

Scopus Travel • Itinerary

11 Nights ~ 12 Days: Israel + Jordan + Egypt [Mat-Tom TX, USA] [C/O]

Arriving to Tel Aviv, moving to Galilee and then to Jerusalem, the tour covers biblical Israel in 6 nights-7 days. From Israel to Jordan via Allenby bridge, the tour covers Mt Nebo, Dead Sea, Petra and Aqaba, spending one night at Dead Sea and one night at Petra. The tour takes a ferry to cross the Red Sea to arrive to Sinai Egypt. The Egypt leg of the tour covers St Catherine monastery, Old Cairo and the Giza Plateau, spending one night at the Read Sea coast i Sinai and 2 nights in Cairo.

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
—	12	Tel Aviv	Cairo

Countries Covered: **Israel, Jordan & Egypt**

Tour Overview

12 Nights pilgrimage of the Holyland - Catholic program.

Pilgrimage | Church Groups

- A 12 day Catholic pilgrimage from Israel to Egypt via Jordan.
- Accommodation plan: 3N Galilee, 3N Jerusalem, 1N Dead Sea, 1N Petra, 1N Sinai & 2N Cairo.
- This tour, starts in Israel, where biblical sites in the Galilee and Jerusalem are covered ina leisurely pace. [6 nights]
- It then enters Jordan transiting through Moab, Edom and Nabatea before crossing the Red Sea to enter Egypt. [2 nights]
- In Egypt the tour moves through the Sinai to Cairo, where the Giza Plateau and Old Cairo is covered. [3 nights]
- High Value Tours included: Nazareth Village, Magdala, Petra

Day wise program structure

Premium pilgrimage

Day 01 — Arrive to Tel Aviv

Accommodation: Galilee | Meals Included: Packed hot meal

- Late evening arrival in Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to the hotel Galilee. (2 hours)



Arial view of Tel Aviv from an airplane approaching to land at Tel Aviv, Israel



Terminal of Tel Aviv airport (TLV) in Israel.



El Al plane landing at Ben Gurion international airport, Tel Aviv, Israel



Approach to Tel Aviv international airport from the Mediterranean sea, Tel Aviv, Israel

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Day 02 — Galilee churches, Boat ride, Magdala

Accommodation: Galilee | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Tour of the Galilee Churches:
- Mt of Beatitudes, the site of Jesus's sermon on the mount.
- Proceed to visit Capernaum (Kfar Nahum) the city of Jesus and the site of Jesus's ministry. The place of origin of healing and deliverance, the secrets of which were taught by Jesus.

- Visit Tabga, the site of the Jesus's miracle of the multiplication of bread loaves and fish to feed 5000 people.
- Short visit to Peter’s house (Primacy of Peter).
- St Peter's fish lunch at the shores of the Sea of the Galilee.
- Tour of Magdala - Recently excavated archeological site of the first century city of Mary Magdalene.
- Visit the exquisite Boat Chapel complex, a marvel of modern architecture.
- Slow, short boat ride in the Galilee on a replica of ancient Galilean boats.
- Holy Mass at Mt Beatitudes or at the Boat Chapel, Magdala.



Church at Mount Beatitudes, site of the 'sermon on the mount', Galilee, Israel



Mount Beatitudes chapel interior moasic floor - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Sea of the Galilee view from Capernaum - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Sea of the Galilee view from the Benedictine monastery at Tabgha-Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Panoramic view of the Sea of the Galilee, Israel



Crepuscular sun rays on the Sea of the Galilee, Israel

Day 03 — Mt Tabor, Cana, Nazareth

Accommodation: Galilee | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to the sanctuary of Tabor (30 minutes).
- Ride up the Tabor hill in a mini van to visit the magnificent Basilica of Transfiguration.
- Transfer to the village of Cana (20 minutes).
- Visit the Church of the wedding miracle.
- Transfer to Nazareth (30 mins).
- Buffet lunch at Nazareth.
- Tour of Nazareth Village - replica of a first century Nazarene village.

- Visit Basilica of Annunciation, Joseph’s workshop & Jesus’ synagogue.
- Lunch at Nazareth.
- Transfer to the hotel in Galilee (30 minutes).
- Holy Mass: Basilica of Transfiguration / Cana / Basilica of Annunciation.
- Option for renewal of wedding vows at Cana.



