



Journey Through the Bible 2025 Departures



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Educational Theme

Jesus: His Life, His Times,
His Land, His Hebrew Faith

Two Units of CEU Credits Available



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 your overnight stay.

Day 3 – Jericho and Qumran

Visit the baptismal site of Qasr el Yahud, 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, the 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 archaeological 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 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, the 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 archaeological dig with its layers of twenty different cities built on top of each other.

Day 6 – The Galilee

Enjoy a scenic drive to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 5-7). Experience a special onboard worship service as you sail across the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Church of the Loaves and Fish 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). In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue.

Day 7 – Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi and Golan Heights

At the ruins of Tel Dan, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the “House of David” fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Continue on to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter told the Lord, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!” (Matt.16:16). A scenic drive along the Golan Heights will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan as well as Israel.

Day 8 – 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 at Jacob’s Well (John 4).

Day 9 – 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 Caiaphas, where Jesus was held after His arrest (Matthew 26:57).

Day 10 – 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 11 – Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension

Some departure dates may begin in Jerusalem.

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Wonders of Petra & the Dead Sea Extension

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Day 11 – Jerash

This morning, you will journey across the Allenby Bridge on your way to Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the world. Stroll through the oval piazza and wander along colonnaded streets etched by the wheels of ancient chariots. Stand in the grand theatre where an onstage whisper can be heard in the top row. Continue to your hotel to check in for dinner and your overnight stay.

Day 12 – Madaba & Mount Nebo

Travel to Madaba, the City of Mosaics, to visit the Church of Saint George with its sixth-century, Byzantine, mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. Continue to Mount Nebo, where Moses caught a glimpse of the Promised Land (Deut. 34). On a clear day, you can see all the way across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the rooftops of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. End your day at the shore of the Dead Sea and check into your hotel.

Day 13 – Petra

Explore the city of Petra. Its entrance passes through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq and can only be accessed by carriage, horseback or on foot. Once inside the city, marvel at the intricate detail of a city that was cut into the cliffside of rose-colored rock. Return to your hotel at the Dead Sea for dinner and your overnight stay.

