

In THE FOOTSTEPS OF MOSES

WHERE IT ALL BEGIN IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MOSES

TOURS - 2011



Tuesday - Egypt

Upon arrival into Cairo International airport, you are met and assisted by your ITC Tours representative, assisted through passport and custom formalities, and transferred to the hotel in Cairo for evening at leisure and overnight. Optional evening activity: Pyramids Sound & Light show

Wednesday - Pyramids, Sphinx, Solar Boat, Egyptian museum, Old & New Cairo, Coptic Cairo and Synagogue of Ben Ezra

After buffet breakfast, meet your guide and start the tour with a visit to one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world, the 3 Pyramids of Giza: Cheops, Chephren and Mekerinus. Visit the majestic great Sphinx, which is the largest single block sculpture located at the foot of the grandest pyramid Chephren. Enjoy the opportunity for a camel ride by the Pyramids followed by a visit to the Solar Boat museum, whose main attraction is an ancient Egyptian cedar wood dating back 4500 years. Continue to visit the famous Egyptian Museum; here we shall provide you with a brief but colorful insight into the five thousand year history of Egypt. Visit Old Cairo with the city's cultural landmarks that span three millenniums of Egyptian history; The Coptic Church, where you will visit the Hanging Church dating to the late 4th and early 5th

century. This basilica was named "Al-Mu'allaqah" because it was built atop the south gate of the fortress of Babylon. Continue to the Church of St. Sergius, a 5th century Coptic Church. This basilica is built on the cave in which the holy family stayed and is regarded by visitors as a source of blessing. As we stroll along we will come to the recently restored Synagogue of Ben Ezra – the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt built in 882 AC. Next we will explore the spices and silks in the medieval bazaar of Khan el Khalili, one of the biggest bazaars in the Middle East and North Africa's most famous bazaar. Lunch will be served during the tour at a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Overnight at the hotel including breakfast and dinner. Optional evening activity: Nile cruise dinner with show.

Thursday - Sinai Desert / Morah / Elim / Rephsim / Land of Goshen

After breakfast departure by air-conditioned vehicle to St. Catherine via the tunnel underneath the Suez Canal to the west branch of the Red Sea, following what is thought to be the route of the Biblical Exodus (Genesis 16-18). Our drive through the Sinai peninsula and the biblical land of Goshen to the Mount Sinai area (233 miles) takes about 6 hours. Next to Morah by the red sea; the desert springs along the shore of the red sea where the children of Israel found the water bitter.

12 NIGHT TOUR INCLUDES:

- Transfer on arrival or departure (Cairo & Ben Gurion Airport)
- 12 touring days in deluxe motor coach as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to the sites visited as per itinerary
- Government educated and certified bilingual guide
- Border taxes at Allenby bridge (or Sheikh Hussein), on the crossing from Jordan to Israel
- Transfer from Allenby bridge (or Sheikh Hussein), to Tel Aviv.
- Border Taxes at Arava on the crossing from Israel to Jordan
- Lunch box on the day from Sana Catherina to Petra (Friday)
- Visit subject to the security conditions. There might be changes in the program during the tour, and during the year.
- Participants must have valid visas for all three countries involved, if required.

12 NIGHT ACCOMODATIONS:

- 2 nights accommodation in Cairo on half board
- 1 night accommodation at Santa Catherina on half board
- 1 night accommodation at Petra on half board
- 1 night accommodation in Amman on half board
- 7 nights accommodation in Israel (1 in Tel Aviv, 2 at Kibbutz hotels)

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Continue to Alim and visit the desert oasis; proceed to Wadi Feiran (Rephidim), the desert valley where the children of Israel fought against Amalekites. Proceed to Mount Serbal, the possible site where Moses held his arms up for victory. We continue inland heading towards the granite mountains of Mt. Sinai and Wadi El Raha; According to traditions the area where the Israelis camped and the golden calf was forged (Exodus 32). We will arrive to the hotel near Mt. Sinai and St. Catherine's monastery. Overnight Morgan Land hotel – breakfast and dinner included. Optional night activity-climb Mt. Sinai. For those who wish to climb Mt. Sinai, please bring warm clothing for the ascent. Camel ride up to 1/3 of the mount can be arranged on the spot with your tour guide for \$ 25 per person.

