

EGYPT, MOUNT SINAI & ISRAEL

“An Exodus” Journey

March 20 – April 1, 2023

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“What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.”

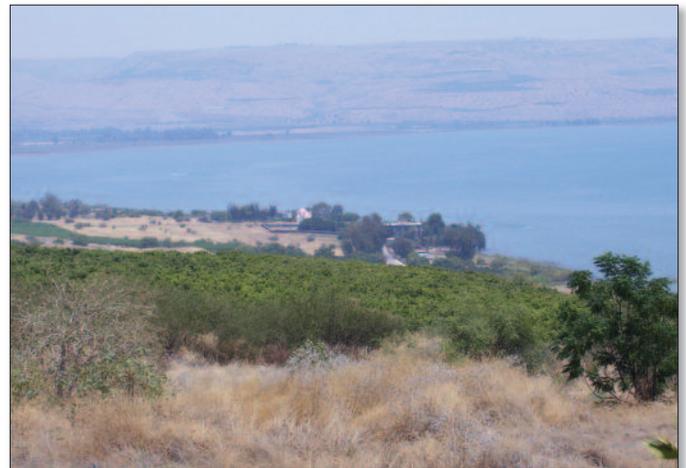
(Psalm 84:5)



Ancient Pyramids of Giza



Temple Mount, viewed from the Mount of Olives



Sea of Galilee, viewed from the Mount of Beatitudes



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DAY 1: MON. 20 MARCH: Canada to Cairo

Today, we depart from Calgary on our overnight flight(s) 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: TUE. 21 MARCH: 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 Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel in anticipation of a memorable journey. **(B, D)**

DAY 3: WED. 22 MARCH: Cairo

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

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.

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

Coptic Cairo – The Hanging Church and early Christianity. Traditional location of where Mary, Joseph and Jesus stayed during their time in Egypt.

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

DAY 4: THU. 23 MARCH: 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 Plaza Hotel this evening. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 5: FRI. 24 MARCH: 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, you can enjoy a morning of relaxation.

This afternoon, we leave for the Red Sea where we will stay for one night and enjoy the surroundings, including optional snorkeling, for which it is famous!

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

DAY 6: SAT. 25 MARCH: Cross into Israel, wilderness and Tabernacle

This morning, we leave Egypt and cross over into Israel.

Once we are in the land of "Milk and Honey", we meet our Israel guide Dr. Yossi Paz. Our journey through the Zin Valley and Judean wilderness reminds us of the terrain endured by the lost children of Israel.

Timna Valley – This unique area of geological formations is rich in copper. Experts believe that this is the area where Solomon mined for copper. Whilst here, we shall visit the **Wilderness Tabernacle Model**. This full scale reproduction model is accurate in every way to the dimensions described in the bible. Don't look for any gold, silver or bronze, as those materials are not used in this exhibit!

Bedouin Tent – Before arriving at our Dead Sea hotel, we visit with a local Bedouin community living in the Judean wilderness.

Early this evening, we arrive at the David Spa Hotel located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 7: SUN. 26 MARCH: Masada, Dead Sea

After breakfast, we stay in the Judean wilderness and follow the shores of The Dead Sea to visit:

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.

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 8: MON. 27 MARCH: Dead Sea Scrolls

Today, we leave the Dead Sea and head towards the Upper Galilee. En-route, we shall visit:

Qumran – It is here that the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Here, we will visit the excavated sites of Qumran and view the location where The Scrolls were found in 1947.

Bethany by the Jordan – Here, we stand by the banks of the River Jordan, where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34)



Bet She'an – The largest of Israel's archeological digs. Even after its initial discovery many years ago, archeologists are today still discovering more ruins from the Roman era when Bet She'an was one of the 10 cities in The Decapolis.

This ancient city, although destroyed by an earthquake in the 8th Century offers a fabulous insight into Roman life and times. After losing the battle to the Philistines, King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls. (I Samuel 31:10)

Yardenit – In this river where Jesus was Baptized, you have the opportunity to be Baptized or have your Baptismal vows reaffirmed.

From Yardenit, we take the short drive to the shores of the Galilee. Dinner will be at our hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 9: TUE. 28 MARCH: Upper Galilee and Sea of Galilee and Boat Ride

After our Israeli buffet breakfast, our day involves visits to the heart of Jesus' Ministry:

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 Panias (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)

Nimrod Castle – This stunning Crusader castle offers awe inspiring views of the plains of Lebanon and the upper Galilee.

