



## Treasures of Travel

### *Treasures of Jordan and Israel, 2023*

*~ 13 Days/11 nights ~*

**Please note: This tour is not offered as a pre-planned group tour.**

**We would be delighted to meet the expectation of the interested individuals and/or groups with the below example outline of the trip to Jordan and Israel, based on the highlights of the countries, or custom design one working around the offered itinerary according to your special interest and desire to make it unforgettable experience of your own Jordan and Israel.**

This is a biblical journey through Jordan and Israel, which starts with the magnificent Petra, followed by Mt. Nebo where Moses was granted a view of the promised land across Jordan River and ends up in the Holy Land. This educational and spiritual journey takes you through the bible and history, giving you the opportunity to experience the local peoples unique heritage and ancient culture, magnificent landscapes, archeological sites and much more.

#### *Day 1*

Depart the USA on overnight flight to Amman.

#### *Day 2 ~ Amman*

Upon arrival and going through airport formalities at Amman Airport you will be **met and transferred** to your hotel in the city for overnight.

#### *Day 3 ~ Petra*

After breakfast we will have a sightseeing tour of Amman before we head to Petra. Upon arrival in Petra, we'll check in at the hotel for overnight.

#### *Day 4 ~ Petra*

Today we'll have a full day tour of the Red Rose City- **Petra**, one of the most beautiful archaeological sites in the world. We will start our sightseeing with a short horseback ride till the Siq, next we'll continue on foot through the narrow passage, between the massive walls of rock, which provides the main access to the ancient site. We'll approach Petra through this chasm till we catch our first glimpse of the Treasury, whose towering facade bedecked with magnificent columns was made famous in the final sequence of the popular Hollywood movie 'Indiana Jones' and 'the Last Crusade'. We'll visit the Theater, the Royal Tombs, the Great Temple, and the Petra Church. Overnight in Petra.

### *Day 5 ~ Dead Sea*

In the morning we'll start our journey along Kings' Highway via Wadi Al Mujib, a deep and majestic cut through rugged highlands that drains into the Dead Sea. We will drive by and view the picturesque Crusader Kerak Castle, stop at **Madaba** which has some of the finest Byzantine mosaics in the world including the famous 6th century mosaic map of the Holyland and **Mount Nebo**, the highest in the Moabit range which has been a popular pilgrimage destination since early Christian times, and from where Moses looked over at the Holy Land across the Jordan River. Next we'll drive down to the lowest point on Earth the **Dead Sea**, 1,200 feet below Sea level.

### *Day 6 ~ Sea of Galilee*

We'll start our day with a visit to **Bethany** -the Baptismal site on Jordan River before we cross the Jordan-Israel border for Jericho.

**Jericho**- the city of Palms is one of the oldest cities in the world, which Jesus passed through on his way to Jerusalem. We'll tour the ancient site of Jericho, the sycamore fig tree, and the Mount of Temptation before we head to the Sea of Galilee.

### *Day 7 ~ Sea of Galilee*

We will spend the full day exploring the natural beauty and incredible history of the region where Jesus spent most of his three-year public ministry, Sea of Galilee.

We'll start our tour with a drive to Mount of Beatitudes to visit the **Church of the Beatitudes** located in a colorful garden with a magnificent view over the Sea of Galilee and the surrounding mountains dotted with villages.

Next we'll head to Tabgha, home to the **Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fish**, which is considered to be the most beautiful and serene of the Christian holy places. Before our touring day is over we'll visit the **Church of St. Peter's Primacy and Capernaum, Korasin, Kursi, Bethsaida and Yardenit.**

### *Day 8 ~ Sea of Galilee*

This morning our first stop will be at **Beit Shean**, one of the most extensive ancient sites in Israel with long and intriguing history. Next we'll drive to **Mt. Tabor** where Jesus was transfigured in the eyes Peter, James and John; we will also stop in a small, peaceful village called **Nain** where Jesus performed the miracle of restoring the widow's son to life, and finally visit **Cana**, the site where Jesus performed his first miracle. In the evening we'll return to our hotel at the Sea of Galilee for overnight.

### *Day 9 ~ Jerusalem*

We'll start our sightseeing tour of the day with **Nazareth** where Jesus spent his childhood, next we'll stop at **Mt. Megiddo**, where St. John predicted the last great battle on earth.

We'll continue driving along the Mediterranean coast to reach the famous city of **Caesarea**- one of the greatest cities Herod the Great built about 25-13 BC as the port city Caesarea Maritima, with the history going back to the Phoenician times. We will tour archaeological ruins of Caesarea. Before we arrive in Jerusalem, we have one more place to explore on the Mediterranean coast, **Jaffa**- one of the charming cities in the Middle East.

### *Day 10 ~ Jerusalem*

**Jerusalem** is a city of 5,000 years of history, home to so many faiths and the center of the world. We'll dedicate the full day to exploring and feeling this magnificent city. We'll start with the **Mount of Olives** for a panoramic view over the old and new city. Then we'll enter the **Old City** and walk through the **Armenian, Muslim and Jewish quarters**, to the recently excavated and restored **Cardo**, the **Roman road**, see the **Jewish Wailing Wall**, the **Kotel**, and continue to the **Christian quarter**. We will walk along the **Via Dolorosa** and visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. We'll end our sightseeing with a visit to the **New City**; view the Knesset, Israel's parliament and visit **Yad Vashem**, the Memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.

### *Day 11 ~ Jerusalem*

Via the Judean Hills we'll drive to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to **Massada**. We will ascend by cable car and tour the mountain fortress built by King Herod, where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans. Here we'll visit the remains of the walls, palaces, the synagogue, water cisterns, mosaic floors and Roman bath. On the way to Jerusalem we will stop at biblical oasis of **Ein Gedi** where David withdrew with his men in his flight from Saul.

### *Day 12 ~ Jerusalem*

In the morning we will visit **Bethlehem** the city where Jesus was born, to tour the church of the Nativity.

In the afternoon we will drive to Mt. Zion, located just outside the walls of Jerusalem to visit the **Cenacle**, also known as the "**Upper Room**", which traditionally is held to be the site of the Last Supper. On the eastern slope of the mountain we'll see St. Peter Church in Gallicantu, which takes its name from the Latin word "**Gallicantu**", meaning cock's-crow, this is in commemoration of Peter's triple rejection of Jesus. Tomb of King David and Dormition abbey are more sites to be explored before our sightseeing is over.

### *Day 13 ~ Home*

We will transfer you to Tel Aviv airport for your flight home.

### *Best time to travel: Based on 13 days/11 nights*

April ~ October