

**Heritage Treasures of the Middle East**

**Egypt-Jordan-Israel**

**14 days - 13 nights**

**Cairo, Giza, Catherine, Mt. Sinai, Eilat, Petra, Kerak, Mt. Nebo, Madaba, Beit Shen, Yardenit, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Capernaum, Tabgha, Golan Heights, Acre, Haifa, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, Dead Sea, Tel Aviv**  
**Faith, Discovery, Culture, Archeology, History**

**Day 1: USA, Cairo**

Board your overnight international flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast are served on board. [D/B]

**Day 2: Cairo**

Arrival at Cairo International airport. Meeting and assistance through immigration and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Cairo [D]

**Day 3: Cairo (Giza)**

Buffet breakfast, start the tour to visit the first capital of united Egypt, Memphis. Here you will see the temple of Ptah, the statue of Ramses II & An alabaster Sphinx. Nearby visit one of the most exciting archaeological sites, Sakkara, this necropolis is dominated by the step Pyramids of king Zoser, which predate the famous Pyramids at Giza by centuries and contain exquisite paintings depicting the life and customs of the early dynastic period. Lunch will be served during the tour at a local restaurant. Continue to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Pyramids of Giza, "Cheops, Mekerinus & Chephren". Your tour ends with a visit of the majestic Sphinx, which is the largest single block sculpture located at the foot of the grandest Pyramid Chephren. Return to hotel for a buffet dinner. Overnight in Cairo. [B/L/D]

**Optional tour: Sound & Light show at Pyramids**

*Every day when the sun sets at the bustling city of Cairo, The Great Pyramids of Giza are absorbed in the darkness of the night. However, the amazing Sound & Light show provides a ticket to a journey back to thousands of years ago to bring back the Egyptian legacy to life! Thousands of years have passed since the pharaohs walked on earth, leaving behind a mystery on how the great pyramids were built and the sphinx... With the Sound & Light show, the history is re-told by the sphinx revealing these ancient secrets for 40 minutes the show would narrate the history of those great kings, Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure and you get choose between 10 different languages to hear this legacy!*

**Day 4: Cairo**

Buffet breakfast, start your tour to visit the famous Egyptian Museum, here we shall provide you with a brief, but colorful insight of the five-thousand-year history of our fascination land. Lunch will be served during the tour at a local restaurant. Visit the old Cairo, St. Serguis Coptic Church, Ben Ezra Synagogue and continue to visit the Muslim sector where you can see Salah El- Din citadel, followed by Muhammad Ali Mosque and Khan Khalili Bazaar. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. Overnight in Cairo. [B/L/D]

**Optional tour: Cruising dinner on the Nile**

*Begin this wonderful dinner excursion from the lobby of your hotel at 6:30 PM. Join the 5-star deluxe Nile Cruise and set sail for a 2-hour trip from Cairo and discover the beauty of the ancient Egyptian city by night. Take in the wonderful views of Cairo illuminated by the glaring city lights as you savor a special open buffet dinner. Enjoy a belly dance show, Arabic songs and music, along with a Tanoura show while delighting in your endless meal. This amazing Arabian night experience ends with a drop-off at your hotel. Dinner is included in the tour price but beverages are not.*

**Day 5: Cairo, St. Catherine**

Buffet breakfast, checkout and departure by private air-conditioned vehicle to St. Catherine. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel and buffet dinner. Overnight St. Catherine. [B/D]

### Day 6: St. Catherine, Mt. Sinai, Eilat

Early morning, climb-up Mt. Sinai. Enjoy a time of praise and incredible views of the Sinai wilderness, where in the book of Genesis God revealed himself to Moses and gave him the Ten Commandments. After your departure down the mountain a late breakfast and check-out. Short drive to visit St. Catherine's Monastery located at the foot of Mt. Sinai, the oldest working Christian Monastery. The Roman Emperor Justinian built St. Catherine in 557 A.C. where it's believed God appeared to Moses in the form of a burning bush. Departure by private coach to Taba to pass the border to Israel. Arrival at Eilat and check-in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

### Day 7: Eilat, Petra, Kerak, Mt. Nebo, Madaba (Baptism site)

Pick up from your hotel at 07:30. Arriving at the Arava border crossing we will enter the Kingdom of Jordan. From here a 2-hour drive will take us to Wadi Musa a small town and gateway to the 'Lost City of Petra'. An absolute must for all visitors to the region. Having walked for 30 minutes through the imposing Canyon (Wadi Siq) at its entrance, the awesome and monumental moment when you first step foot in Petra are upon you. Counted amongst the wonders of the ancient world, Petra is an archeological, anthropological and geological phenomenon. Your private guide will explain the history, legends; myths and truths of this astonishing city carved 2000 years ago from the red Sandstone Mountains. We will enjoy a buffet lunch in Petra. Then, continue to Mount Nebo, which would be the place where Moses contemplated the promised land before dying, located 2,625 feet high and offering a superb view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and Israel when the sky is not too foggy. From here, continue to Madaba to visit St. George's Church and its famous mosaic depicting a map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. This map, dating back to the 6th century, contained more than 2 million pieces carved in stone, and covered 1,000 sq. feet on the floor of the church! Today only about a quarter remains. The work and the level of detail is impressive! Enjoy lunch at Local restaurant before driving to Bethany Beyond Jordan, the site of John the Baptist's Settlement, where Jesus was baptized. The site has long been known from the Bible (John 1:28 and 10:40) and from the Byzantine and medieval texts. The Bethany area sites formed part of the early Christian pilgrimage route between Jerusalem, the Jordan River, and Mount Nebo. The area is also associated with the biblical account of the Elijah Prophet ascending to heaven on a chariot of fire. Check-in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

