



EXODUS 14 Days/12 Nights

Follow the footsteps of Moses and the People of Israel from EGYPT via JORDAN to ISRAEL the Holy Land

Day 1 – We leave on a transatlantic flight including dinner and movies.

Day 2 - We arrive in **Cairo**, Egypt and make our way to the hotel for free time until dinner.

Day 3 - After breakfast we travel to the **Guisa Plateau** to visit the **Great Pyramids** and the **Sphinx**. These are some of the structures the people of Israel built as slaves in Egypt. We will continue to the Coptic sector in Cairo, we will visit the Coptic Museum, Synagogue where Moses was found.

Day 4 -From Cairo we cross the Suez Canal into the **Sinai Desert**. We reach **Mt. Sinai** in the afternoon. After dinner we bid good night because early in the morning will be a mountain climbing trip. You can opt to watch the mountain climbers from the hotel.

Day 5 - We reach the top in time to see what is possibly the most amazing sunrise in the world! Moses received the Torah and the Ten Commandments here. We have time for a group prayer or meditation before descending for breakfast and a visit of the old monastery near Mt. Sinai at the spot of the burning bush. Here Moses met his future wife - Zipora. We continue eastbound until we reach **Nueiba** on the shores of the Red Sea. From here we will cross into Israel, and quick turn to go into Jordan. We continue northbound until we reach **Petra** where we enjoy dinner and overnight lodging.

Day 6 -After breakfast we explore the Nabatean city of **Petra**. This is known as one of the most striking sites on earth. After a short and easy horse ride in a beautiful canyon we come upon an old temple carved into the sand stone of the canyon, beyond which lays the city. It was built in the 4th century as a shelter city for caravans crossing the desert between Egypt and Syria. In the afternoon we head northbound towards Amman. On the way, we visit **Madaba** and view an ancient moziac map of the Holy Land. From there we travel to **Amman**, the capital of Jordan. After a short panoramic tour, we reach our hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 7 -Jerash, Mt. Nebo. Israel. After breakfast we visit **Jerash** - the most preserved Roman city in the Middle East. We then proceed to **Mount Nebo**. This is the traditional burial place of Moses. From here he saw the Promised Land but could not have entered. We will. We proceed northbound to cross the Jordan River at Sheik Hussein Bridge. We arrive at our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 - Capernaum / Tabgha / Mt. of Beatitudes / Magdala / Cana / Jordan River. After breakfast, we drive to Capernaum to visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue and the Byzantine chapel at the site of Peter's House. We then continue to Tabgha, the site of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fish, the Mount of Beatitudes, and Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We continue to Cana where the first miracle of Jesus took place, and then to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation

(built over Jesus's home). Our last visit today will be to the Baptism site at the Jordan River, where those who wish, may renew their Baptism in this unique place. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 9- Megiddo/ Mt. Carmel / Nazareth / Cana / Caesarea/ Jerusalem. Today we visit Megiddo, the multi-layered city and then continue to Mt. Carmel to enjoy a panoramic view of beautiful Haifa on this mountain where Elija fought the 400 false prophets. Then we go to Caesarea, King Herod's personally-designed port city and the place where Paul was arrested and sent to Rome, we continue to and then to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation (built over Jesus's home) and **Nazareth Village** we proceed to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 10 - Dead Sea/ Masada/ Mt Temptation -Jericho/Jerusalem. We drive to Masada, the part-fort built by King Herod. Here, in 73 A.D., 960 Jewish zealots committed suicide rather than surrender to the Romans. The plateau is reached via a cable car ride with a spectacular view of the plains surrounding it. We'll also dip in the Dead Sea - rich with minerals, nature's gift to your skin, in our return will stop in the city of Jericho, to have a view of the Mt Temptation. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11- Jerusalem - The Old City. We start this magnificent day at the Mount of Olives with a panoramic view of both the "old" and "new" Jerusalem, where we visit the Chapel of the Ascension and follow the path down the Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane and the nearby Church of All Nations. We then take a short drive through the Kidron Valley to reach Absalom's and Zachariah's Tomb. We will enter the Old City of Jerusalem through the Dung Gate, and then continue to Mount Zion (King David's tomb) and the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. In the afternoon we dedicate time for a visit to the **Golgotha (place of the skull) and the Garden Tomb**, where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 12- Jerusalem: This morning, we will visit the **House of Caiaphas** where Jesus was beaten and spit upon. See a pit where he may have been held for the evening and the ancient hillside steps he walked as he was taken to be condemned.

the **Southern Wall Excavations.** This southern side of The Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard, have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Jesus entered the **Temple Mount** and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place that Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost. **Our last visit of the day will be Bethel.**

Day 13 The new city / After breakfast we will visit the modern of Jerusalem, the Israeli Parliament (Knesset), the Yad Va Shem Museum (the Holocaust Museum). We will visit the Wailing Wall (the Western Wall) - the last remains of the Temple built by King Solomon- and to leave a personal memory in the Holyland.

Day 14 Departure flight. Arrival home on the same day.