

ISRAEL and JORDAN 12 DAY



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**Day 1** **Transatlantic**

Leave USA. We must be at airport at least 2 hours before flight time.

ENROUTE TRANSATLANTIC

**Day 2** **Tel Aviv**

Upon arrival, we are met and assisted by our guide and transferred to our hotel in Tel Aviv for our first Israel culinary adventure and a good night's sleep..

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TEL AVIV

**Day 3** **Caesarea / Mt. Carmel / Nazareth / Tiberias**

This morning after our full Israeli breakfast, we travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of Caesarea, the ancient Roman capital, built by Herod the Great in 22 BC. The apostle Paul was imprisoned here before being sent to Rome. Pilate lived here during the time of Jesus' crucifixion. Cornelius and his household lived here too. Visit the Roman Theatre, the Aqueduct and Herodian Port. Continue to see the magnificent panoramic view from Mount Carmel. Visit the Mukraka, the location of Elijah's altar where he slew the prophets of Baal. Afterwards, we drive to visit the Valley of Armageddon and the excavation of Tel Megiddo which is 30 civilizations deep going all the way back to the Canaanites. Here too is Ahab's water tunnel and Solomon's stables. Then we travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth, where we visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's well on our way to Tiberias.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TIBERIAS

**Day 4** **Sepphoris / Megiddo / Beit She'an / Yardenit / Tiberias**

We start the day at Sepphoris, an ancient Roman city built near Nazareth during Jesus youth. He may have helped Joseph work there. Afterwards, we visit the Valley of Armageddon and the excavation of Tel Megiddo. Here too, is Ahab's water tunnel and King Solomon's stables. We continue to the newly excavated ruins of Beit She'an where the bodies of Saul and his sons were displayed on the walls after their defeat at Mount Gilboa. We return to Tiberias by way of Yardenit on the Jordan River where you can be baptized.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TIBERIAS

**Day 5****Boat Ride / Mount of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum /  
Caesarea Phillipi / Golan Heights / Tiberias**

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Experience a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. Visit Tabgha where Jesus fed 5000 with the loaves and the fishes of a small boy. Then continue to Capernaum, the city of Jesus and Simon Peter's house where the paralytic was healed. Cross the Jordan River to the land of Gaderenes. Visit Caesarea Phillipi, site of pagan altars, where Peter confessed Christ. Journey back toward Tiberias via the Golan Heights learning of Israel's great victory over Syria in recent history.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TIBERIAS

**Day 6****Tiberias / Jerash / Baptismal Site / Petra**

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We travel to the Sheik Hussein Bridge near Tiberias and cross into Jordan. We will be met by our Jordanian guide and driver and travel to the ancient Roman Decapolis city of Jerash. Along the way, we cross Jabbok Brook where Jacob wrestled with the angel. Jerash is a stunning and very large Roman site with a Cardo, and amphitheatre and temples. After Jerash, we travel to the site by the Jordan River that scholars say is the authentic site where John the Baptist baptized. We walk the many paths that allow pilgrims to touch some of the natural spring water like John used during his ministry. We still have miles to go and continue southwards on the desert highway to Petra.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT PETRA

**Day 7****Petra/Amman**

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This morning after breakfast we start our visit to Petra. This entire city, with its rose colored temples and amphitheatre is carved out of multiple rocks which surround the hidden valley. The city was lost to the rest of the world until approximately a hundred years ago. St. Paul studied here for three years and Herod the Great came from Petra. After our visit to Petra, we travel north to Amman for dinner and overnight