Friday - Mt. Sinai to the Red Sea / Mountains of Edom / St. Catherine's Monastery / Taba border / Arava border / Aqaba panoramic / Petra

Early morning, climb up Mt. Sinai Jabel Musa. Enjoy a time of praise and incredible views of the Sinai wilderness; Descending the mountain, we return to the hotel to rejoin the rest of the group for breakfast. We continue for a tour of St. Catherine Monastery, the oldest working Christian Monastery; built in 527 and 565 AC by the Roman Emperor Justinian and where it is believed God appeared to Moses in the form of a burning Bush. The Greek Orthodox Church building is the oldest continuously used Church building in the world. Leaving Mt. Sinai area toward the eastern shores of Sinai Peninsula and on the Red Sea

north to Taba border (Egypt Israel crossing border). After meeting and assistance at the Taba border, proceed to Arava border, (Israel-Jordan crossing border). Welcome to Jordan! Upon arrival in Jordan, you will be met and assisted by your Jordanian guide through visa formalities. You will then proceed for a panoramic tour of Aqaba and transferred to your hotel in Petra for overnight including dinner.

Saturday - Full day Petra visit

Buffet breakfast at the hotel; at 08.00 a.m depart to Petra for a full day trip. Explore the rose red city; upon arrival to visitor's center, you will begin a most memorable day with a 20 minute horseback riding to the Siq of Petra (Canyon) followed by guided tour through the Siq to the Treasury; the accompanying guide will give a brief history of Petra, followed by a full day to explore the Rose-Red city including the Siq, Treasury, City center, the Royal tomb, the theatre. In the afternoon transfer to Amman hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sunday - Amman / Madaba / Nebo/ Baptism Site / Allenby or Sheikh Hussein /Tel Aviv

Buffet breakfast at the hotel; at 08.00 a.m. depart for a full day excursion. A trip through the historical mountains of Moa'ab. Stopover in Madaba, this town has a long history being first mentioned in the Bible and in the Mesha Stele when it was a Moabite town; visit St. George orthodox Christian church and see the mosaic map of Jerusalem, Palestine, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. Proceed to Mt. Nebo, from where Moses viewed the promised land

in Canaan and where he died and was buried .View the ruins of the 4th and 6th century churches with their mosaic floors. Continue to the baptism site Bethany, the site of John the Baptist's settlement at Bethany beyond the Jordan where Jesus was baptized has long been known from the Bible (John 1:28 and 10:40 and from the Byzantine and Medieval texts. After the visit, transfer to Allenby or Sheikh Hussein for departure. Meeting and assistance on the Israeli side and transfer to your hotel in Tel-Aviv for overnight.

Monday - Caesarea / Megiddo / Haifa / Acre

Depart Tel Aviv and drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans.Visit the excavations of the ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct. Continue to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon; Visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system. Drive to Haifa for a panoramic view of the Bahai Gardens and Haifa bay. From Haifa, drive to Acre to visit the ancient city and harbor. Continue to Kibbutz Lavi for overnight.

Tuesday - Tiberias/Capernaum/Banias

After a short tour of Tiberias, we take a boat ride to Capernaum. Visit the remains of the 2nd century Synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of fish and loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to Mount of Beatitudes, the place where Jesus delivered the sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Banias Springs and waterfalls and tour the Golan Heights. Return to Kibbutz Lavi for overnight.