### Day 8: Madaba, Beit Shen, Yardenit, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias

Cross the border to Israel and continue along the Jordan River to Beit Shean, a newly excavated city, and visit the Roman theatre. Drive to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the Jordan River and continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation, St. Joseph's workshop and Mary's Well. Then visit Cana, where Jesus performed the miracle of the wine, when he went to a wedding of a poor couple and turned water into wine, before reaching Tiberias for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

### Day 9: Tiberias (Capernaum, Tabgha, Golan Heights)

After a short tour of Tiberias, take a boat ride to Capernaum. Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha, the site of the "Miracle of Fish and Loaves" and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to Mount of Beatitudes, the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Banias Springs and waterfalls and tour the Golan Heights. Return to the Kibbutz Hotel for overnight.



### **Day 10: Tiberias, Acre, Haifa, Caesarea, Tel Aviv**

Depart Tiberias to Acre to visit the ancient Templar city and harbor. After the visit continue to Haifa to view the Persian Gardens at the Baha'i Shrine. From Haifa, drive to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon; visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system. Continue south along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of the ancient city, Roman theatre and aqueduct. A short drive to Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

### **Day 11: Tel Aviv, Jerusalem (old city)**

Early drive to Jerusalem arriving at Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the city; visit the Church of All Nations, King David's Tomb and the Room of the Last Supper on Mount Zion. Enter within the walls of the Old City and visit the Cardo, Temple Mount (entrance to the mosques not included), Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Oriental Bazaar and Garden Tomb. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

### **Day 12: Jerusalem (New City, Bethlehem)**

Drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of Visitation; proceed to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust; visit the Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Proceed to Bethlehem to visit the Church of Nativity. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

### **Day 13: Jerusalem (Masada, Dead Sea)**

Drive to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth to Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Masada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Return to Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

### **Day 14: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, USA**

At the appointed time (depending on your flight schedule) you'll be picked-up for your transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to board your flight back home. [B].

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

#### **Tour Includes:**

- Round-trip airfare USA, Tel Aviv, USA
- One-way domestic flight Eilat-Tel Aviv
- Airfares taxes and fees
- All transfers
- Accommodation in first class hotels:
- 14 nights' accommodation
  - Inflight 1 night
  - Cairo 3 nights
  - St. Catherine 1 night
  - Eilat 1 night
  - Madaba 1 night
  - Tel Aviv 1 night
  - Galilee 2 nights
  - Jerusalem 3 nights
- Meals:
  - Daily breakfast
  - Daily dinner
  - 3 lunches
- Rich program of visits\*:
  - Pyramids of Giza
  - Mt. Sinai
  - Petra
  - Kerak
  - Mount Bebo
  - Madaba
  - Beit Shen
  - Yardenit Baptismal site
  - Nazareth
  - Cana
  - Sail to Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee.
  - Walking tour in the Old City of Jerusalem:
    - Western Wall
    - Via Dolorosa
    - Church of the Holy Sepulcher
    - Explore the Oriental Bazaar.
  - Float On the Dead Sea
  - Masada
- Licensed English-speaking guide
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- All local taxes

**Tour does not include:**

- International air portion
- Airport taxes and airline fees
- Travel insurance
- Early check-in and late checkout at hotels
- Personal items and expenses
- Any meals not mentioned above
- Beverages with or without meals
- Optional trips
- Tips to drivers, guides and restaurants
- Any item not mentioned in inclusions
- Water on the bus

\* *Tours do not operate during Jewish holidays.*

**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>Tourist Class</b>		
Cairo	Ramses Hilton	4
St. Catherine	Daniela Village St. Catherine	3
Eilat	C Hotel	4
Madaba	Tell Madaba	5
Tel Aviv	Prima City	4
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	Prima Park	4
<b>First Class</b>		
Cairo	Conrad	4.5
St. Catherine	Daniela Village St. Catherine	3
Eilat	Neptune Eilat	4.5
Madaba	Mosaic City Hotel	4.5
Tel Aviv	Dan Panorama	4
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama	4
<b>Deluxe</b>		
Cairo	Nile Ritz-Carlton	4.5
St. Catherine	Daniela Village St. Catherine	3
Eilat	Dan Panorama Eilat	4.5
Madaba	Town of Nebo Hotel, Talet Dar Abo Jubran	5
Tel Aviv	Casa Nova	5
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	King David	5

**MEAL PLAN:** Normally we include daily breakfast and dinner for all groups. However, the meal plan may vary depending on the organizer's request

- All hotels will be requested after discussion with the group Organizer

**Group Prices:**

The price for the group will be quoted based on the number of passengers, season, hotel type and meal plan.

**Group organizers always travel for free if the group has 15 or more paying passengers.**

*Inclusion of tour conductors must be considered at time of request.*

- If you wish to use this program for your group please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with you to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our special Leisure Fares, buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

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**Other Options**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.