

# Egypt, Jordan & Israel ~ “The Exodus” Journey

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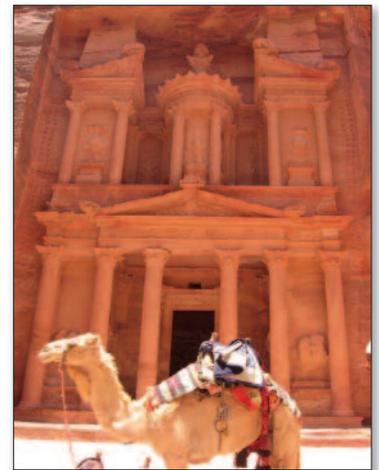
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*Moses answered the people. “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.”*

*(Exodus 14:13)*



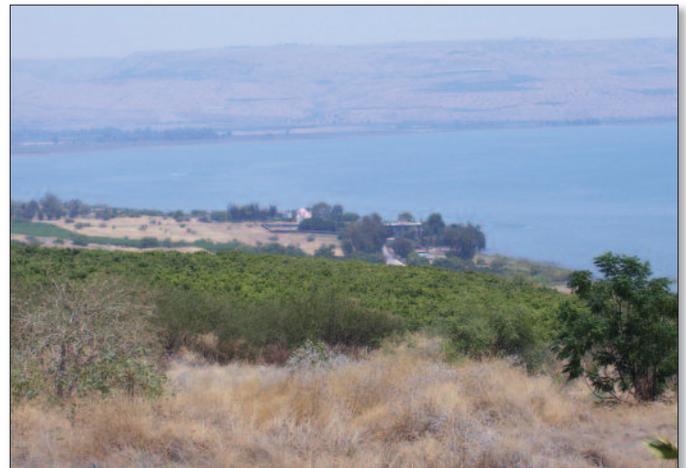
*Ancient Pyramids of Giza*



*The Treasury at Petra*



*Temple Mount, viewed from the Mount of Olives*



*Sea of Galilee, viewed from the Mount of Beatitudes*



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**DAY 1. THU. 17 OCT: Canada to Cairo**

Today, we depart from Canada on our overnight flights to Cairo. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. **(D)**

**DAY 2. FRI. 18 OCT: Arrival Cairo**

Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, we are met by our Tour Manager who will assist us with immigration and luggage formalities. From the airport, we take the short drive to our hotel where we can unpack and relax. Tonight, we will have our 'welcome dinner' at the Meridien Pyramid Hotel in anticipation of a memorable journey. **(B, D)**

**DAY 3. SAT. 19 OCT: Cairo**

This morning, we will have our first breakfast before beginning our day of sightseeing which will include:

**Memphis** – The original capital of Egypt! Now a southern suburb of Cairo, we see the remains of this once great city.

**Saqqara** – It is here that we view Djoser's 'step' pyramid. Built in the 3<sup>rd</sup> dynasty, this pyramid was the precursor to the great pyramids of Giza.

**Pyramids of Giza** – Truly magnificent! Not only can you stand on these great testaments to ancient engineering but you can walk through the passageways of the Great Pyramid to its inner core, the Great Chamber.

**Great Sphinx** – To this day, there is much debate over who built this large monument and in whose name it was dedicated to. Regardless, the Great Sphinx has stood the test of time and is a wonder to see.

Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **(B,D)**

**DAY 4. SUN. 20 OCT: Cairo**

Our second day in Cairo takes us to the unique Christian district of Cairo, not just the famous museum.

**Egypt Museum** – Host to over 120,000 artifacts, there is much to see including the famous Tutankhamon collection.

**Coptic Cairo** – This afternoon, we visit the Christian section of Cairo and look at some churches, such as The Hanging Church and early Christianity. Traditional location of where Mary, Joseph and Jesus stayed during their time in Egypt.

**Felucca Ride** – An enjoyable ride on the river Nile, onboard the small Felucca boats before returning to our hotel.

Once back at our hotel, we will enjoy dinner and relaxation. **(B, D)**

**DAY 5. MON. 21 OCT: Exodus to Mt. Sinai**

This morning, we embark on a symbolic voyage as we make our own EXODUS towards the Promised Land, traveling across the Sinai Desert, arriving at the foot of Mt. Sinai by late afternoon.

Here, we find St. Catherine's Monastery built upon the traditional site of Moses' encounter with the Burning Bush.

Dinner will be at the St. Catherine's Plaza Hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

**DAY 6. TUE. 22 OCT: Mt. Sinai, Red Sea**

For those of you who wish to do so, you can ascend Mt. Sinai for sunrise. A truly unique and spectacular moment!

