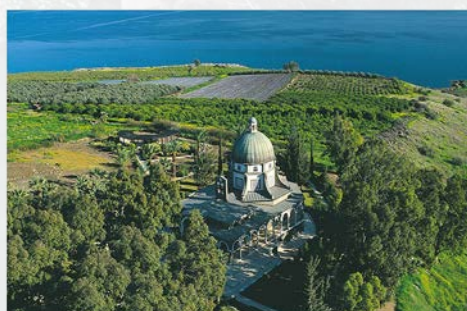
Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 10 | TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

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. 8:30am.

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



MAIN TOUR & LAND PACKAGE FROM LAX - \$3,670

AIRFARE & ALL TAXES INCLUDED

Single Room Supplement - \$925

* Based on min. 32 travelers

ISRAEL LAND ONLY PACKAGE - \$2,670

ALL TAXES INCLUDED

Single Room Supplement - \$925

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EGYPT & JORDAN PRE-TOUR EXTENSION SEPTEMBER 1 - 9, 2019

Day 1 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2019

USA DEPARTURE

Our Holy Land tour starts today with our overnight flight to Cairo, the capital of Egypt. Our flight departs from LAX at approx. 6:30PM. Sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight.

Meals included: On board

Overnight: On board

Day 2 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2019

ARRIVAL IN CAIRO EGYPT

Arrive at Cairo International Airport in Cairo, Egypt. Our flight arrives at approx. 8 pm. Meet your tour guide and transfer to Meridian Cairo Airport Hotel

Meals included: On Board

Overnight: Meridian Pyramid Hotel

Day 3 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2019

MEMPHIS AND SAKKARA / PYRAMIDS / SPHINX/ ENTER INSIDE THE GREAT PYRAMID / CAMEL RIDE

After breakfast we will Visit Memphis and Sakkara and the Bent Pyramid. Continue to Giza and stand in awe of one of the 7 Wonders of the World, the Pyramids of Giza and see the Great Sphinx. Take the opportunity to go inside the Great Pyramid to explore the burial chamber. Ride a camel with the pyramids as a backdrop.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Meridian Pyramid Hotel

Day 4 | WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 04, 2019

EGYPTIAN MUSEUM / COPTIC CAIRO

After breakfast explore Old Cairo and visit the Egyptian Museum, which houses the greatest collection of Pharaonic treasures in the world. Visit Coptic Cairo and the famous Suspended Church, the Church of St. Sergius, and the Synagogue of Ben Ezra.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Meridian Pyramid Hotel

Day 5 | THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 05, 2019

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

After early breakfast we will depart from Cairo. 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.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Morgan Land Village Hotel

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.

Day 6 | FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 06, 2019

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

After breakfast we will tour the beautiful Monastery of St. Catherine and learn about its exceptional history. It is the only continuously used church building in the world. Cross the Taba Border and enter into Israel. Enjoy a drive thru' Eilat, Israel's southernmost town located on the Red Sea. Cross the Arava Border and enter in Jordan and travel to Aqaba. Check in and dinner at our hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba



Day 7 | SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 07, 2019

FREE DAY IN AQABA / OPTIONAL HALF DAY TOUR TO WADI RUM

After breakfast enjoy a free day at our resort hotel.

Optional tour to Wadi Rum: (2-6PM) \$70 per person: 1-hour drive from Aqaba we will find the sensational desert of Wadi Rum. Wadi Rum boasts one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world with rolling sand dunes and mountains of sandstone. Its mystery and charm are sure to captivate you, as it has so many visitors before, including the famous T.E. Lawrence. Some famous movies were filmed there, including Lawrence of Arabia, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade and more. Allow the local Bedouins to take you by their (4x4) jeeps to the heart of the Red desert of Wadi Rum. Discover clues from antiquity carved on the mountains and the fallen boulder, vestiges of human activity over several thousand years. Return for dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba

Day 8 | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 08, 2019

PETRA TO THE DEAD SEA (JORDAN SIDE)

After breakfast we will drive to Wadi Musa to 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. In the afternoon we will drive north to the dead sea and check in at our Marriott Dead Sea Hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Marriot Dead Sea Hotel

Day 9 | MONDAY SEPTEMBER 09, 2019

MT. NEBO / MADABA / CROSS TO ISRAEL

After breakfast we continue our journey in Jordan. Our first stop will be in 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. Continue to 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. We will drive to the Allenby bridge and cross to Israel. We will be met by our Israeli tour guide and bus driver, both of whom will accompany us for the remainder of our tour. We then continue to Tel Aviv to meet with the rest of our group. Check in to our hotel in Tel Aviv.

Meals included: Full Buffet Breakfast and Dinner



PRE-TOUR TO EGYPT AND JORDAN: LAND TOUR PRICE - \$1,645

ALL TAXES INCLUDED

Single Room Supplement - \$655

* Rates are based on a minimum of 21

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INCLUDED IN YOUR MAIN TOUR TO ISRAEL:

- Roundtrip Airfare from LAX -TLV-LAX all taxes included
- 8 nights accommodation in the hotels
- "Meet & Assist" at the airport by an America Israel Tours airport representative.
- 1 group arrival and 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 with pro driver + arrival day
- Porter fees at airports and hotels
- Sea of Galilee boat ride
- Cable car transportation from/to Masada
- All land and service taxes
- \$80 tips per person

NOT INCLUDED IN MAIN TOUR TO ISRAEL:

- Lunches daily
- Group travel insurance - \$248 per person for a group insurance policy for up to \$4000 in coverage or \$313 per person for a group insurance policy for up to \$5000 in coverage
- Personal expenses

INCLUDED IN YOUR EGYPT / JORDAN PRE-TOUR:

- 7 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), 2 nights Aqaba Kempinski Aqaba Resort, 1 night Marriot Dead Sea Jordan
- Daily breakfasts dinners throughout the tour
- All entrance fees & attractions as per tour program
- 7 full days of touring and sightseeing with professional, government-licensed, tour guide
- Meet & assist at all airports and all borders
- Private transportation in deluxe air-conditioned coach
- 1 group arrival transfer from Cairo airport to the hotel
- 1 group transfer from Allenby border to Tel Aviv hotel
- Porter fees at all hotels
- All land service and local taxes and Taba Border fees
- \$70 per person tips to tour guide, bus driver and hotel staff (Egypt and Jordan).
- \$30 per person entry visa to Egypt – (for U.S Citizens – obtainable at Cairo airport)
- \$80 per person Israel & Jordan border fees and border assistance

NOT INCLUDED IN EGYPT / JORDAN PRE-TOUR:

- Lunches daily
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Optional Wadi Rum half day tour

***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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A \$750 per person tour deposit is due upon registration, no later than Friday March 1, 2019

Final payment is due no later than Monday June 03, 2019

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