Mount Tabor Basilica of Transfiguration interior with roof - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



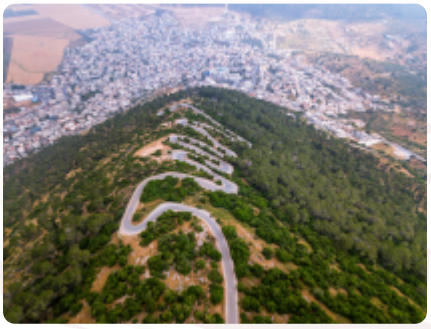
Eucharist at St Joseph's Cathedral in the Annunciation Church complex, Nazareth, Galilee, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Interior of the Church of the wedding miracle at Cana - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Panoramic view of the city of Nazareth, Galilee, Israel



Winding snake road to ascend Mount Tabor, Galilee, Israel



Mount Tabor across a field of Red Anemones in early spring, Jezreel Valley, Israel

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Day 04 — Haifa, Mt Carmel, Ceasarea, Jaffa

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Haifa. (1 hour)
- View the magnificent Bahai Gardens and temple, considered as one of the modern wonders of Architecture.
- Tour of Elijah's Cave and Stella Marris Chapel.
- Transfer to Jaffa. (1 hour 30 minutes).
- Short tour of Old Jaffa visiting the site of Tbiatha's healing by St Peter.
- Lunch at Jaffa seafront.
- 13.30 Transfer to Ein Karem. (1 hour 15 minutes)
- Tour of the spectacular Basilica of Visitation.

- At the Visitations Basilica view the Magnificat in numerous languages on the walls.
- Church of John the Baptist.
- Transfer to hotel in Jerusalem.
- Holy Mass at Stella Marris Chapel, Mt Carmel or at Basilica of Visitations.



Beautiful panoramic view from Mount Carmel to cityscape and port in Haifa, Israel.



View of the Bahai Temple and gardens from the German Colony, down town, Haifa, Israel



Stella Marris convent & chapel at Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel



Jaffa skyline viewed from Tel Aviv



View of St. Peter's Church in Jaffa, Israel.



Ein Karem - Church of John the Baptist covered in morning mist, Ein Karem, Israel

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Day 05 — Mt of Olives, Mt Zion, Bethlehem

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Tour of Mt Olives. View the iconic Dome of the Rock from Mt Olives.
- Tour the sanctuary of Pater Noster where The Lord's Prayer is embedded in the walls in numerous languages.
- Palm Sunday Road - view from below only, the steep decent being perilous.
- Visit the Basilica at Gethsemane - Church of All Nations and the ancient Olive Garden.
- Mt Zion- Upper room & David’s Tomb.
- St Peter Gallicantu site of Peters denial of Jesus.
- Transfer to Bethlehem (30 minutes).
- Lunch. (Traditional Palestinian Barbecue)
- Shepherds’ field.
- Basilica of Nativity & Manger Square.

- Transfer to the hotel in Jerusalem (30 minutes).
- Holy Mass at Gethsemane or at Basilica of Nativity.



Dome of the Rock and the Old City of Jerusalem view from an Olive grove from Mount Olives - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Pater Noster Church Mount Olives - Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Dominous Flevit Chapel altar and view of the Old city of Jerusalem and the Dome of the Rock - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Church at the Shepherd's Field in Biet Sahour, Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Basilica of Nativity, interior; Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Grotto of Nativity inside the Basilica of Nativity, Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Day 06 — Old city, Via dolorosa, Jericho, Bethany

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Old City of Jerusalem via Lions' gate. Bethesda Pools - St Anne's, Chapel of Flagellation. Chapel of Condemnation, continuing Via Dolorosa to Calvary.
- Western Wall complex.
- Dome of the Rock.
- Transfer to Jericho. (30 minutes)
- Traditional Buffet Lunch at Jericho.
- Tour of Jericho - Sycamore Tree & Zachaeus' House.
- Ascend Mt Temptation by Cable Car.
- Transfer to Bethany to visit the tomb of Lazarus. (30 minutes, based on the existing security situation)
- Transfer to Hotel in Jerusalem.
- Evening adoration at Gethsemane.
- Mass at Calvary or at Flagellation Chapel.