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Holyland Tour - 7 Nights (Half Board Basis)

HOTEL PLAN	Plan A			Plan B		
Cairo	Ramses Hilton			Barcelo Pyramids		
St. Catherina	New Morgan Land			New Morgan Land		
Petra	Bait Zaman			Kings Way		
Amman	Bristol Amman			Ramada		
Tel Aviv	Dan Panorama			Grand Beach		
Galilee	Lavi-Hod wing			Lavi-Hod wing		
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama			Grand Court		
Tours starting on	Per person in Double	Per person in Single	Per person in Triple	Per person in Double	Per person in Single	Per person in Triple
2011						
Feb 22, Mar 8 29, Apr 5, May 3 7	\$2,695.00	\$3,867.00	\$2,512.00	\$2,276.00	\$3,227.00	\$2,205.00
May 31	\$2,726.00	\$3,898.00	\$2,540.00	\$2,307.00	\$3,258.00	\$2,233.00
Jun 14 28, Jul 12	\$2,695.00	\$3,867.00	\$2,512.00	\$2,276.00	\$3,227.00	\$2,205.00
Aug 9	\$2,866.00	\$4,144.00	\$2,733.00	\$2,370.00	\$3,354.00	\$2,289.00
Aug 30 Sep 13	\$2,695.00	\$3,867.00	\$2,512.00	\$2,276.00	\$3,227.00	\$2,205.00
Oct 18 25, Nov 1 8	\$2,737.00	\$3,927.00	\$2,554.00	\$2,311.00	\$3,275.00	\$2,240.00
Nov 29	\$2,632.00	\$3,726.00	\$2,482.00	\$2,302.00	\$3,265.00	\$2,232.00
Dec 13	\$2,743.00	\$3,934.00	\$2,625.00	\$2,302.00	\$3,265.00	\$2,232.00
Dec 27	\$2,871.00	\$4,098.00	\$2,705.00	\$2,442.00	\$3,576.00	\$2,371.00

Wednesday - Nazareth / Beit Shean

Drive to Nazareth via Cana of Galilee. Visit the Church of Annunciation, St. Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. Drive to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the Jordan river. Continue to Beit Shean, a newly excavated city, and visit the Roman theatre. Drive along the Jordan River to Jerusalem for overnight.

Thursday - Jerusalem - Old City

Drive to Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the city; visit the church of All Nations, King David's tomb and the room of Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter within the walls of the city and visit the Cardo, Temple Mount (entrance to the mosques not included), Western Wall,

Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, oriental Bazaar. Visit the Garden Tomb. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday - Jerusalem - New City and Bethlehem

Drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of Visitation; proceed to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust; Visit the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the second Temple period. Proceed to Bethlehem * to visit the Church of Nativity. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday - Dead Sea / Masada

Drive to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Masada by cable car and visit the food store-room, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Time and weather permitting, an opportunity will be provided to float on the Dead Sea. Return to Jerusalem for overnight.

Sunday - Departure

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

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Temperatures in Israel

City		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Jerusalem	C	11-Jun	14-Jul	16-Aug	21-Dec	15-25	17-27	19-29	19-29	18-28	16-26	19-Dec	14-Aug
	F	43-53	44-57	47-61	53-69	60-77	63-81	66-84	66-86	65-82	60-78	54-67	47-56
Tel Aviv	C	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Oct	22-Dec	17-25	19-28	21-30	22-30	20-31	15-28	25-Dec	19-Sep
	F	49-65	48-66	51-69	54-72	63-77	67-83	70-86	72-86	69-89	59-83	54-76	47-66
Haifa	C	17-Aug	18-Sep	21-Feb	13-26	15-25	18-28	20-30	21-30	20-30	16-27	13-23	18-Sep
	F	49-63	47-64	47-70	55-78	58-76	64-82	68-86	70-86	68-85	60-8	56-74	48-65
Tiberias	C	18-Sep	20-Sep	22-Nov	13-27	17-32	20-35	23-37	24-37	22-35	19-32	15-26	20-Nov
	F	48-65	49-67	51-72	56-80	62-89	68-95	73-98	75-99	71-95	65-89	59-78	53-68
Eilat	C	21-Oct	23-Nov	13-26	17-31	21-35	24-37	25-40	26-40	24-36	20-33	16-28	23-Nov
	F	49-70	51-73	56-79	63-87	69-95	75-99	77-103	79-104	75-98	69-92	61-83	51-74
Dead Sea	C	20-Nov	13-22	16-25	20-29	24-34	27-37	28-39	29-38	27-36	24-32	18-27	13-21
	F	53-68	56-72	61-78	68-85	75-93	80-99	83-102	83-101	81-96	75-90	65-80	56-71

