

THE COLLECTIVE 'EXODUS' JOURNEY

Egypt, Mount Sinai, Jordan & Israel

15 May – 01 June, 2027

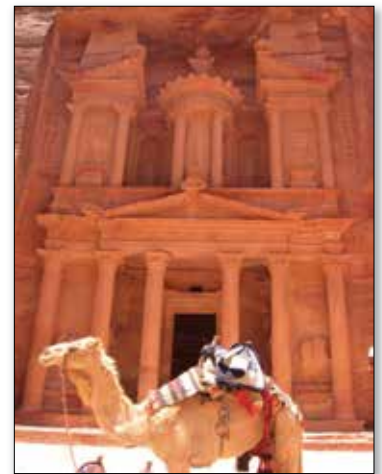


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"Go and walk through the land in every direction." (Gen. 13:17)



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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SAT. 15 MAY: N. America to Cairo

Today, we depart from N. America, on our overnight flight(s) to Cairo. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. **(D)**

SUN. 16 MAY: Arrival Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, we will be met at immigration by our representative who will handle all of our entry visa document processing and luggage formalities. We are joined by our guide, as we are transferred to our hotel where we can unpack and relax. Tonight, we will have our 'welcome dinner' at our hotel, meet our fellow travelers and share in the anticipation of a memorable journey. **(B, D)**

MON. 17 MAY: Cairo and the desert

After breakfast, our first day in this land of ancient civilizations has us focus on the desert and people of the original Egyptian dynasties. Our 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. One of the highlights of our visit is the preserved statue of Ramses II giving us an opportunity to see, close up, the intricate and detailed workmanship used by the Egyptians.

Saqqara – It is here that we view Pharaoh Djoser's "step" pyramid. Built in the 3rd dynasty, this pyramid was the precursor to the great pyramids of Giza. Recent excavations of this pyramid have been catalogued and can be found on Netflix – 'Secrets of Saqqara.'

Pyramids of Giza – Truly magnificent! It is here that we have the largest necropolis in the world! The pyramid tombs of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure are something to behold. Not only can you stand on these great testaments to ancient engineering, but you can have the option to walk through the passageway 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, combined of a lion's body and a human head, and to whom it was dedicated. Regardless, the Great Sphinx has stood the test of time and is a wonder to see. Guarding the causeway to the pyramid of Khafre, the Sphinx would have welcomed the Pharaoh as his funeral procession sailed along the Nile to his resting place.

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

TUE. 18 MAY: Cairo and the city

Our second day in Cairo focuses on the sites of the city including,

Grand Egypt Museum – Construction began in 2012 and the new museum will host over 120,000 artifacts. There is much to see, including the famous Rosetta stone and Tutankhamun 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.

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

This evening, we enjoy a dinner located on the shores of the river Nile. **(B, D)**

WED. 19 MAY: 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, L, D)**

THU. 20 MAY: 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)**

FRI. 21 MAY: Red Sea to Jordan

After breakfast, we leave the Red Sea and journey towards Petra but not before entering the wilderness of Wadi Rum.

Whilst in Wadi Rum, we will experience 4x4 jeep riding over and around the dunes of this unique and historic topography. Our short drive will bring us to Petra where we have dinner in anticipation of a wonderful day tomorrow.

Dinner will be at the **Hyat Zaman Hotel** in Petra this evening. **(B, D)**

SAT. 22 MAY: 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 1st 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 1st 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.

Dinner and overnight stay is at the **Dead Sea Spa Hotel**, by the shores of the Dead Sea. **(B, D)**

SUN. 23 MAY: Mt. Nebo, Cross into Israel

After breakfast, we have a morning of free time to enjoy 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!

After our morning, we head north towards the Jordan/Israel border crossing. En-route, we shall visit:

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 to the rooftops of Jerusalem. (Deuteronomy 32:48; 34:1)

This afternoon, we shall cross over into Israel, the Land of Milk and Honey.



