



DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE

13 Days / 11 Nights

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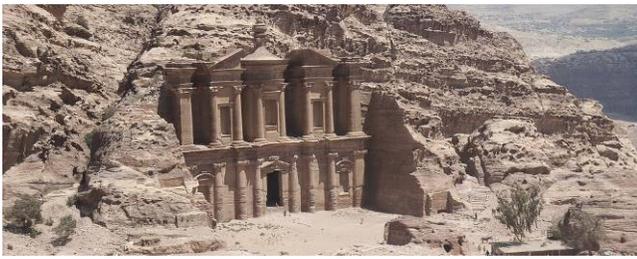
ISRAEL & JORDAN TOUR WITH A CHRISTIAN FOCUS

2020 DEPARTURES

\$TBA* payment by credit card

\$TBA* payment by cash/check

* Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).



**VALID
PASSPORT
REQUIRED**
Must be valid for 6
months beyond return
date

OUR ISRAEL & JORDAN ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON-INTERMEDIATE CITY-TEL AVIV: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv, Israel (*via intermediate city*) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight.

DAY 2 – TEL AVIV: After our arrival at The Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our tour escort who will assist with our transfer. We will board our private motorcoach for a panoramic tour of Tel Aviv before we check into our four-star hotel for one night. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

DAY 3 – CAESAREA-HAIFA-MUKHRAKA-NAZARETH-CANA-TIBERIAS: Enjoy breakfast and check out. Morning departure to Caesarea, once capital of this Roman province, to see the Roman and Crusader ruins, as well as the harbor where St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue our journey into the Carmel Mountains, heading to Mukhraka, where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal, and then to Nazareth, the childhood home of Jesus Christ, followed by a visit to Cana in Galilee, the site of the first public miracle where Jesus turned water into wine. Continue on to Tiberias where we will check into our four-star hotel for three nights. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – SEA OF GALILEE AREA: Breakfast at our hotel. There will be a morning narrated boat cruise on the Sea of Galilee, where Christ walked on water. Next, we will tour the holy site of Capernaum, home to St. Peter and where Christ began His ministry. We will also visit the Jesus Boat Museum in Ginosar. We will travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, and then Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, after which we will visit the nearby Franciscan chapel known as the Church of the Primacy of Peter. A "St. Peter's" fish lunch will be included today. We will return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – TABOR-MAGDALA-LAKE KINNERET-SEPPHORIS: Breakfast is at our hotel this morning. Travel to Mt. Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration. Afterwards, we will visit the church in Magdala on the shores of Lake Kinneret, famous for its boat-shaped altar. We head to Sepphoris, believed that the parents of the Virgin Mary, Anna and Joachim, were natives of that area. It served as a center of Jewish religious and spiritual life in the Galilee and took in many Jewish refugees. In the afternoon, return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 – BEIT SHE'AN-JORDAN RIVER-JERICHO-QUMRAN-DEAD SEA: Breakfast is at our hotel, followed by check-out. We start our day with a visit to Beit She'an, a strategically important location on the Jordan River with an Egyptian, Greek, and Roman history. Cross border to Jordan at Allenby Bridge and drive along the Jordan valley to Petra. (A visa, the cost of which is included in your package, is required for travel into Jordan). Check in to our four-star hotel in Petra. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – PETRA – MADABA – MT. NEBO - AMMAN: After breakfast and hotel check-out, begin the day with a tour of Petra; Clients will take a few minutes' walk to the gates of Petra, then walk through the narrow canyon until the first great monument where the treasury is revealed, the Roman Theater, Royal Tombs. Then, we our next visit is at Mt. Nebo, where Moses was laid to rest, and where the late Pope John Paul II

tread on his first pilgrimage of the millennium. Visit the Sanctuary at Nebo: the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of his death and burial place, and a center for pilgrimages since early Christian times. You will be inspired by the Biblical feel from start to finish as you experience this divine tour. Mount Nebo is one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, for this is where Moses was buried. The site's association with the last days of Moses is described in moving words in Deuteronomy. The episode of Balak and Balam (2:13-26) also took place here. Drive to visit Madaba, "The City of Mosaics," to visit St. George Church where there is a clear map of the Holy Land (including Israel, Palestine & Lower Egypt). Then we head to Amman to check into our four-star hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – ALLENBY BRIDGE - QASR EL YAHUD – JERICHO – BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM: After breakfast and check-out, we drive to Allenby bridge and cross border to Israel. Our next stop will be Qasr El Yahud, also known as Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the traditional site of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. Our next stop is Jericho, the ancient Canaanite city destroyed by the power of God and the oldest known inhabited city in the world. Here, we will visit their excavations and enjoy a splendid view of the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. We visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, which stands upon the site where Jesus was born. There will be time to shop before going to Jerusalem to check into our four-star hotel for the remainder of the trip. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 – MASADA~BETHLEHEM: Breakfast is at our hotel. After hotel check out, we will drive to Masada and ascend to the cliff-top fortress by cable car to inspect the ruins of Herod's palace and fortification which later served the Zealots to resist the Romans. We will descend by cable car. We will continue to Bethlehem for a visit. In the afternoon, we drive to Shepherds' Field where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. We will visit the Qumran site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were unearthed and stop at the Dead Sea with time for a swim in the mineral-rich waters. The Dead Sea water is known to have healing properties, and the water is warm enough to swim in year-round! We will continue on to our hotel. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 – PALM SUNDAY ROUTE-VIA DOLOROSA: Breakfast is at our hotel. We begin our day with a visit to the Mount of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route beginning with a visit to the Pater Noster Church, where the universality of the Catholic Church is evident in the tiled mosaics of the Lord's Prayer in many languages. Please Note: the bus will drop the group on top of the mountain and will come to pick everyone up from the bottom, next to the church. Continuing down the Mount of Olives, we will visit the Dominus Flevit and the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed his last prayer before being arrested. We continue on to the Cave of Betrayal and the Cave of Assumption of Mary to Heaven. Entering the walls of the City of Jerusalem, we will visit St. Anne's church and the nearby Pool of Bethesda. Continuing our walk, we see the Ecce Homo arch where Pilate proclaimed, "Behold the man...". We will continue along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) through the Old City as we walk the same path Jesus took. We will also visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which commemorates where Jesus was crucified and buried. We will return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 11 – WESTERN WALL~MT. ZION~ST. PETER IN GALlicantu~ BETHANY~ GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE: Breakfast is at our hotel. We begin our day with a visit to the Western Wall, the most holy place of the Jewish faith. We exit at the Mount Zion gate to visit the Upper Room, the location of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Mary died visit the upper Room. We continue on to St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ three times. We continue our day with a visit to Bethany, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, before visiting the Garden of Gethsemane. We will return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 12 – EIN KAREM-YAD VASHEM-ABU GOSH: We will visit the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the "Magnificat." This afternoon we visit Yad Vashem, the National Holocaust Museum. We will stop in the monastery that commemorates the biblical story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus and how they came to recognize the Risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 13 – JERUSALEM~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight.

OUR TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Logan Airport FREE with a minimum of 35 passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ❖ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Tel Aviv and return, with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight.
- ❖ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ❖ 11-nights' accommodations at the hotels indicated in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.*
- ❖ Porterage of luggage at the hotels. (One large bag per person.)
- ❖ Breakfast (B) lunch (L) and dinner (D) every evening. 1 bottle of water per person included with all lunches and dinners.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ❖ Services of a professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ❖ Expert English-speaking guides, where required.
- ❖ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel flight bag and complete packet of required documentation.
- ❖ Cost of entry visa into Jordan.

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