DISTANCES ARE SHORT

Israel is a small country. Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa can easily be reached on leisure touring days without changing hotels, this being particularly important for short visits. Modern air-conditioned touring buses, minibuses and limousines are available to ensure speedy and comfortable transportation. Drivers and guides are knowledgeable and experienced. Public transport is excellent. Taxis are easily found.

CLOTHING

As a rule, dress in Israel is extremely informal, so casual for daytime, informal for evenings. Bring lightweight clothing, head covering, comfortable walking shoes and swimwear. Modest attire for visits to religious sites is required. In Jerusalem or other hilly areas, a light jacket is good.

SHOPPING

In Israel's major cities, shops are usually open from 9 am until at least 7 pm from Sunday through Thursday. The afternoon break or siesta between 1 pm and 4 pm is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. More and more shopping malls are being built around the country, offering even more flexible hours and a cool, air conditioned environment in which to browse items such as leather, gold, jewelry and diamonds (Israel is the No. 1 exporter of diamonds). On Fridays, shops usually close between 2 pm - 3:30 pm and most Jewish establishments do not open on Saturdays.

BANKING AND CURRENCY

Banks are open every morning from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Some Commercial and Tourist branches are open until 2 pm, and most banks offer afternoon banking hours from 4 pm - 6 pm two days a week (varying according to the bank). All banks are closed on Saturdays and Jewish Holidays, but most have automatic tellers accepting most major international credit cards, against which cash may be withdrawn. The unit of currency is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS) usually referred to as "shekels" and come in a variety of denominations.

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

VAT exemption or refund generally applies to goods and services paid by tourists in foreign currency. VAT is refunded on purchased provided that receipts and refund form are presented with the merchandise at the airport bank.

TIME

Israel's standard time is two hours ahead of GMT, one hour ahead of mid-European time, and seven hours ahead of USA Eastern Standard Time.

ELECTRICITY

Power supply is 220 volt, AC 50 cycles, although most major Hotels usually offer a built-in 110 volt electric razor transformer.

LANGUAGES

Although Hebrew and Arabic are Israel's official languages, just standing at a street corner can be an experience: Passers-by conversing in Hebrew,

Arabic, French, Russian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, Hungarian, Italian and English - Israel's adopted second language, spoken so extensively that even street signs are in English.

CUISINE

Due to the cosmopolitan composition of its population, cuisine in Israel is equally varied and restaurants may be found offering delicacies from all over the world. Based on traditional Jewish dietary law, Kosher cuisine, or "Kashrut", is observed in almost all hotels and many restaurants.

EASY TO GET TO

Israel is extremely accessible from almost anywhere in the world, with daily direct flight operating from Europe, North America and many destinations in Africa, Asia and the Far East. Many Cruise ships touring the Mediterranean offer Israel as one of the ports of call (Haifa or Ashdod) and there are also regular sailings of ferries to these ports from Greece, Cyprus and beyond. Overland travel from Egypt or Jordan is also an option.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

In most cases, visitors from North America and Western European countries will be granted a visa automatically upon arrival. For specific details, check with the local Israeli embassy or consulate. For visitors who so request, the visa may be stamped not in the passport but issued on a separate document.