

EGYPT & ISRAEL

The Exodus Journey to The Promised Land

22 October – 06 November, 2026

Hosted by Pastor Tim Thiessen

*“The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
This my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him...
With your faithful love, you will lead the people that you have redeemed;
you will guide them to your holy dwelling with your strength.”*

Exodus 15:2, 13



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: THU. 22 OCT.: USA to Cairo

Today, we depart from N. America 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: FRI. 23 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 our hotel in anticipation of a memorable journey. (B, D)

DAY 3: SAT. 24 OCT.: Cairo

This morning, our first day of sightseeing 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 3rd 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 to whose name it was dedicated. Regardless, the Great Sphinx has stood the test of time and is a wonder to see.

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

DAY 4: SUN. 25 OCT.: Cairo

Our second day in Cairo takes us to the unique Christian district of Cairo and to the famous museum.

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.

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

Cave Church of St. Simon – See how God's grace transformed the area of Cairo known as "Garbage City" into something truly amazing.

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

DAY 5: MON. 26 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 our hotel in the hamlet of St. Catherine's, Mt. Sinai this evening. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: TUE. 27 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 arrive at the shores of the Red Sea and our hotel in Taba. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. (B, D)

DAY 7: WED. 28 OCT.: Negev Wilderness

This morning we cross into Israel and begin our journey in the land of "milk and honey."

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 Tabernacle Model. This full scale reproduction 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!

Today, our final resting place is our hotel located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Here, we meet with our fellow travelers who have just arrived from Canada. Dinner will be at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 8: THU. 29 OCT.: 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 9: FRI. 30 OCT.: 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 10: SAT. 31 OCT.: Sea of Galilee and Boat Ride.

After our Israeli buffet breakfast, our day involves visits to the heart of Jesus' ministry.

Magdala – Located within one kilometer from our kibbutz, we have one of the latest Biblical excavation digs. We have the chance to visit what has been unearthed so far for the ancient seaside town of Magdala. (Luke 8:1-3)

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)

Tabgha – Located at the foot of the Mt. of Beatitudes, this is the site of the Miracle of The Loaves and the Fishes. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21; 16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

Bethsaida – Also known as 'The House of The Fisherman' this is the home of Peter, Philip and Andrew and also the place where Jesus fed the five thousand and healed the blind man. Here, we will see recent excavations of this old city. (Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13; John 1:35-43)

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, located by the Sea of Galilee. **(B, D)**

DAY 11: SUN. 01 NOV.: Upper Galilee, Golan Heights

Today, we travel in and around the beautiful upper Galilee region visiting:

Tel Dan – This beautiful Biblical site will allow us a short walk around one of the rivers feeding the Jordan.

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)

Golan Heights – Today, we view Israel from The Golan Heights. This parcel of land plays a significant role in the security of those living in the Jordan Valley and Upper Galilee

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

DAY 12: MON. 02 NOV.: Nazareth, Megiddo, Caesarea

After breakfast, we leave the Galilee and head towards Jerusalem, but not before visiting:

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)

Megiddo – Hebrew for **Armageddon**. Megiddo was strategically located on the main trading routes between Babylonia and Egypt. Here, King Solomon built a giant fortress and city. (Judges 1:27; 5:19; 1 Kings 4:12; 9:15, II Chronicles 35:22; Zechariah 12:12, Revelation 16:16)

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.

Dinner will be at our hotel in Jerusalem. Home for the remainder of the journey! **(B, D)**

DAY 13: TUE. 03 NOV.: Jerusalem

Our first full day in Jerusalem includes 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.

Mount Zion – Assumed by the Byzantine pilgrims as the original City of David, this piece of land would have existed outside the original city walls. (II Kings 2:10; Matthew 26:17-35; Mark 14:12-25)

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

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.

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

DAY 14: WED. 04 NOV.: Jerusalem

After breakfast, we will visit the following:

Temple Mount – Pending access to the site, we will see the al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock

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.



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

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

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

DAY 15: THU. 05 NOV.: Jerusalem

This morning, we drive through the new city of Jerusalem en-route to Bethlehem.

Upon arrival at **Bethlehem**, we shall visit the **Church of the Nativity** and **Shepherd's Field**.

Once back in Jerusalem, we shall visit:

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, L)**

DAY 16: FRI. 06 NOV.: Journey Home

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

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

INCLUDED

Group air travel: Round trip from Seattle. Fares from other cities available upon request.

Hotels: First class hotels throughout.
2* for the overnight at Mt. Sinai

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily (some hotels charge for tea and coffee at dinner.)

Transportation: Air-conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

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.

Camel Ride ascending Mt. Sinai.

Egypt entry visa.



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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) \$50,000. We have many insurance policy options to offer which include cancellation and interruption coverage. Please contact our office for policy details and premiums.

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD\$250

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport which does not expire before 06 May. 2027. USA passport holders do not require a visa for Israel. Christian Journeys looks after the visa for Egypt. There may be a new ETIAS online entry system implemented for this journey that would have a nominal process fee.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$500 is required with the registration form. Bookings within 90 days of departure require full payment. Cancellation charges are outlined on the registration form.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs include a 'fuel surcharge' component of \$500. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing, 120 days prior to departure.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties. Conditions apply so please ask for more details.

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.

JOURNEY PRICING

LAND JOURNEY PRICE: \$4299USD

(based upon 20 paid passengers)

GROUP AIRFARE: \$1450USD**

JOURNEY PRICE: \$5749USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1499USD

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.

**** Group airfare is a projected cost which will be confirmed by the end of November, 2025.**