Ginosar – Here, we will visit the **Jesus Boat Museum** exhibit. Discovered by accident during the drought of 1986, this fishing boat would have existed at the time of Jesus. Beautifully preserved, it is a timeless reminder of life during that time. The museum has a gift shop with quality items on sale!

Sea of Galilee Boat Ride – We end our day with a memorable time in our private boat on the Sea of Galilee.

After a truly memorable day, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay. **(B, D)**

DAY 10: WED. 29 MARCH: Galilee and Nazareth

After breakfast, we stay in the Galilee visiting:

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)

Capernaum – The center of Jesus' Galilee! Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. The Greek Orthodox Church, Franciscan Monastery and Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter make for an interesting kaleidoscope of varying architecture. (Matthew 9:1; 4:13)

Church of the Primacy of Peter – It is here that Jesus appears to his disciples for the third time after his resurrection on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The night before, Peter and several other disciples had sailed out on the lake to fish but caught nothing. In the morning, a man appeared on the shore and called out to them to throw their net on the right side of the boat. Doing so, they caught so many fish they couldn't drag the net back into the boat. At this point, Peter recognizes Jesus and promptly jumps out of the boat to wade to shore to meet him. (Matthew 16:18)

Yardenit – The baptismal site located on the southern shores of the Sea of Galilee where the River Jordan flows southwards.

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)

Our day ends by travelling "up to Jerusalem" where we check-in to our hotel. The Grand Court Hotel is home for the remainder of the journey. Dinner will be at our hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 11: THU. 30 MARCH: Jerusalem

Our first full day in Jerusalem includes 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.

City of David – We will be guided through the site and new excavations of the City of David. You will have the opportunity to walk through Hezekiah's tunnel and re-surface at the pool of Siloam.

Western Wall and Tunnels – Also called The Wailing Wall. The holiest place of pilgrimage for the Jews. Here, we can observe the Orthodox Jews pray relentlessly along with many Christians.

Yad Vashem – Israel's national monument memorial and museum 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 is at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 12: FRI. 31 MARCH: Jerusalem

After breakfast, our last day of the journey includes visits to the following:



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.

Holy Sepulcher Church – Stations X-XIV on The Via Dolorosa.

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)

Tonight is our ‘Farewell dinner’. A wonderful time to share and reflect on a truly inspirational journey. **(B, D)**

DAY 13: SAT. 01 APRIL: Journey Home

Early this morning, we depart for Tel Aviv airport and morning departure to Calgary. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided throughout the return journey. **(B, L)**

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Calgary. Fares from other cities available upon request.

- Hotels:** Concorde Heliopolis Hotel, Cairo
St. Catharine Plaza Hotel, Mt. Sinai
Taba Sol Hotel, Gulf of Aquaba
Daniel Hotel, Dead Sea
Kibbutz Ein Gev, Sea of Galilee
Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily.

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the journey.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour guides will accompany the group and work with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently \$695

Gratuities: USD\$160

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Travel Insurance:

Christian Journeys requires that you must have – “out of country”- emergency medical insurance equivalent to (or greater than) \$250,000. We have many insurance policy options to offer. Please contact our office for policy details and premiums.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must hold a valid passport that does not expire before 01 October 2023. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel. Your Egyptian visa is looked after by Christian Journeys.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken however a completed registration form is required to secure your participation on the journey.

Inoculation: Proof of full COVID-19 vaccination would be required at time of going to print. Any changes will be advised accordingly.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$500 plus insurance is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment and are 100% non-refundable. Cancellations prior to 20 January 2023 incur a \$300.00 penalty per person.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs include a ‘fuel surcharge’ component of \$595. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing, 90 days prior to departure.

Currency surcharge: Christian Journeys reserves the right to introduce a currency surcharge. If applicable, this would be assessed 90 days prior to departure. If the total cost of the journey increases by more than 7%, the customer has the option to cancel without penalty.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes ‘trip cancellation’ coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

13 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

CALGARY JOURNEY PRICE: \$5799CAD

(based upon 20 paid passengers)

(Deduct \$200 if 25 paid passengers)

(Deduct \$250 if 30 paid passengers)

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