

Treasures of the Middle East July 7-23 2011

DAY 1 July 7

Depart USA

DAY 2 July 8

Arrival Cairo

Arrival at Cairo International airport. You will be welcomed and assisted through immigration and customs by our representative, then escorted to your hotel. **Overnight: Cairo x 2 nights. (D)**



DAY 3 July 9

Cairo Full Day Tour

Morning visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities which includes the world's largest collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb. Then drive to Old Cairo to visit Al Moallaka Church (Hanging Church) and Ben Ezra Synagogue. Stop for lunch, afternoon visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx, then proceed to Khan El Khalili, the world's largest 13th century covered oriental bazaar. (BLD)



DAY 10 July 16

Petra - Amman

After breakfast, check out and depart towards Amman, Capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Tour Madaba with its beautiful Church, and home to a beautiful 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land. From the summit of Mt Nebo view the "Promised Land" and then down to the River Jordan to see the newly discovered ruins of Bethany and the baptismal site. **Overnight: Amman x 1 night. (BD)**



DAY 11 July 17

Amman - Tiberias

Check out and depart north towards the Sheikh Hussein Bridge border crossing close to the Galilee. Explore the sites along the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum where Jesus preached in the synagogue, St. Peter's House, the Mount of Beatitudes and Tabgha, where Jesus multiplied the loaves of bread and fish. Visit The Church of the Primacy of Peter, a modest Franciscan chapel that incorporates part of a 4th century church. Stop at Yardenit, the traditional baptismal site at the Jordan River. End the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

Overnight: Tiberias x 2 nights. (BD)

DAY 12 July 18

The Galilee

This morning, drive to the foot of Mount Tabor and take small vans up to the top of the mountain for a fantastic view of Lower Galilee. Visit the Franciscan Church and Convent; continue to Haifa, Mount Carmel to visit Stella Maris Carmelite Monastery and Elijah's Cave. Return to Tiberias via Nazareth. Spend time at the Church of the Annunciation, the Holy Grotto and the Church of St. Joseph. Stop in Cana, the traditional site where Jesus performed His first public miracle at a wedding by turning water to wine. (BD)

DAY 13 July 19

DAY 4 July 10

Cairo to Aswan

Transfer to Cairo domestic airport. Morning flight to Aswan. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your cruise ship where you will spend the next 3 nights. Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu - You will visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries with the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Philae; view of Kitchener's Island Botanical garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum by felucca, after lunch, sail to Kom Ombo where you will visit the Ptolemaic Temple of Sobek & Haroeries. Then sail to Edfu.

Overnight: Nile Cruise x 3 nights (BLD)

DAY 5 July 11

Edfu - Luxor

Travel by horse-drawn carriage to the Temple of Horus, the falcon-god, (237 B.C.) considered the best-preserved temple in Ancient Egypt and the second largest after the Temple of Karnak. Sail to Esna, passing through the Esna Lock and continue sailing towards Luxor (BLD)

DAY 6 July 12

Full Day Luxor

Visit the West Bank necropolis including the Valley of the Kings, the funerary temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. (Evening optional Sound & Light Show at the Karnak Temple). (BLD)

DAY 7 July 13

Luxor - Cairo

After breakfast, visit Karnak and Luxor Temples, a centuries-old city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues, shrines and obelisks. Disembarkation and transfer to Luxor airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo you will be met and escorted to your hotel. (Evening, optional Sound & Light show at the Pyramids). **Overnight: Cairo x 1 night. (BD)**

DAY 8 July 14

Cairo - St Catherine's

After breakfast, cross the desert and drive to Morgenland Village which is located close to St. Catherine Monastery and Mount Sinai. Visit St. Catherine Monastery, which was built in the 6th century and then proceed to your hotel.

Overnight: St. Catherine x 1 night. (BD)



DAY 9 July 15

Sinai - Petra

Galilee - Jerusalem

Check out and depart for the Holy City. En route to Jerusalem, stop briefly at the Dead Sea for a unique opportunity to float in the mineral rich waters. Continue via Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Visit Bethany, the Tomb of Lazarus; then ascend in to the Holy City and a panoramic first view from Mt Scopus.