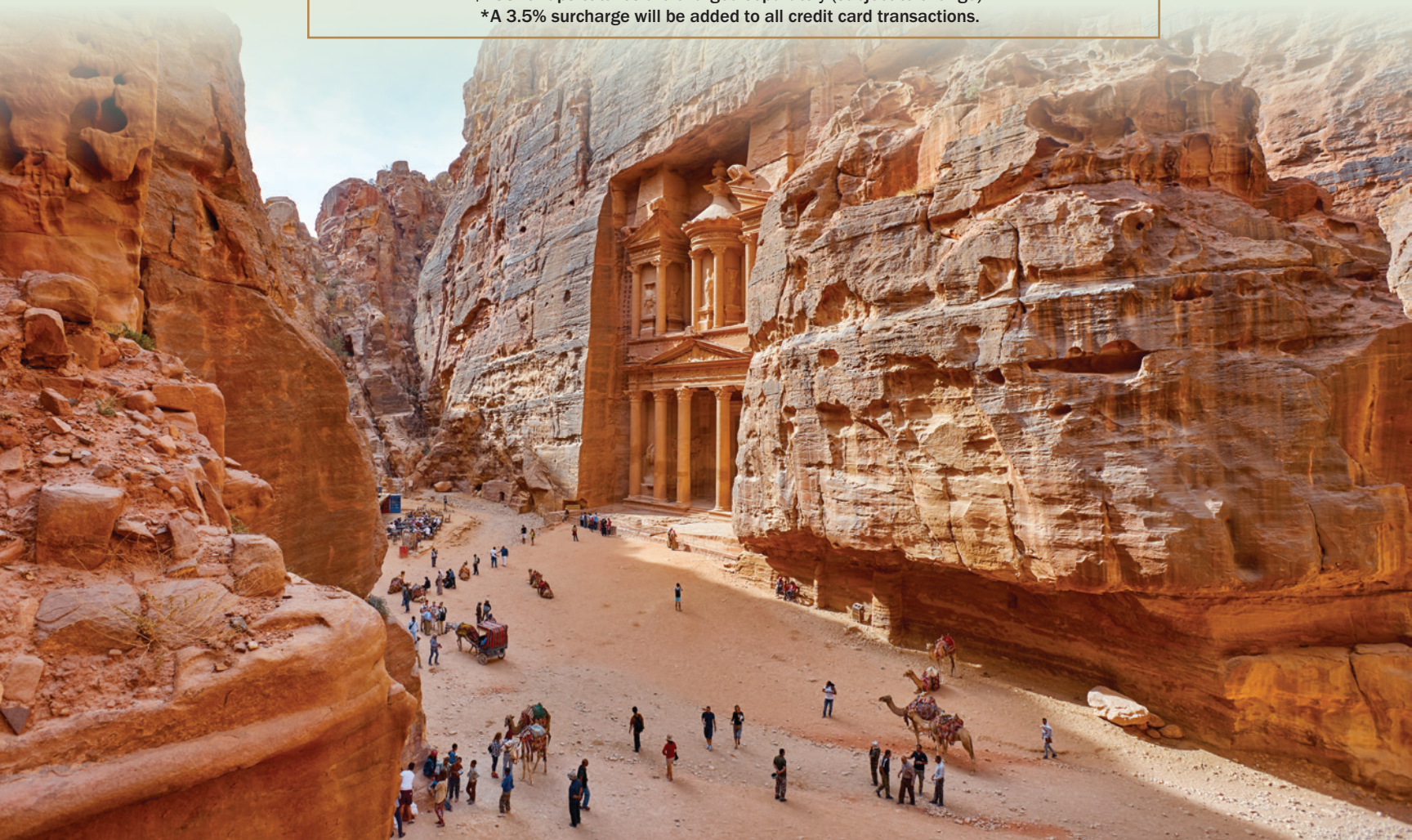
Day 14 – Free Morning at the Dead Sea

Enjoy a free morning at your hotel. Cross the border back into Israel and enjoy dinner in Jerusalem. Afterward, you will travel to the airport in Tel Aviv to begin your journey home.

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Cairo & the Route of the Exodus Extension

Starting at \$1,398*

Day 11 – Jerusalem to Mount Sinai

Travel in the footsteps of the Holy Family as you travel along the ancient caravan route from Jerusalem to the Sinai desert. Cross the border and check into your hotel near Mount Sinai for dinner and rest.

Day 12 – St. Catherine's Monastery

This morning, you can opt to climb Mount Sinai (conditions permitting), where tradition says that Moses received the Ten Commandments. Everyone will experience a visit to fortified St. Catherine's Monastery, built in the 6th century and one of the oldest working monasteries in the world with the world's oldest continually operating library. Both the Codex Sinaiticus and Syriac Sinaiticus, important early Biblical manuscripts, were discovered here. Even Muhammad found refuge at the monastery, and the site is sacred to all three monotheistic religions. Remember the story of Moses and the burning bush, which tradition places inside the monastery. Continue to Sharm el Sheikh for dinner at your hotel located on the shores of the Red Sea.

Day 13 – Route of the Exodus

Trace the route of the Exodus along the eastern Sinai coast to Wadi Feiran, where the Children of Israel withstood the Amalekites. Travel to Elim, where the Children of Israel camped by the oasis of 70 palm trees. Your final stop of the day will be Marah by the Red Sea, where the "waters were bitter." Continue to Cairo for dinner and a three-night stay.

Day 14 – Memphis, Saqqara, the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx

Tour the rural region of traditional Egyptian farming. Travel as Abraham did to Memphis (Biblical Noph) and on to Saqqara, where you will see the Step Pyramid, the world's oldest stone structure. Visit the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

Day 15 – Cairo

This morning, visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view the unique collection of Pharaonic art and the renowned treasures of King Tutankhamun. Tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin, built in 1183 AD, and view the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali. In Old Cairo, visit the Abu Serga Church built over the traditional site of the house where the Holy Family lived during their stay in Egypt. Prepare for your return flight home.

Day 16 – Return to the USA

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Nile Cruise Extension

Starting at \$2,598*

Day 11 – Jerusalem to Mount Sinai

Travel in the footsteps of the Holy family as you travel along the ancient caravan route from Jerusalem to the Sinai desert. Cross the border and check into your hotel at Sharm el Sheikh for dinner and rest.

