



Day 1 • Departure

Our life-changing journey begins this evening as we board our overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt.

Day 2 • Arrival Cairo

We arrive in the land of the Pharaohs, Jacob, **Joseph** and Israel during the famine! Upon arrival in Cairo we meet our guide and driver who will transport us to the hotel for dinner and rest for the remainder of the evening. We relax tonight as we prepare for the adventurous travel ahead.

Day 3 • Cairo Pyramids & Tutankhamen's Treasures

Today we travel back to ancient Egypt with a full day of touring to the wonders of the ancient world, some of which date back to 1000+ years prior to Abraham. We spend time at one of the seven wonders of the world- the pyramids. **Cheops**, with an original height of 496 feet, is the most colossal pyramid ever built. Today, we will also see the Sphinx and tour the Egyptian Museum, location of Tutankhamen's treasures and ancient remains.

Day 4 • Marah, Amalekites, Mt. Sinai

This morning we depart Cairo with stories of the "Land of Goshen" to the north and travel the southward route of the Exodus through the Wilderness of Shur. We learn of the terrain and the history of this region en-route as we stop at **Marah** (Springs of Moses), the Wilderness of Sin, and further to the south, the Oasis of **Feiran**. For those who are able, we climb a small hill to the ruins of an ancient chapel that overlooks the palm tree valley where Israel battled with the people of Amalek. One may have his picture taken with arms raised in remembrance of God's victory as Moses' arms were held high by Aaron and Hur. Arriving in the late afternoon to the hotel at **Mt. Sinai** (Mt. Horeb), we have dinner and rest for our early morning activity.

Day 5 • Mt. Moses, Red Sea, Aqaba

Just into the new day, those who desire and are physically capable will depart for a memorable early morning walk up Mt. Moses. Whether you choose to ride a camel part way or not, stop at one of the stations to take in scenery along the climb to the summit (750 steps) for a sunrise to remember. Once at the top, enjoy a time of praise and then depart down the mountain for breakfast. A visit to St. Catherine's Monastery, claimed to be built around the area of Moses' Burning Bush, will be followed by a short ride to the Red Sea. A stop for lunch along the shore will provide a view of Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel to the north. Gazing across the Gulf of Aqaba, we can begin to imagine the miracle of the parting of the sea. We then travel north viewing the Red Sea en-route to the border crossing between

Egypt and Israel. Transferring through Eilat in southern Israel, we arrive in Jordan with lodging for the evening in Aqaba, Biblical **Ezion Geber** - the lovely seaport of King Solomon.

Day 6 • Petra

This morning we turn north toward the amazing mountain fortress of **Petra**, known to be inhabited by the **Edomites** - the descendents of Esau. Begin the tour with a walk through the "Siq," an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone, to the city of Petra carved out of the rose red rock. The Treasury, El Khazneh, is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh we are surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures. Departing Petra, we travel northward on the King's Highway where to the west we view the hills bordering the Dead Sea. This is the area of the hilltop palace/fortress of **Machaerus**, where John the Baptist was beheaded. We overnight in Amman

Day 7 • Mt Nebo, Madaba, Tel Aviv

Our morning tour begins in the town of **Madaba**, the biblical Medeba, 30 kilometers south of **Amman**. Madaba is best known for its Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics and at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George we view the earliest surviving mosaic map of the Holy land. **Mt. Nebo**, believed to be the site of the tomb of Moses, commands a spectacular view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Study the panorama as we read the scripture of God showing Moses the "Promised Land" before He brought him home to heaven. As we travel west toward the Allenby Bridge, we view to the north the **Plains of Moab**, the area where the tribes of Israel camped before crossing the Jordan and picture **Bethany Beyond the Jordan**, the place where Yeshua was baptized. Crossing back into Israel, we drive to Tel Aviv area with the remainder of the afternoon free. You may wish to take a devotional time with the sunset over the "Great Sea," a time of prayer and thanks for the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of this land, and then enjoy a good night's rest.