For those less energetic, we tour the monastery and surrounding area.

This afternoon, we leave for the Red Sea where we will stay one night and enjoy the surroundings.

This evening, dinner will be at our hotel, the Sol Taba Red Sea. **(B, D)**

**DAY 7. WED. 23 OCT: Red Sea to Petra, Jordan**

This morning, we journey towards Petra but not before entering the wilderness of Wadi Rum.

Whilst in Wadi Rum, we will experience 4 x 4 jeep riding over and around the dunes of this unique and historic topography. Our short drive will bring us to Petra where we check-in for the evening.

From Mt. Sinai, we journey towards the Red Sea and our border crossing into Jordan.

Dinner will be at the Olde Village Resort Petra this evening. **(B, D)**

**DAY 8. THU. 24 OCT: Petra, Jordan**

After breakfast, we begin our visit of Petra. Petra was chosen as the capital of the Nabateans because it was located in a valley surrounded by sandstone mountains. The main entrance to Petra is called the Siq, with sides as high as 200m. It was here that Christians escaped from the siege of Jerusalem by Titus in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. This gorge and the temple at the end of it (the Kazneh) were popularized in American culture in the movie, Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade.

Knowledge of Petra was lost to the western world until an archeologist tricked his Bedouin guides into leading him there in 1812.

**The Kazneh** – Of the 800 carved tombs in Petra, the Kazneh is the most famous. Its name Kazneh means 'treasure' and comes from the Bedouin belief that the Pharaoh chasing the Israelites hid his treasures in the urn at the top of the Kazneh.



**Main Street** – As many as 30,000 people may have lived in Petra during the 1<sup>st</sup> century. It is a misconception that Petra was a city only for the dead. A large earthquake in 363 AD destroyed at least half of the city. Petra never recovered from this destruction.

After visiting Petra, we depart north towards our overnight stay by the shores of the Dead Sea.

Dinner is at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 9. FRI: 25 OCT: Free time and Mt. Nebo**

After breakfast, we have a complete morning of free time to enjoy the Dead Sea and the beautiful hotel.

**Mt. Nebo** – One of the Holiest sites in all of Jordan, Mt. Nebo is the supposed location where Moses was laid to rest. For those inclined, you can climb Pisgah and admire the dazzling view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the rooftops of Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

**Bethany** – Extensive excavations of the surrounding area since 1996 have uncovered many sites. None more significant than the ruins of 'Bethabara'. Many believe that this is the original site of John the Baptist's Ministry and the location of his baptism of Jesus. (John 1:28)

Tonight, we will have dinner at our Jordan Dead Sea Hotel. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 10. SAT: 26 OCT: Cross into Israel, Jericho**

This morning, we leave Jordan and cross the River Jordan into Israel. Once in the land of "milk and honey", we will visit Old Testament **Jericho**, home of Rahab and where the walls came tumbling down. We will see the precariously perched monastery on the **Mount of Temptation** and visit the ruins of one of King Herod's winter palaces. In the New Testament, Jericho is close to where Jesus healed Bartimaeus.

From here, we travel up through the Jordan Valley to the heart of Jesus' Ministry! The Sea of Galilee.

The Caesar Hotel, Tiberius will be our home for the next three nights. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 11. SUN. 27 OCT: Sea of Galilee**

After another Israeli buffet breakfast, our full touring day involves visits to:

**The Mount of Beatitudes** – Sit on the hill where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Looking directly south at the Sea of Galilee, the flower filled gardens offer peace and tranquility. (Matthew 5:1-8). We will take the scenic walk down the mount to the shores of the Galilee and Capernaum.

**Tel Dan** – This national park and archeological site offer a blend of Israel's natural beauty and Biblical history!

**Caesarea Philippi** – Built at one of the sources of the Jordan River, the City of Pnias (named by the Greeks after the goat-footed god, Pan) was later renamed by the Romans as Caesarea Philippi. It was here that Jesus revealed to the Disciples His purpose, His Church, and where Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah. (Mark 8:27; Matthew 16:13-23)

**Golan Heights** – Today, we have the opportunity to view Israel from both Mt. Bental and the Golan Heights. This parcel of land plays a significant role in the security of those living in the Jordan Valley and Upper Galilee.

**Sea of Galilee Boat Ride** – Today ends with boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

Tonight, dinner will be at the hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 12. MON. 28 OCT: Nazareth, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea**

Today, we visit Nazareth, capital city of the Galilee.

**Nazareth** – Here is where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. Nazareth is also the site of The Annunciation and where the Nazarenes attempted to throw Jesus over the cliff.