Our final destination is the lovely location of kibbutz Ginosar. Located by the shores of the Sea of Galilee, this is a perfect place to visit the Galilee. **(B, D)**

MON. 24 MAY: Upper Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, Banias

After breakfast, we spend our day in the upper Galilee. Driving northward, our day includes the following:

Tel Dan – This national park and archeological site offer a blend of Israel's natural beauty and Biblical history! Here, we shall see the ruins of the temple built by Jeroboam (II Kings, 10) the ancient Canaanite City of Laish and the "Abraham Gate".

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 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.

This afternoon, we return to the Sea of Galilee and head to the top of Mt. Arbel. From here, we can view the entire panorama of the Sea of Galilee. The heart of Jesus' Ministry! Dinner will be at our hotel. **(B, D)**

TUE. 25 MAY: Sea of Galilee

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

Magdala – Located a few kilometers 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) We will take the scenic walk down the mount to the shores of the Galilee and Capernaum.

Capernaum – The center of Jesus' Galilee Ministry. 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. Here, we will enjoy private worship and intercession by the shores of the Galilee. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21; 16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

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.

Sea of Galilee Boat Ride – Today ends with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Tonight, dinner will be at our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. **(B, D)**

WED. 26 MAY: Nazareth and Galilee

Today, we stay in the Galilee and visit the following:

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.

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.

After another, truly memorable day, we return to our hotel by the shores of the Galilee. **(B, D)**

THU. 27 MAY: Galilee to Jerusalem

This morning, we set off to Jerusalem but not before visiting:

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.

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. It is here the Cornelius the Centurion calls for the man Simon who is called Peter. (Acts 10)

After another fascinating day, we shall travel 'up' to Jerusalem. Home for the remainder of our journey! **(B, D)**

FRI. 28 MAY: 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 towards the Kidron Valley and 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.

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

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 handwritten note placed in the crevices of the Western Wall.

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

SAT. 29 MAY: Masada, Ein Gedi, Judean Wilderness

After breakfast, we drive into 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)



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.

Jericho – We visit Old Testament **Jericho**, home of Rahab the harlot and where the walls came tumbling down. In the New Testament, Jericho is close to where **Jesus healed Bartimaeus**.

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

SUN. 30 MAY: Jerusalem

After breakfast, we spend another wonderful day in Jerusalem visiting the old city:

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

Southern Steps – Here, we stand in front of the entrance to the temple from the south. These are the very Steps of Ascent. (Psalms 120 – 134)

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.

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)**

MON. 31 MAY: Jerusalem

Our last day in and around Jerusalem is truly a memorable one as we visit:

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, ending up at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Holy Sepulchre 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)

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

TUE. 01 JUNE: Homeward bound

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

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Vancouver.

Hotels: Concorde Heliopolis Hotel, Cairo
Saint Catherine Monastery, Sinai
Sol Taba Red Sea, Taba
Hyat Zaman Hotel, Petra
Dead Sea Spa Hotel, Jordan
Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee
Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem



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Meals: Full breakfast and dinner, with tea and coffee. (some hotels charge for refreshments with dinner)

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

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

Tour Guides: Government licensed Tour guides will accompany the group and work with the Phil and Kay 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.

Egypt and Jordan visas and border fees

2 bottles of water daily

"Whisper" head sets/listening systems

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

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD\$300.

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, which include cancellation and interruption coverage. Please visit our website if you require insurance options and premiums.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport, not expiring before 01 December 2027. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel. Your Egypt and Jordan visas are organized by Christian Journeys.

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 per person is required along with the registration form. All cancellations charges are described on the registration form. Balance payments will be requested 90 days prior to departure.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs can fluctuate. 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. An increase greater than 7% of the base journey cost would allow participants to cancel without a penalty.

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.

18 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

JOURNEY LAND PRICE; \$5299USD
(Based on 20 paying passengers)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1500USD
Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.