Day 12 – St. Catherine's Monastery

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Day 13 – Free Day in Sharm el Sheikh

Enjoy a free day to relax in your resort by the beach in Sharm el Sheikh.

Day 14 – Luxor

This morning, fly to Luxor and transfer to your Nile cruise ship. Ancient Thebes served as the Egyptian capital during the New Kingdom and the time of Moses. Visit the magnificent Temple of Luxor with its avenue of sphinx statues and mighty monumental columns. Continue to the Karnak Temple, which took over 2,000 years to build and is the largest religious building ever constructed, and see the famed Hypostyle Hall, the Obelisks of Queen Hatshepsut and Tuthmosis III, the temple of Amon, the Granite Scarabeus and the Sacred Lake. Your dinner and overnight stay will be on board.

Day 15 – Valley of the Kings and Queens

This morning, enjoy the sunrise over the Nile River before your visit to the Valley of the Kings. Tombs were constructed here for the kings and powerful nobles of Egypt for nearly 500 years. The valley stands on the west bank of the Nile, across from Thebes (modern Luxor), within the heart of the Theban Necropolis. See the Colossi of Memnon, made of sandstone brought from Gabal El Silselah. Each colossus, including the pedestal and the crown, is about 21 meters tall and represents King Amenhotep III. See the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, one of only a handful of female rulers in Ancient Egypt. Her reign was the longest of all the female pharaohs. Enjoy lunch onboard as you sail through the Esna locks. The ship arrives in Edfu this evening. Your dinner and overnight stay will be on board.

Day 16 – Edfu

Visit the Edfu Temple on the west bank of the Nile. Dating to the Ptolemaic period, the temple was dedicated to the worship of the god Horus, represented as a falcon. It is one of the most beautiful Egyptian temples, distinguished by its huge splendid structure blending Pharaonic and Greek architecture. Enjoy scenic cruising to Kom Ombo and visit the Kom Ombo Temple. Built on a hillside, this temple was constructed in the Ptolemaic Roman era for the worship of the gods Haroeris and Sobek. It is noted for the relief engravings on its walls which show ancient surgical tools, bone saws and dentistry tools. Nearby, view the three mummified crocodiles in Hathor's chapel. Your dinner and overnight stay will be on board.

Day 17 – Aswan

Cruise to Aswan, where you will sail on a smaller boat across the Nile to visit the temples at Philae, including the Temple of Isis, one of the greatest Temples in Egypt, occupying a quarter of the island. Next, visit the High Dam, one of the most outstanding architectural achievements of the twentieth century. It was constructed to replace the old Aswan dam built in 1902. The 3600-meter-long dam was constructed to protect Egypt from the floods as well as provide irrigation and electricity to its citizens. View the Unfinished Obelisk made of red granite brought from the quarries of Aswan. Lunch and dinner will be on board.

Day 18 – Egyptian Museum, the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx

Depart Aswan by plane and head to Cairo. Visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view the unique collection of Pharaonic art and the renowned treasures of King Tutankhamun. Continue to the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

Day 19 – Cairo

Tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin, built in 1183 AD, and view the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali. In Old Cairo, visit the Abu Serga Church built over the traditional site of the house where the Holy Family lived during their stay in Egypt. Enjoy some time to rest as you prepare for your return flight home.

Day 20 – Return to the USA



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Optional Experiences

Special experiences available during touring

Sound & Light Show

Travel to the Old City at night as the breathtaking story of Jerusalem unfolds on the walls of the Old City in an open-air theatre. Spanning creation to today, you'll experience an innovative show featuring an original soundtrack, lights, animation, and video to leave you with a fantastic memory under the stars.

Dinner with a Palestinian-Christian Family and the Walled Off Hotel

Take part in a special two-evening experience. You'll enjoy a dinner prepared by a Palestinian-Christian family when you travel to Bethlehem. A local family will host you at their table and invite you into their lives. Discover the joy, trials, and everyday life over scrumptious food and riveting conversation with 5-10 of your fellow travelers. Then, you'll learn about what it's like to live near the separation wall during a visit to the Walled Off Hotel Museum and Gallery.



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