THE 'EXODUS' JOURNEY

Egypt, Mount Sinai & Israel

19 June – 04 July, 2027





Hosted by Pastor Andy and Stephanie Fox & Pastor Adam and Erica Fox

"Arise, walk through the land in its length and in its breadth; for I will give it to you." (Genesis 13:15)



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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SAT. 19 JUNE: N. America to Cairo
Today, we depart from Seattle on our overnight flight(s) to Cairo. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. **(D)**

SUN. 20 JUNE: 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 at the **Concorde Hotel**. 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. 21 JUNE: 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:

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.

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.

This evening, we enjoy dinner back at our hotel. **(B, D)**

TUE. 22 JUNE: 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 and 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 and overnight stay will be at the **St. Catherine's Monastery** this evening. **(B, L, D)**

WED. 23 JUNE: 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)**

THU. 24 JUNE: Egypt to Israel
After breakfast, we head towards the Promise Land.

On our way to the Dead Sea, we shall visit:

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 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!

Dinner and overnight stay will be by the shores of the Dead Sea. **(B,D)**

FRI. 25 JUNE: Dead Sea Day
From our hotel, we take the short drive to our first place of interest, Masada:

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 is the location of 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)

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!

This afternoon, you have free time to enjoy the unique experience of the Dead Sea. Dinner will be at our hotel. **(B, D)**

SAT. 26 JUNE: 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.

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.

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

SUN. 27 JUNE: 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)

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

MON. 28 JUNE: 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.

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.

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

TUE. 29 JUNE: Nazareth, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea
After breakfast, we leave the Upper 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)

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.

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

WED. 30 JUNE: 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)

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

THU. 01 JULY: 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.

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.

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)**

FRI. 02 JULY: 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)**









SAT. 03 JULY: 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 Sepulcher Church – Stations X - X1V 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)**

SUN. 04 JULY: Homeward bound
This morning, we depart for our flights back to Seattle, 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

Hotels: **Concorde Heliopolis Hotel, Cairo**
Saint Catherine Monastery, Sinai
Sol Taba Red Sea, Taba
Enjoy Hotel, Dead Sea
Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee
Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem

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 leadership team 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 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

Air travel: Group airline seats will be available, based on a minimum of 10 people flying together.

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Gratuities: USD$300.

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 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 04 January 2028. US passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel. Your Egypt entry visa is 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.

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.

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15 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

JOURNEY LAND COST: $4599USD
GROUP AIR COST(**): $1600USD

(Based on 30 paid passengers.)
(Group air rates are estimated and will be confirmed in July)**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $1799USD

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.



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