Vi Dolorosa Fifth Station Old City of Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Dome of the Rock and the Old city of Jerusalem at dusk - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Dramatic sunset over Dormition Abbey, Mount ZIon Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Pool of Bethesda



Way of the cross, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel



Dome of the Rock and the Old City of Jerusalem view from an Olive grove from Mount Olives - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Day 07 — Allenby, Madaba, Nebo, Dead Sea

Accommodation: Dead Sea (Jordan side) | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- 07.30 Transfer to Allenby Border crossing. (40 minutes)
- Enter Jordan.
- Transfer to Madaba. (30 Minutes)
- Tour of Madaba St George Church.
- Tour of the Memorial of Moses at Mt Nebo.
- Transfer to hotel in Dead Sea.
- Free afternoon at Dead Sea.
- Mass at Memorial of Moses, Mt Nebo.



Panoramic view of Mount Nebo. Memorial of Moses could be seen on top of the hill. Mount Nebo, Jordan



Orientation plaque in marble showing directions and distances from Mount Nebo, Jordan



The Brazen Serpent sculpture at the memorial of Moses by Italian artist Giovanni Fantoni. Mount Nebo, Jordan



Original Madaba Mosaic Map. It is the oldest surviving original cartographic depiction of the Holy Land. Saint George Orthodox Church, Madaba, Jordan



Interior of the Church of Saint George, Madaba, Jordan



Dead Sea, Salt valley, Israel

Day 08 — Petra, Aqaba

Accommodation: Aqaba | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Petra. (3 hours)
- The Nabatean city of Petra is a UNESCO world heritage site and is the most important tourist site in Jordan.
- Day tour of Petra visiting tour.
- Traditioanl Buffet Lunch.
- Transfer to Aqaba. (2 hours)



The Kings highway en route Petra, Jordan



Rock canyon at Petra, Wadi Musa, Jordan



Ancient tombs carved into the massive red-sandstone facades at Petra, Wadi Musa, Jordan



Facade of the 'Treasury' at Petra, Wadi Musa, Jordan



Breathtaking canyon popularly known as the Siq, leading to the Treasury at Petra, Wadi Musa, Jordan



The Siq lit up for the spectacular 'Petra by Night' show, a recently added tourist attraction organized on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Petra, Wadi Musa, Jordan

Day 09 — Taba, Red Sea

Accommodation: Dahab | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Cross the Red sea by ferry. (1 hour 40 minutes)
- Transfer to Dahab. (2 hours)
- Free afternoon at Red Sea.



Salah El Din Castle on Farun island in the Gulf of Aqaba, Red Sea, Taba. Sinai, Egypt



Beach at Sharm el Sheikh, Sinai Egypt



Wind surfing at Dahab beach, Dahab, Sinai, Egypt



Day 10 — St Catherine, Cairo

Accommodation: Cairo | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to St. Catherine. (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Tour of St Catherine monastery.
- View Mt Sinai.
- Early lunch at Morgen land resort.
- Transfer to Cairo via Rephidim , Ellim & Suez Canal. (5 hours



Sunrise over Mount Sinai, Sinai, Egypt



Sunrise over mount Sinai, St Catherine, Sinai, Egypt



The Suez canal, Egypt



Blood moon rise over the Great Pyramid, Giza, Cairo, Egypt



Spectacular view of Cairo at night. Cairo, Egypt

Day 11 — Giza Plateau, Old Cairo, Nile Cruise

Accommodation: Cairo | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Tour of the Giza plateau, visiting the Pyramids & Sphinx.
- Tour of the Egyptian Heritage Center and Museum.
- Buffet Lunch.
- Old Cairo Churches. Abu Serge & Holy Family home.
- *Nile Cruise w Dinner. (Optional - private floor without voluptuous folk dance).*



Sunrise over Mount Sinai, Sinai, Egypt



Fascinating detail of the interior of the ancient Coptic Church, Cairo, Egypt



Sphinx and Pyramids at the Giza plateau. Cairo, Egypt



Sarcophagus in the Egyptian National Heritage Center, Cairo, Egypt



Nile Cruise, Cairo, Egypt

Day 12 — Deaparture

Meals Included: Breakfast

- Transfer to Cairo International Airport.



