

HOLY LAND TOUR 2020 ITINERARY

Day 1/ Tuesday 17th March 2020

Arrive at the Cairo international Airport. Meet tour representative and pass through passport and customs formalities. Transfer to hotel to rest and refresh. In the evening 1-2 hour cruise with dinner on River Nile.

Day 2/ Wednesday 18th March 2020

Start the day with a tour to Sakkara and see the Steps Pyramids of Zoser, the world's oldest major stone structure. After that go to Memphis, the center of rule and culture for over 3000 years and the first capital of Egypt. See the magnificent statue of Ramses 11. In the afternoon, return for a fascinating tour of the great Pyramids at Giza, the 7th wonder of the world. See the magnificent Sphinx from close up. Venture inside a pyramid and have the opportunity to view the ancient burial tomb of the pharaohs.

Day 3/ Thursday 19th March 2020

Guided tour of the world famous Egyptian Museum which houses the treasures of the "Boy king"-Tutankhamun; the mummy of Ramses 11 as well as some of the most ancient art pieces in the world. During the afternoon, we tour Coptic Cairo including cave church located at Mokattam/garbage city, then hanging church, St.Sergius-a 5th century Coptic church, built on the cave (where Jesus and his family stayed) and place where Moses was found. Later stroll through the bazaars of Khan el Khalill.

Day 4/ Friday 20th March 2020

An exciting day awaits us as we depart Cairo soon after an early breakfast, for crossing the SUEZ CANAL and to MT.SINAI. Enroute, enter the town of Suez for some quick photographs of the Canal. We travel through the ancient countryside of Egypt following in the footsteps of Moses to arrive at the base of Mt Sinai for overnight. Evening meeting with guide with those climbing the mountain.

Day 5/ Saturday 21st March 2020

For the adventurous, an early morning (2.00AM) expedition to the summit of Mt.Sinai where it is believed that Moses received the Ten Commandments. Return to the hotel for a hearty breakfast and visit to St, Catherine Monastery, which dates back to 3rd Century. We then continue our "Exodus" north through the wilderness of Sinai to Nuweiba where we embark on a cruise to cross the gulf of Aqaba into Jordan. Overnight Wadi Rum.

Day 6/ Sunday 22nd March 2020

After breakfast, Jeep tour of the Wadi Rum wilderness. In the afternoon, drive to Petra for rest, dinner and to get ready for another exciting day, exploring Petra. Overnight Petra

Day 7/ Monday 23rd March 2020

Enjoy a spectacular tour exploring the rose-red city of Petra. Enjoy a short horse ride, and then travel on foot through the awesome 'SIQ' valley, the narrow canyon which takes you down to the awesome monuments of Petra. We will visit the Treasury which is a magnificent edifice of pink sandstone, carved out of sheer rock, and explore hundreds of buildings, tombs, temples, and a 3,000-seat theatre from the first-century AD. Overnight: Petra

Day 8/ Tuesday 24th March 2020

After breakfast, travel north along the King's Highway, an ancient trade route and important access point for many historic sites. See the intricate ancient Mosaic map of the Holy Land at Madaba. Visit Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land before his passing. These days on a clear day you can see the Judean Hills, the Dead Sea and Jerusalem. Time permitting, stop for a visit to the castle of Machaerus where John the Baptist was beheaded. Cross the border into Israel. Overnight: Dead Sea Area

Day 9/ Wednesday 25th March 2020

Descend to the Dead Sea – the lowest place on Earth. Stop and explore the caves of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Ascend the mighty fortress of Masada via cable car, where the zealots made their last stand against the Roman Army. Walk to the waterfall at the Ein Gedi desert oasis. Later enjoy a float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Overnight Dead Sea Area

Day 10/ Thursday 26th March 2020

After breakfast, we start our day with a visit to Jericho/Tel Jericoh and Mount of Temptation. Then drive to Qasar El Yahud the original Baptismal site of Jesus for Baptism. Later travel to explore the ancient city of Beith Shean, a fully excavated Roman/Byzantine city of Scytopolis. Continue our journey to Galilee area. Overnight: Tiberias

Day 11/ Friday 27th March 2020

Drive north along the Coastal Plan. Stop at Caesarea Maritima to see the harbor city built by Herod the great. Continue to Mount Carmel where Elijah took on the false prophets. Then we go on to Nazareth to visit the church of Annunciation and Mary's Well. Stop at Nazareth Village—a unique reconstruction of a first century village on an actual ancient agricultural site. Our next stop will be Cana, the site of the first miracle of Jesus. We then continue on to Tiberias to check into our hotel. Overnight at Tiberias.

Day 12/ Saturday 28th March 2020

Enjoy a cruise across the Sea of Galilee in a traditional wooden sailing boat, and visit the 'Jesus Boat' museum. Explore Capernaum and see the ancient synagogue where Jesus preached. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the Multiplication took place. Ascend to the top of the Mt. of Beatitudes, where you can relive the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to Banias at Caesarea Philippi before going to Jerusalem. Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 13/ Sunday 29th March 2020

Attend the Church service at Christ, Church Jaffa Gate. Then go for a spectacular view of Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road and visit the Church of all Nations at the Garden of Gethsemane. Onto the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, pass through Ecce Homo Arch and the Crypt of Sisters of Sion and on to the Via Dolorosa and visit each Station of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Explore Mt. Zion. Visit the Room of the Last Supper and King David's Tomb. Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 14 / Monday 30th March 2020

Drive to Bethlehem for a visit to the Shepherds Fields, Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Visit Rachel's Tomb and proceed to Ein Karem- the birthplace of John the Baptist. Remainder of the day at leisure strolling the alleyways of the Old City markets, if so desired. Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 15/ Tuesday 31st March 2020

Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Stop by the famous Menora for some pictures. Visit the Shrine of the Book inside the Israel Museum to see the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. Visit the nearby model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period. Experience a fascinating tour of the Western Wall Tunnels underneath the Temple Mount. Visit the Temple Institute, dedicated to teaching the significance of the Holy Temple.

Day 16/ Wednesday 1st April 2020

This morning we drive through the city of Tel Aviv and visit the Diaspora Museum. Then explore/sojourn in the ancient city of JOPPA, home to Simon the Tanner and where Jonah, fleeing from the Lord embarked his ship for Tarshish. After lunch visit the Garden Tomb and celebrate a Communion Service to end the day at a high note.

Day 17/ Thursday 2nd April 2020

Free day in the City of the great king and the opportunity to do your own thing. Later in the evening, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport to catch our flight home

