



**Israel and Egypt Tour**

**Day 1: Depart from US.**

Depart from the US to Cairo. Dinner and breakfast will be served during the flight.

**Day 2: Welcome to Egypt.**

Upon arrival in Cairo, our representative will walk you through customs. A visit to the Egyptian Museum's exhibitions is definitely a great way to learn about this ancient culture. Overnight stay in Cairo (D).

**Day 3: Cairo.**

After breakfast we will visit the mysterious Sphinx and the three pyramids. Every visitor to the pyramids is astonished by their size and engineering complexity. A tour of the old city of Cairo combined with a visit to the Coptic churches will follow. The Hanging Church and St. Sergius Church were built in remembrance of the holy family's visit to Egypt. Overnight stay in Cairo (B,D).



**Day 4: Cairo, St. Katherine Monastery.**

After a morning of shopping in Cairo's famous markets, we'll drive through the Sues Canal to St. Katherine Monastery located at the bottom of Mt. Sinai. Overnight stay near St. Katherine Monastery (B,D).

**Day 5: Mt. Sinai, St. Katherine Monastery.**

The adventurers among us will enjoy the sunrise from the top of Mt. Sinai, an exciting and elevating moment. Learn about the 3rd century bible found in St. Katherine Monastery when you meet a local monk and explore the monastery. Drive to Eilat through Akaba passage and enjoy the clear water of the Red Sea. Overnight stay at the Dead Sea (B,D).

**Day 6: The Dead Sea area.**

Today we'll have the opportunity to experience the wilderness mentioned in the Bible. What was the Qumran community? What are the Dead Sea scrolls? How did they intensively practice the water purification rituals while living in the arid desert? Many answers can be found in the remains of Qumran. Massada, a fortified city built by King Herod, later used by the Jews as their last stronghold against the Romans, 2000 years ago. What will a man sacrifice for his freedom? His faith? His life? All? The answers will be found in the dramatic story of Massada. Visit the main archeological remains in the city: the breakthrough of the wall, palaces, bathhouse, the lots room and the Roman ramp. Ein Gedi, a nature reservation, is recognized as the hiding place of David when running from King Saul. The sound of the running water, the shade of the trees and the friendly wild animals make this oasis an unforgettable experience. Bathing in the



Dead Sea, the lowest and saltiest place in the world is one of the adventures of your tour. Trust the salty water and float, fill bottles with salty water and pick up mud before you leave the Dead Sea. Overnight stay in Tiberius (B,D).

**Day 7: Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi.**

When we see the ancient boat that was found at the bottom of the Sea of Galilee, we can visualize the bible stories telling about the life of Jesus as a fisherman. We continue with an ancient-like boat ride, a spiritual activity, on the beautiful Sea of Galilee. The stone synagogue in Capernaum, where Jesus preached, provides us an opportunity for a remarkable Bible study. Visit the Church of Multiplication in Tabgha, built on a mosaic from the 4th century, where the Lord preformed the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes (Matthew 14:10-32). Why Jesus chose to teach the Beatitudes here, on this mountain (Matthew 5:1-12)? A better understanding will result from this breathtaking panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. When we come to the banks of the Jordan River, we will be filling bottles of water for our loved ones, some people from our group will be able to dip themselves seven times in the Jordan, just as Naaman, the Syrian leper did about 2,860 years ago (2 Kings 5:1-17).



Time permitting: visit Caesarea Philippi where Peter confessed Christ: "You are the Christ, the son of the living God" (Matt 16:15-16). Overnight stay in Tiberius (B,D).

**Day 8: Cana, Nazareth, Tel Megiddo, Caesarea.**

Today we'll enjoy the beautiful landscapes of the Lower Galilee and the plains of Sharon. Go down to the basement of the Wedding Church in Cana, recognized as the place where Jesus performed his first miracle when he transformed water into wine (John 2:1-11). Visit the amazing Basilica of the Annunciation and the



Synagogue Church in Nazareth where the angel Gabriel foretold the birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-40). The walk in Tel Megiddo's waterworks, 210-feet long 10-feet-high tunnel is an experience that reveals the impressive engineering skills of ancient cultures. Observe the final battle location in the Valley of Armageddon (Rev 16:14-16) and continue to Caesarea. Caesarea was the seat of the Roman government including Pontius Pilate who sat in judgment and sentenced Jesus to be crucified. The extensive archeological works discovered a fascinating city. The location of the city on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea was well utilized in the Roman era, when the spectators enjoyed watching the horse races or theater shows while facing the Sea. We will walk from the theater to the hippodrome, bathhouses and into the walled old city. The computerized exhibitions will help us go back in time and visualize the Roman life in the city. Overnight stay in Jerusalem (B,D).

**Day 9: Jerusalem. Bethlehem.**

Stand on top of Mount of Olives in front of the most breathtaking panoramic view of Jerusalem! Walk through the Gardens of Gethsemane, visit The Chapel of Dominus Flevit and learn about Christ's prophesy of the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 19:37-42). Continue to The Church of All Nations (The Agony Church, Luke 22:39-46),

the site where Jesus prayed in suffering where it is said that Judas Iscariot betrayed him (Luke 22:47-53). Proceed to visit sites on Mt. Zion: Visit the Palace of Caiaphas - the High Priest before whom Jesus was brought for trial (Mark 14: 53-65) - today called the St. Peter in Gallicantu Church. A prayer in the holy Tomb of King David will enlighten you about the Lord's worshiping places and prepare us for an incredible visit to the Upper Room—the site that commemorates Jesus' last meal with his disciples (Luke 22:7-38). Our day will end by visiting the amazing Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the birth place of Christ. Overnight stay in Jerusalem (B,D).

**Day 10: Jerusalem.**

The city of King David in Jerusalem is the place where King David set the capitol of his kingdom. Here, much of the Bible was written and the seal impression of Gemariah, son of Shaphan possibly the scribe of King Zedekiah was found (Jeremiah 36:10). Walk in the streets that served King David and many kings after him. Explore King Hezekiah's 2,700 years water tunnel, one of the wonders of early engineering. Learn the story of the blind man healed by Jesus in the Pool of Siloam (John 9). Experience the holiness of Jerusalem near the Western Wall. On the Temple Mount it is easy to see why Jesus drove out the traders (Luke 19:45-48). After



a visit to Bethesda Pools where Christ healed the paralyzed man (John 5), we will walk through the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) stations. Visit the amazing Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where we can see the crucifixion site and the stone of unction. End our day with a prayer in Jesus' Tomb. Overnight stay in Jerusalem (B,D).

**Day 11+12: Jerusalem.**

The restoration of the Jewish Quarter after the 1967 war carefully combines ancient designs with the comfort of the modern life. Shop in the restored Cardo - the main street in Roman times - where the modern stores are located. The Israel Museum's exhibitions help tourists make their visit to Jerusalem much more meaningful. The model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple era is big enough to provide a better understanding of the city including distances and elevations which are key factors in understanding biblical stories. Jaffa (Joffa) is an ancient port city that



was transformed into an artists' city. The seagulls, the sun set, the artists' shops in the ancient alleys, the unbelievable stories about Napoleon and a tour which will follow Peter's vision, will contribute to a perfect ending of our tour. On our last day, we will be back home full of unforgettable memories.

**Note:** Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed above, the order of sites and/or days may be altered to accommodate changes in airlines, hotel schedules, and local conditions.