Journey through the Bible

2018 Holy Land Tour

Departure Dates, Pricing & Special Offers on the Back
Day 1 and 2 - USA to the Holy Land
Your journey begins as you depart the USA. Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 - Jericho and Qumran
Visit the baptismal site of Qasr el Yehud, where tradition says Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Travel to Jericho (the oldest city in the world) and visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6:1, 2 & 20). In the distance, you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11). Continue to Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery. End your day with the opportunity to take a dip in the mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea.

Day 4 - Herodion and Bethlehem
Explore one of the most exciting archeological digs in Israel the Herodion, the palace-fortress and final resting place of Herod the Great. In Bethlehem, visit the cave where Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-7) and the Church of the Nativity. Gaze out over the Shepherds' Field, where angels first proclaimed the Good News.

Day 5 - Caesarea, Mount Carmel and Tel Megiddo
Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a center of early Christianity and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 10). View Mount Carmel, site of Elijah’s victory over the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Travel the ancient caravan route through the Jezreel Valley to Tel Megiddo, an exciting archeological dig with its layers of twenty different cities built on top of each other.

Day 6 - The Galilee
Enjoy a scenic drive to Capernaum, center of Jesus’ ministry in the Galilee (Matthew 4:13, 23). On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matthew 5-7). Experience a special onboard worship service as you sail across the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Church of the Fish and the Loaves in Tabgha, the traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). As you pray in the Chapel of the Primacy, remember how Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ three times (John 21).

Day 7 - Cana, Nazareth, Samaria and Jacob’s Well
Begin your day with a visit to Cana, the site of Christ’s first miracle (John 2) before stopping in Nazareth, Jesus’ boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Continue past Tel Dothan, thought to be the place where Joseph found his brothers with their flocks (Genesis 37). Visit Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom and home to Ahab and Jezebel. See Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim where the Israelites recited the blessings and curses of the Law. In modern day Nablus (ancient Shechem), see where the Samaritan woman encountered Christ (John 4) at Jacob’s Well.

Day 8 - Jerusalem
Stand on the Mount of Olives and enjoy a remarkable view of the Golden City of Jerusalem. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven from this place (Acts 1:9-12). Walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and pray beneath the ancient olive trees (Matthew 26:36-44). On Mount Zion, visit the Upper Room, revered as the site of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26) and St. Peter in Gallicantu, the home of the High Priest Caiphas, where Jesus was held after His arrest (Matthew 26:57).

Day 9 - Jerusalem
This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem along the Cardo, once the main street of the city. Explore the Davidson Center and the Southern Wall Excavations, including the Teaching Steps and the Western Wall. Remember how Jesus healed on the Sabbath when you visit the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-18). At Herod’s Antonia Fortress (Luke 23:1), see where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. Walk the Via Dolorosa (“the Way of the Cross”) and remember the Lord’s sacrificial love at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Share communion together at the Garden Tomb in celebration of His Resurrection.

Day 10 - Ein Karem, Nebi Samuel, Emmaus, Valley of Elah

Day 11 - Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension.
OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

CAIRO & THE ROUTE OF THE EXODUS - $848*
Offered on: 1/8, 2/5, 3/12, 4/9, 4/30, 7/9, 10/22 & 11/19

Day 11 Follow the Ancient Caravan Route to Mount Sinai.
Day 12 Visit the Monastery of St. Catherine before continuing to Sharm el Sheik for dinner and overnight.
Day 13 Stop at Wadi Feran, Elim and Marah by the Red Sea on your way to Cairo. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.
Day 14 Visit Memphis & Saqqara. View the Step Pyramid, the Great Pyramids at Giza and the majestic Sphinx today. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.
Day 15 See King Tut’s Treasures and explore the Egyptian Museum. View the Citadel of Old Cairo and stop at the Coptic Church. This evening you will sail the Nile on an authentic Egyptian Felucca. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.
Day 16 Return to USA.

NILE CRUISE - $1698*
Offered on: 1/8, 2/5, 3/12, 4/9, 4/30, 7/9, 10/22 & 11/19
Day 11-12 Same as Cairo & the Route of the Exodus.
Day 13 Fly to Luxor and board your Nile cruise boat. You will visit Luxor and Kamak Temples late this afternoon.
Day 14 Visit the Necropolis of Thebes before exploring the Valleys of the Kings & Queens. See the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Sail to Esna and cross through the Nile locks, before sailing to Edfu.
Day 15 Explore the Temple of Horus in Edfu this morning. Sail to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple there shared by the gods Sobok & Haroeris this afternoon. Sail to Aswan this evening.
Day 16 Disembark your Nile Cruise boat in Aswan this morning. Visit the High Dam of Aswan and the Granite Quarry nearby to see the unfinished obelisk. Explore the Temple of Philae before flying to Cairo for dinner and overnight.
Day 17 See King Tut’s Treasures and explore the Egyptian Museum. Visit Saqqara. View the Great Pyramids at Giza and the majestic Sphinx today. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.
Day 18 Return to USA.

WONDERS OF PETRA AND THE DEAD SEA- $798*
Offered on: 1/15, 2/12, 4/16, 6/11, 7/9, 10/1 & 10/29
Day 11 Cross the Allenby Bridge into Jordan. Visit Mt. Nebo & Madaba. Overnight in Petra or at the Dead Sea.
Day 12 Explore Petra. Travel to the Dead Sea area for a late dinner and overnight.
Day 13 Journey through Jerash, and then recross the border into Israel. Enjoy dinner before transferring to the airport for your return flight home.
Day 14 Return to USA.

HIKING IN THE HOLY LAND - $898*
Offered on: 4/16 & 10/29
Day 11 Hike from Nazareth to Sephoris (5 Miles). Travel to Kibbutz Lavi for dinner and overnight.
Day 12 Hike from Kibbutz Lavi to Moshav Arbel (8-10 miles). See the Horns of Hittim & Nebi Shweib (sacred Druze site). Return to Kibbutz Lavi for dinner and overnight.
Day 13 Hike from Mount Arbel to Capernaum (10 Miles). See stunning views of the Sea of Galilee, Wadi Hamam, Sapir, Tabgha, the Church of St. Peter’s Primacy and Capernaum. Dip your feet in the Sea of Galilee and rest before returning to Kibbutz Lavi for dinner and overnight.
Day 14 Enjoy a day of rest or join the optional Horseback Riding & Kayak trip ($100 additional). Dinner at Kibbutz Lavi.
Day 15 Return to USA.

JERUSALEM EXTENDED STAY - $298*
Offered on: 1/8, 1/15, 2/5, 2/12, 6/11, 7/9, 11/19 & 12/10
Day 11-13 Extend your stay in the heart of Jerusalem. You are on-your-own to enjoy sightseeing, meditation, reflection and renewal. Hotel, buffet breakfasts & dinners are included.

*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount • Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.
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