Panorama of Cairo and Nile at sunrise, Egypt



Obelisk of Ramses II at Cairo International Airport, Egypt



Panorama of Cairo cityscape taken during the sunset from the famous Cairo tower, Cairo, Egypt

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High Value Tours

High value tours included in this program



Magdala

"As archaeologists continued to dig, they discovered an entire first century Jewish town lying just below the surface. With only 10% of the archaeology uncovered, the hometown of Mary Magdalene already provides pilgrims an authentic location to walk where Jesus taught and to connect with the first century life of Jesus' followers. Magdala is a unique Holy Land site with a first century city where the Jewish residents gathered in a synagogue where Jesus visited and taught."

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Petra

The ancient city of Petra is one of Jordan’s national treasures and by far its best known tourist attraction. Petra is the legacy of the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled in southern Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. Admired then for its refined culture, massive architecture and ingenious complex of dams and water channels, Petra is a UNESCO World Heritages Site and one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Inhabited by the Nabateans, Edomites and Romans, Petra brought together the knowledge and skill of these civilizations to create this world wonder. Caravans laden with incense, silks, spices and other exotic goods would rest at Petra.

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Nazareth Village

"Set on the outskirts of old Nazareth, the Nazareth Village is built on ancient agricultural land that boasts the area’s last remaining first-century wine press. The original farm has been restored with its ancient wine press, terraces, irrigation system and stone quarry, and exact replicas of first-century houses, a synagogue, a watchtower, mikveh and olive presses have been carefully constructed using the original building methods and materials."

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Mt Temptation by Cable Car

"Welcome to the Jericho Cable Car, an extraordinary attraction that promises an unforgettable experience! Soar above the ancient Jericho to the Mount of Temptation and take in breathtaking views of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Our car system ensures a safe and comfortable ride for visitors of all ages. Enjoy the cultural and historical significance of the region, with easy access to the Monastery of Temptation and the interesting Temptation Caves. Whether you seek adventure, spirituality, or simply wish to marvel at nature's beauty, the Jericho Cable Car is your gateway to an extraordinary journey."

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Know more about the tour

What are the travel requirements ?

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the start date of the tour.
- Entry permit as required for various Nationalities. Please refer Jordan's visa policy; Israel's visa policy; Egypt's visa policy.
- Health insurance valid for the duration of the journey, preferably "cash free" policies.

Who can travel?

- Adult passengers from most countries.
- Minors must be accompanied by an immediate relative/guardian.

Is it safe to travel to Israel?

- Israel is safer than most places in the world.
- Stop watching the TV.

Are credit cards accepted in Israel?

- Yes, most credit cards are accepted in Jordan, Israel & Egypt.
- Please check with your service provider too.

Can an insurance policy be purchased in Israel , Jordan & Egypt?

- Yes, it could be done separately for each country; please write to us to know more.
- It will be cheaper and easier to purchase it from your country as a single policy.

Are foreign insurance policies accepted in Israel, Jordan & Egypt?

- Yes, they are, and it is preferred, because your insurance company is liable to the laws of your country, while local insurers are not.

Can cash be carried?

- Israel:
- Cash could be carried, limited to NIS 12,000 which is about $3250 at an exchange rate of US$ 1= NIS 3.6.
- *Passengers carrying currencies whose total value exceeds the above amount are required by Israeli law to make a declaration with the customs at the port of entry.*
- Jordan:
- Cash could be carried, limited to JOD 10,000 which is about $14,000 at an exchange rate of US$ 1= JOD 0.7
- *Passengers carrying currencies whose total value exceeds the above amount are required by Jordanian law to make a declaration with the customs at the port of entry.*
- Egypt:
- Cash could be carried, limited to US$ 10,000.
- *Passengers carrying currencies whose total value exceeds the above amount are required by Egyptian law to make a declaration with the customs at the port of entry.*

How much does this package cost?

- The cost of a tour package is a function of various parameters; viz, class of accommodation, period of travel, meal plan etc.
- Please make a booking and we will send a price offer for your consideration.

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