Overnight: Jerusalem x 4 nights. (BD)

DAY 14 July 20

Jerusalem

This morning proceed to the Old City to walk the Way of the Cross from the first station to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit Golgotha and the empty tomb of Our Lord. Return to the hotel for breakfast and later return to the old city walking through the Cardo to the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock. On Mount Zion, visit the Room of the Last Supper, the House of Caiaphas and the Church of the Ascension, where Mary fell in to her eternal sleep. Drive to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. End the day at the Garden Tomb. (BD)



DAY 15 July 21

Mount of Olives / Bethlehem / Ein Karem

Explore the Mount of Olives, Church of Pater Noster, walk down the Palm Sunday Road to Dominus Flevit and St. Mary Magdalene Church, Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, Holy Manger, the Basilica of St. Catherine, the Milk Grotto and then Shepherds' Field for a visit and Holy Mass. While in Bethlehem, visit a Christian orphanage to see the modern day work of the church. On the way back to Jerusalem, stop in Ein Karem to visit the Church of the Visitation. (BD)

DAY 16 July 22

Emmaus / New City

This morning spend time at Yad Vashem, memorial to the Holocaust. Walk through the Children's Memorial, Hall of Remembrance, the Path of the Righteous Christians and the Museum. Continue to Emmaus and the Franciscan church built on the traditional house where Jesus met with the two disciples on the day of His resurrection. Returning to Jerusalem before the beginning of the Sabbath, enjoy a bus tour of the new section of Jerusalem passing by the

For those interested in climbing Mount Sinai, there will be a 2:00am wakeup call to climb the mountain of Moses where he received the 10 Commandments from God and view a spectacular sunrise over the Sinai. (This is a strenuous climb and recommended only for those in fit physical condition). After breakfast, drive to the Taba border and cross into Israel. Continue to the Arava border crossing into Jordan. Enjoy a most unforgettable afternoon in the Red-Rose City. You can walk, ride a horse, or take a carriage (additional cost) from the Outer Sig, About ½ mile on a wide valley road to the Siq, a narrow winding mile long canyon road, where at the end of the passage, Petra's most beautiful monument – The Treasury will come into view. Discover temples, royal tombs, a theater and water channels. **Overnight: Petra x 1 night. (BD)**

Knesset, the Hebrew University and the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening with your guide and driver. Transfer to the airport for security and check in procedures at least 3 hours prior to your scheduled departure time. (BD)

DAY 17 July 23

Israel – USA

Clear passport control and customs on arrival in USA. Welcome home!

Hotels in your Tour

Dates of Stay	# of Nights	Name of Hotel	City/Location	Category
July 8-11	3	Barcelo Pyramids	Cairo	First class
July 11-14	3	Neftis Cruise	Nile	First Class
July 14-15	1	New Morganland	St Catherine	Tourist Class
July 15-16	1	Kings Way	Petra	First Class
July 16-17	1	Ramada	Amman	First Class
July 17-19	2	Ron Beach	Tiberias	First Class
July 19-22	3	Grand Court	Jerusalem	First Class

- Single Supplement \$565.00
- based on minimum 15 paying participants

COST INCLUDES:

- Porterage at airport and hotels
- 14 full days Air-conditioned vehicle
- Transfers on arrival and departure
- 14 days of sightseeing with English speaking guide
- Entrance fees as per your itinerary
- Domestic flight Cairo/Aswan-Luxor/Cairo.

Not Included:

- Air
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Taxes, fuel surcharges, AIF, security and related fees including the free participants
- Tips to drivers, guides, hotel staff & Sea of Galilee crew
- Bottled water & any beverages other than those included with breakfast
- Any airline charges for checked baggage & to be paid directly at check in
- Visas and border fees for Egypt, Israel and Jordan
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Meal arrangements:

- 14 nights' hotel accommodation at the above-mentioned hotel on a half board basis.
- 3 nights on board of cruise ship, based on half board basis
- 3 lunches in Egypt
- 1 farewell dinner

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