Now a suburb of Nazareth, Cana is the site where Jesus performed his first miracle when he changed water into wine at a wedding. (Luke 1:26-38; John 1:46; Matthew 2:23)

**Mount Carmel** – Overlooking the City of Haifa with the Mediterranean Sea and Jezreel Valley on either side, we stand where the Prophet Elijah performed his miracle and called upon the fire of God to conquer the Prophets of Baal. (I Kings 2; 15:4; 25; Isaiah 33:9; Zechariah 12:12)

**Caesarea** – The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel where Pontius Pilate made his base. Here, we will tour the Roman aqueduct, restored theater and crusader city.

After another fascinating day, we shall travel 'up' to Jerusalem. The Grand Court Hotel is our home for the remainder of the journey! **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 13. TUE. 29 OCT: Jerusalem**

After breakfast, we spend our first day in Jerusalem visiting the old city:

**Mount of Olives** – We begin our day by viewing Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. Photo opportunities abound at this time with the Golden Dome of the Rock prominent.

From here, we shall walk down to The Garden of Gethsemane along the same path as that Jesus took when entering the city on Palm Sunday.



**Garden of Gethsemane** – The site where Jesus prayed at the Rock of Agony in the Garden. – *“My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”*  
(Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-14)

**House of Caiaphas** – Located under the current St. Peter of Gallicantu Church is the traditional site where Jesus was imprisoned.

**Yad Vashem** – The national museum and memorial to the holocaust!

**Scale Model of Jerusalem** – This fabulous reconstruction of the old City of Jerusalem gives us a chance to better understand the importance of the second temple and the city during Herodian times.

**Shrine of the Book museum** – Here, we can see many original fragments of the Dead Sea scrolls plus a replica of the great Isaiah scroll.

Dinner will be back at our hotel. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 14. WED. 30 OCT: Jerusalem**

After breakfast, our day in the Holy Land will include the following:

**Davidson Centre** – This new facility uses state-of-the-art technology to bring the Temple Mount to life. This will give us a better understanding of the magnitude of Herod’s construction versus what we see today.

**Western Wall Tunnels** – Also called The Wailing Wall. The holiest place of pilgrimage for the Jews! Here, we can observe the Orthodox Jews as they pray relentlessly along with many Christians. Some of us may wish to leave a hand written note placed in the crevices of the Western Wall.

**Church of St. Anne** – Located by the pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the cripple. (John 5:1-9)

**Via Dolorosa** – The one mile long route through the Old City of Jerusalem from the point of condemnation by Pontius Pilate to Golgotha, Calvary Hill.

**Upper Room** – The traditional site where Jesus instituted a new Passover celebration and the new Covenant in His blood. (Mark 14:15)

**Holy Sepulchre Church** – Stations X - XIIV on the Via Dolorosa.

Dinner is at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 15. THU: 31 OCT: Masada, Dead Sea**

This morning, we drive into the Judean wilderness and the shores of the Dead Sea.

**Masada** – This UNESCO World Heritage site was once Herod’s mountain top palace and fortress. Here, we ascend to the site by cable car and learn about the last Jewish stand against the Romans and the mass suicide of the 960 Jewish defenders.

**Ein Gedi** – This national park and oasis hosts the caves of David’s Gorge where David hid from Saul and his army. (I Samuel 24; Song of Solomon 1:14; Ezekiel 47:10)

The remainder of the afternoon will be left open for you to enjoy the unique properties of the Dead Sea.

**Qumran** – Home to the ancient Essenes. It is here that they wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls almost two thousand years ago. Here, we will visit the excavated sites of Qumran and view the location where The Scrolls were found in 1947.

**Dead Sea** – No visit to the Dead Sea would be complete without experiencing the unique buoyancy of these waters. Cover yourself in therapeutic black mud and float your aches and pains away!

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 16. FRI. 01 NOV: Bethlehem , Garden Tomb.**

Our last full day in Israel is truly a memorable one as we visit:

A morning visit to the outskirts of Jerusalem and the city of bread ‘Bethlehem’ where we shall visit: **Manger Square, the Church of the Nativity, Star of Bethlehem and Shepherd’s Fields.**

**Garden Tomb** – Preserved by The Garden Tomb Association, these beautiful gardens surround the traditional site of The Garden Tomb. Many believe that this was the actual garden of Joseph of Arimathea. (John 19:41)

This evening, we will enjoy our “farewell” dinner. A wonderful time to share and reflect on what this journey has meant to you! **(B, D)**

#### **DAY 17. SAT. 02 NOV: Israel to Canada**

This morning, we depart for our flights back to Canada arriving in the evening. Breakfast and complimentary in-flight service will be provided onboard. **(B, D)**



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