

EGYPT, Mt. SINAI, JORDAN & ISRAEL

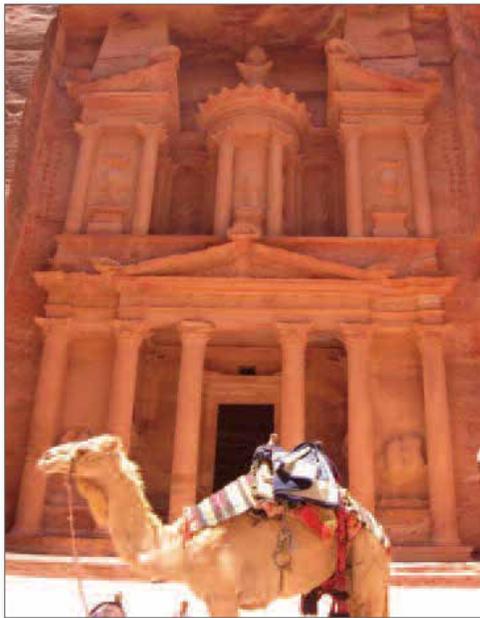
JOURNEY TO THE PROMISED LAND

28 October – 13 November, 2026



Hosted by Pastor Belinda Liu

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure." (Psalm 122:1, 2, 6)



The Treasury at Petra



Sea of Galilee, viewed from the Mount of Beatitudes



Tel Aviv, from the ancient port of Jaffa



Temple Mount, viewed from the Mount of Olives



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WED. 28 OCT.: USA to Cairo

Today, we depart from San Francisco 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)

THU. 29 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 **Concorde Hotel** in anticipation of a memorable journey. (B, D)

FRI. 30 OCT.: 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.

New 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.

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

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

SAT. 31 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 Monastery** this evening. (B, L, D)

SUN. 01 NOV.: 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.

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

MON. 02 NOV.: EGYPT to 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 **Hayat Zaman Hotel** in Petra this evening. (B, D)

TUE. 03 NOV.: PETRA

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.

After visiting Petra, we depart north towards our overnight stay in Amman.

Dinner and overnight stay is at the **Bristol Hotel** in Amman this evening. (B, D)

WED. 04 NOV.: MT. NEBO BETHANY CROSS INTO ISRAEL

After breakfast, we leave our hotel for Israel, but not before visiting:

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)

Once into Israel, we will be met by our guide and long-time friend, Doron Buckstein.

Dinner and overnight stay will be by the shores of the Sea of Galilee at the **Nof Ginosar Hotel**. (B,D)

THU. 05 NOV.: Upper Galilee and Sea of Galilee

This morning, we spend our time in the Galilee 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)

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 Ministry. Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. (Matthew 9:1; 4:13)

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)



Sea of Galilee Boat Ride – Our day ends with an unforgettable sailing on the Sea of Galilee.

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

FRI. 06 NOV.: Nazareth to Haifa

This morning, we journey toward the Mediterranean Sea and visit:

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

Harod's Spring – It is here that Gideon gathered his men before fighting the Midianites. (Judges 7:1-8)

Cana & 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; 45-46; Matthew 2:23)

Sepphoris – Tradition says that this is the birthplace of Mary and home to Joachim and Anna. It was once the capital of Galilee. This excavated city has some of the most magnificent mosaics in the country, including “The Mona Lisa of Israel”.

Dinner will be back at the **Leonardo Plaza Hotel** in Haifa. **(B, D)**

SAT. 07 NOV.: Mount Carmel

This day is very unique to our journey. Today, we shall experience:

Carmel Assembly – This morning, we will drive to Mt. Carmel to join with the congregation for worship and Praise together with Jew and Gentile.

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. (1 Kings 2; 15:4; 25; Isaiah 33:9; Zechariah 12:12)

This afternoon, we will have a special visit with pastor Yousef Dakwar at the **New Covenant Church** in Haifa.

Our overnight stay and dinner will be back at our hotel in Haifa. **(B,D)**

SUN. 08 NOV.: Haifa to Jerusalem

Today, we leave the Mediterranean coast head towards Jerusalem. Our final destination on this wonderful journey. En-route, we shall visit:

Shiloh - Where Israel set up the tabernacle soon after arriving in Canaan and it became the center of Israel's worship and the tent was replaced by a more permanent building. It is also the setting for the story of Eli and the young Samuel.

Bethel - Which means “the House of God”. It was here that Abram pitched his tent and built an altar, Jacob saw the ladder to heaven, Jeroboam set up a golden calf and youths jeered Elisha.

Mt. Gerezim - Known in scripture as the mount of God's blessing. This is the Samaritan's holy mountain and one of the mountains upon which Joshua amassed the children of Israel. From Gerezim, we look down on today's Arab city of Nablus and see (from a distance) ancient **Shechem, Sychar** and **Jacob's well**, where Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman (John 4). We will then proceed across the valley to the mountain opposite, **Mt. Ebal**, known as the mount of God's curses.

Emmaus- It is here, that Jesus appears after his death and resurrection before two of his disciples. (Luke 24:32)

Our day ends by arriving at the beautiful city of Jerusalem. The Leonardo Hotel will be our home for the remainder of the journey. Dinner

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

MON. 09 NOV.: Jerusalem

Our first day in Jerusalem is truly memorable, as we visit:

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.

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.

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

TUE. 10 NOV.: Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Swim

After breakfast, we will leave Jerusalem and head into the Judean wilderness and 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. (1 Samuel 24, Song of Solomon 1:14; Ezekiel 47:10)

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 on the water!

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.

Jericho – We drive past 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**.

After another fascinating day, we travel back to our Jerusalem hotel. **(B,D)**

WED. 11 NOV.: BETHLEHEM HERODIUM

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**.

Herodium – Located south from Jerusalem, this was one of Herod's favorite palaces and fortresses. Herodium is the location of the recently discovered site of Herod's tomb. From this vantage point, we can look across the Dead Sea to Mt. Nebo.

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



THU. 12 NOV.: Jerusalem

Our last day on the journey is truly memorable, as we visit:

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. 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.

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

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

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 final dinner together. A wonderful time to share and reflect on what this journey has meant to you! **(B, D)**

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

FRI. 13 NOV.: Depart for home.

This morning our flight departs Tel Aviv, heading homeward to San Francisco in the afternoon. **(B,L)**

INCLUDED

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

Hotels: First class hotels throughout.

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 and Jordan entry visa

‘Wireless Whisper Headphones’ to listen to guides and leadership

Bottled water (2 per day)

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD\$300

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 which include cancellation and interruption coverage. Please contact our office for policy details and premiums.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport which does not expire before 13 May, 2027. USA and Canadian passport holders do not require a visa for Israel. Christian Journeys looks after the visa for Egypt and Jordan.

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 60 days of departure require full payment. An administration fee of USD\$300 is charged for cancellations prior to 28 July.

Fuel surcharges: The group air transportation costs include a ‘fuel surcharge’ component of approximately \$400. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing, 90 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.

17 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

LAND JOURNEY PRICE:	\$4899USD
(based upon 30 paid passengers)	
GROUP AIR PRICE:	\$1399USD
TOTAL JOURNEY PRICE:	\$6298USD
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$1599USD

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