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AMMAN

**Day 8****Amman / Mt. Nebo / Allenby Bridge /  
Dead Sea / Masada**

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This morning, we go to nearby Madaba to see the mosaic and oldest map of the Holy Land dating from the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Then we travel the short distance to historic Mt. Nebo where Moses saw the Promised Land and a remarkable view of the Jordan Valley, The Dead Sea and the spires of Jerusalem in the distance. After a memorable time there, we then travel to the site that scholars say is the authentic site where John the Baptist baptized. We walk the many paths that allow pilgrims to touch some of the natural spring water that John used during his ministry. Via the Allenby Bridge we cross back into the Promised Land. Our Israeli guides will be waiting for us to take us along the shores of the Dead Sea - the deepest point on earth (1200 feet below sea level) to Masada where we ascend to the plateau by cable car to visit the magnificent Herodian fortress where from 70-73 AD Jewish Zealots made their last stand against the Roman Empire. Afterward we may enjoy a short float in the Dead Sea

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT DEAD SEA

**Day 9****Ein Gedi / Qumran / Jerusalem / Bethlehem**

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On our way to Jerusalem we drive to the Nature Reserve at Ein Gedi, where King David found shelter from the rage of King Saul. Next we visit Qumran where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continuing, we arrive in Jerusalem and check into our hotel

and then drive to nearby Bethlehem for a visit to the Church of the Nativity, viewing the Shepherd's Fields and the Fields of Boaz and Ruth.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

**Day 10**

**Jerusalem / Old City**

This morning our inspiration-packed day begins with a drive to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area. We visit the Chapel of the Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, and Church of All Nations. We view the Kidron Valley where we can see the Tombs of Absalom, Zachariah and James and the Golden Gate. On the other side of the Kidron Valley, our morning walking tour is of the Old City. We arrive in the Temple area on Mt. Moriah and see the Dome of the Rock and El Aqsa Mosque. We visit the Western Wall, and walk through the ancient passageways of the Kotel Tunnel. At the end of the tunnel we arrive at St. Stephen's Gate, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of the Flagellation and the Ecce Homo Arch. We view the Gabbadian pavement and continue through the Bazaar to the last stations of the Via Dolorosa. We stroll through the Cardo to Mt Zion where we experience in awe the Room of the Last Supper and King David's Tomb.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

**Day 11**

**Jerusalem / New City / Garden Tomb**

This morning, we will visit a recently excavated archeological site near the southern wall of Temple Mount in the Old City. We see the ancient Cardo where Jesus walked and where still to be seen portions of the Temple fell when the Temple was destroyed by the Romans around 70 AD. We see also the Pinnacle, where the trumpet sounded to announce the Sabbath. It is also the site of the second temptation of Christ by Satan. We visit the steps to Huldah Gate where the 12 year old Jesus amazed the scribes with His knowledge. Then, raveling into modern environs we proceed via the Hebrew University and the Knesset to the Israel Museum and visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited and where the model of ancient Jerusalem, as it was in Jesus time, is housed. Next is a sobering visit to Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial. To climax this day and our trip to the Holy Land, we visit the Garden Tomb of Jesus, followed by an orientation beside Calvary and a very special communion service.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

**Day 12**

**Jerusalem / USA**

Early this morning, we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our flight home. Arrival in USA the same day

INCLUDED

1. Coach class flight from USA to Tel Aviv and return
2. 8 nights lodging double occupancy in first class hotels in Israel.
3. 2 nights lodging double occupancy in first class hotels in Jordan.
4. Full Israeli breakfast and dinner daily in Israel.
5. Breakfast and dinner daily in Jordan.
6. Touring coach and English-speaking, government-licensed guide in Israel and Jordan on sightseeing days.
7. Transfers and additional sightseeing per itinerary based on the time allowed.

8. Entrances to sites listed in itinerary.
9. Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel
10. Emergency medical insurance for the whole group.
11. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates in Israel and Jordan.

**Not included:**

Government taxes on airline tickets, airport taxes, border taxes and fuel charges.

Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. Approximately \$12.00 per day.

Meals other than those specifically mentioned

Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.

Transfers to or from US departure airport and passenger's home or organization.

Travel insurance except for the emergency medical insurance mentioned above.

Cost of obtaining passports, visas, handling fees, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours, tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.