Day 8: Caesarea, Megiddo & Nazareth

After breakfast, we travel by private motor coach along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to **Caesarea**, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre and aqueduct, and then journey on to **Mt. Carmel**, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Next we travel through the Jezreel Valley to **Megiddo**, the Armageddon Battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We drive through the area of **Cana** and **Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Yeshua, where we visit the Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides. We will have dinner and overnight lodging for the next two nights in the **Tiberias** area on the **Sea of Galilee**.

Day 9: Capernaum, Dan, Caesarea Philippi & Mt. of Beatitudes

Following breakfast, our morning travels take us to two valuable northern sites emphasizing the loss of God's blessing on Israel. **Dan** is where the children of Israel fell to the depths of pagan worship and **Caesarea Philippi** which is also the site of Peter's Confession. In order to save valuable time, a box lunch will be provided. In **Capernaum** we will visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue and Peter's home. Then we travel on to the site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes and the **Mount of the Beatitudes** overlooking the Sea. After viewing the ancient Fisherman Boat at an operating Kibbutz, we enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Sea of Galilee. A brief scripture reading and devotional on board brings to life the experiences of Yeshua and the fishermen disciples concluding a wonderful day.

Day 10: Jordan River Baptism Site, Beth Shean

We begin our day with a visit to the **Jordan River** Baptismal site. Next we travel southward to **Beit-Shean/Scythopolis**, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys. Like Jericho, it has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beit-Shean. During the intertestamental period, the city was renamed the "Scythopolis."

Archaeologists have uncovered a huge number of ruins of the Roman/Byzantine Scythopolis. During the time of Yeshua, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis - a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley southward, your guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey," the Kibbutz system and Israel's intricate irrigation development. We pass ancient Jericho, view from a distance this city famed as the oldest in the world, before coming to our lodging for the evening in the **Dead Sea** area – the lowest place on earth. Spend time in the special spa and enjoy a dip in the Dead Sea for a relaxing float before dinner.

Day 11: Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls, Abraham's Tent

Our day begins with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of **Masada**. Here our guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand. Afterwards we proceed to **Ein Gedi**, "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we visit **Qumran Caves** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. This afternoon we will take part in the Genesis Land/Dinner in Abraham's Tent, where we enjoy a trip back in time: a reliving of life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, and authentic food. Our lodging for the next three nights will be in **Jerusalem**.

Day 12: Around Jerusalem, Bible Times

On our way into the city we will visit the Wailing Wall and then the fascinating **Rabbinical Tunnels** leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. We move on to the **Judgment Hall of Pilate**, hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. From here we will also be able to see the **Pool of Bethesda**, **Stephen's Gate** and St. Ann's Church. This afternoon we visit the **Southern Wall Excavations**. This southern side of The Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Yeshua entered the **Temple Mount** and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place that Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the **Day of Pentecost**. Those who wish may stay in the city marketplace for shopping, while others may choose to spend the remainder of the day surrounding the birth of Christ with a visit to **Bethlehem**.

Day 13: Yeshua' Steps, Last Days, Way of Suffering, Garden Tomb

Today we walk where Yeshua walked; beginning the day with a panoramic view of the city, **Mount Moriah** and the Dome of the Rock from atop the **Mount of Olives** and then the **Garden of Gethsemane**. How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice if only for a moment? To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Yeshua' prayer and take time for personal reflection is important here. Passing by the Protestant Cemetery, we visit the "**Upper Room**" just outside the **Zion Gate** where the disciple whom Yeshua loved laid his head on His breast and where later Thomas cried, "my Lord & my God." While walking along the Via Dolorosa, we are reminded of His way of suffering along with a visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Our guide will explain the differing opinions on the route that Christ was led and the actual place of crucifixion and burial is a very interesting study. The climax of the day is the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the **Garden Tomb**, where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise.

Day 14: Home

A very early morning departure for the Tel Aviv Airport for our flight homeward will allow for arrival home by early afternoon.