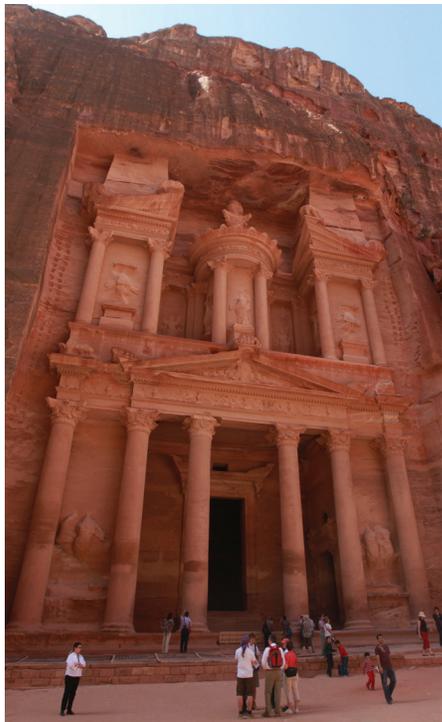


HOLY LAND *and* JORDAN

*Walk where Jesus walked,
see the Bible come alive.
Experience the history of
Israel and Jordan and trace
the ancient history of those
who paved the way for
Christianity.*



DAY 1: NEW YORK/TEL AVIV

We depart on an international overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

DAY 2: TEL AVIV/GALILEE

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we are greeted by our tour escort, and next board our deluxe motorcoach for transfer to our hotel in Galilee. Enjoy some free time before dinner. Dinner and overnight in the Galilee area. (D)

DAY 3: GALILEE

Our exploration of the Holy Land begins with visits to Christian sites along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus taught and performed miracles here. We visit the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. The sermon is commemorated in the Church of the Beatitudes, built overlooking the Sea of Galilee. We continue to Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. A mosaic commemorating this miracle is located near the altar at Tabgha. We also visit Capernaum and the Church of the Primacy of Peter. Later we proceed to the Church of the Transfiguration at Mt. Tabor and the Jordan River, site of Jesus' baptism. We enjoy a cruise on the Sea of Galilee and visit Ginosar where we see a fisherman's boat that dates to Christ's time. Dinner and overnight in the Galilee area. (B/D)

DAY 4: JERUSALEM

Today we travel to Nazareth in Lower Galilee, the place where Jesus grew up and lived most of his life with Mary and Joseph. We visit the Church of the Annunciation where, built over the Grotto of the Annunciation, early Christian tradition says the angel Gabriel spoke to Mary saying, "Hail favored one" and Mary said "Yes" to God. We continue to Joseph's carpentry workshop and then to Cana, site of the wedding feast, where Jesus turned water into wine. Next is Mount Carmel where we visit the Carmelite Monastery at Muhraka, site of Elijah's altar and Stella Maris Church. Paintings in the church dome depict Old Testament stories including one of Elijah being swept up to heaven in a fiery chariot. We continue to Caesarea on the Mediterranean Sea to discover the ancient Crusader and Roman town, its aqueduct and theater. Continue to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B/D)

DAY 5: JERUSALEM

We spend the day in the Old City of Jerusalem visiting St. Anne's Church, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of the Flagellation and the Ecce Homo Arch. We continue through the Bazaar to the Via Dolorosa which winds through the streets of Old Jerusalem commemorating the path that Jesus walked on his way to Calvary. We will carry a wooden cross along this same path ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre containing the tomb where Jesus was buried and rose from the dead. Later we head to Bethlehem for an inspiring visit to the Church of the Nativity

where Jesus was born, stand on the Shepherd's Field and visit the cave where the shepherds saw the star that lead them to the stable. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B/D)

DAY 6: JERUSALEM

Our destination for today is the Dead Sea region, the lowest point on earth. We drive to Masada, the fortress where Jewish Zealots held off the armies of the Roman Empire before choosing death over surrender. We continue to Ein Gedi, where King David found shelter from the wrath of King Saul. This afternoon we can opt to "float" on the Dead Sea. On our way back to Jerusalem we visit the caves of Qumran where, in 1947, the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We return to Jerusalem late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B/D)

DAY 7: JERUSALEM

Today we participate in a full day tour of Jerusalem including the Mt. of Olive and Mt. Scopus. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the church of Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, then continue to the Church of All Nations with the Garden of Gethsemane and pray at the "Rock of Agony." We continue to the Kidron Valley and to Mt. Zion, site of the Upper Room of the Last Supper. We drive to the village of Ein Kerem to visit the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of the Visitation where Mary visited Elizabeth. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B/D)

DAY 8: JERUSALEM/PETRA/AMMAN

Depart early for the Allenby bridge to cross into Jordan for a full day trip to Petra to explore "The Red Rose City". This site is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Petra is more than 2,000 years old and dominated the trade routes. It was completely lost and remained that way for 300 years. In 1812 it was "rediscovered". Petra is carved out of rock deep inside a narrow gorge. We will see the Palace Tomb, the Monastery, and the Treasury to name a few. The Apostle Paul studied here for three years and Herod the Great came from this city. The movie "Indiana Jones" was filmed here. Then, we continue to capital of Jordan, Amman. Dinner and overnight in Amman. (B/D)

DAY 9: AMMAN

Today we drive to the city of Jerash known as the Pompeii of the East and the city of a thousand Pillars. We have time to walk around the ancient ruins which include Hadrian's Arch, the Hippodrome, the Forum, and the Temple of Zeus. As we leave Jerash we continue to Mount Nebo where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land before his death. Our next stop is Madaba, the city famous for its ancient mosaics, before returning to Amman. Upon arrival we devote some leisure time to walking around the city, shop and enjoy the local culture. Dinner and overnight in Amman. (B/D)

DAY 10: AMMAN/NEW YORK

After breakfast we transfer to Amman Airport for our flight home arriving the same day. (B)