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## 11 Nights ~ 12 Days: Jordan(3N), Israel(5N), Egypt(3N) [ZION AUS] [C/O]

12 Days - premium holy land package - Jordan, Israel & Egypt

PRICING

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TOTAL TOUR DAYS

12

ARRIVAL PORT

Amman

DEPARTURE PORT

Cairo

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

### Tour Overview

## 11 Nights & 12 Days from Amman to Cairo

Pilgrimage | Church Groups

- A 12 days premium holy land program covering Jordan, Israel and Egypt.
- Accommodation plan: 3N Amman, 2N Galilee, 3N Bethlehem, 1N Sinai & 2N Cairo.
- The program covers all of the holy land circuit in Jordan, Israel & Egypt.
- The Jordan leg of the tour is based in Amman. [3nights]
- In Jordan the tour will visit Mt Nebo, Mukawir, Madaba & Petra.
- The tour then cross over to the Galilee in Israel via the Jordan river border crossing.
- In the Galilee area, the tour covers Galilee churches, Nazareth, Cana, Tabor & Mt Carmel-Haifa. [2 nights]
- The tour then moves to Bethlehem from where sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho and Dead Sea are visited. [3 nights]
- Entering Egypt via the Taba border in Sinai, the group moves to Cairo via St Catherine, to visit Giza Plateau and Old Cairo. [3 nights]
- Daily mass at significant shrines for Catholic parish groups.

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## Premium pilgrimage - Jordan, Israel & Egypt

Day wise program structure. Transfer times less than 20 minutes are not mentioned.

### Day 01 — Arrival in Amman

Accommodation: Amman

Meals Included: Lunch & Dinner

- Late forenoon/mid day arrival to Amman.
- Transfer to Amman. (1 hour)
- Lunch. [Open buffet]
- Transfer to hotel in Amman.



Arrival hall at Queen Aliya international Airport, Amman, Jordan



Amman city center and Jordanian flag in the middle, Jordan



Panoramic view of Amman city at sunset. Amman, Jordan



Night lights of Amman, Jordan



Full moon rise over Amman city, Amman, Jordan

### Day 02 — Mt Nebo, Mukawir & Madaba

Accommodation: Amman

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Mt Nebo. (45 minutes)
- Tour of the memorial of Moses.

- Transfer to Madaba. (45 minutes)
- Visit the St George Church at Madaba to view the ancient mosaic of the map of Jerusalem.
- Lunch. [South Asian Buffet]
- Transfer to Mukawir. (1 hour)
- Transfer to hotel in Amman. (1 hour, 45 minutes)
- Mass location(c): Mt Nebo



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



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



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



*Interior of the Church of Saint George, Madaba, Jordan*



*Panoramic view of hill and the fort of Machaerus, widely believed to be the site of the beheading of John the baptist. Mukawir, Jordan*

## Day 03 — Petra day tour

Accommodation: Amman

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- 07.00 AM - Transfer to Petra. (3 hours)
- Tour of Petra.
- Lunch. [Traditional open buffet]
- 16.00 - Transfer to hotel in Amman. (3 hours)



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



*A recent image of the Treasury at  
Petra, Jordan*



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



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



*The Kings highway en route Petra,  
Jordan*

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## **Day 04 — Entry to Israel, Nazareth & Cana**

Accommodation: Galilee

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- 07.00 AM - Transfer to Jordan river border crossing.[Sheikh Hussein Bridge].(2 hours)
- 10.30 Enter Israel from Jordan through the Jordan river border crossing (Sheikh Hussein Bridge).
- Transfer to Nazareth. (1 hour)
- Nazareth - Church of the Annunciation & Josef's workshop.
- Visit Mary's Well
- Lunch. [Continental+Mediterranean Buffet]
- Transfer to Cana. (30 minutes)
- Cana - Church of the wedding miracle.
- Mass location(c): Cana [Renewal of wedding vows]



*Grotto of Annunciation interior of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee, Israel - 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*



*City of Nazareth, Galilee, Israel*



*Interior of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee, Israel*

## Day 05 — Galilee churches, St. Peter's fish lunch, Boat Ride & Mt Tabor

Accommodation: Galilee

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Mt Beatitudes - site of Jesus's sermon on the mount.
- Visit Kfar Nahum or Capernaum, the city of Jesus and the site of Jesus's ministry.
- Tabga - site of the multiplication miracle.
- Peter's House & Mensa Christy.
- Boat Ride in the Sea of Galilee on a replica of ancient Galilean boats.
- Lunch. [St Peter's Fish lunch]
- Yardenit - Baptism site at Jordan river.
- Transfer to Mt Tabor base station. (30 minutes)
- Drive up the Tabor hill in a mini van to visit the Basilica of Transfiguration.
- Transfer to hotel in Bethlehem. (2 hours, 30 minutes)
- Mass location(c): Mt Beatitudes



*White Synagogue Capernaum  
northern shores of the Sea of the  
Galilee, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*



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



*Mensa Christi stone at the church of  
Pirmacy of Peter on the northern  
shores of the Sea of the Galilee, Israel*



*Boat ride on a replica of an ancient  
Galilean wooden boat, Sea of the  
Galilee, Israel*



*Winding snake road to ascend Mount  
Tabor, Galilee, Israel*

## Day 06 — Haifa, Mt Carmel & Bethlehem

Accommodation: Bethlehem

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Haifa. (1 hour)
- Mt Carmel. Visit Elijah's Cave at the Stella Marris chapel.
- View of Bahai Gardens and Temple.
- Transfer to Bethlehem. (1 hour 45 minutes)
- Lunch. [Traditional Palestinian / Open buffet]
- Shepherd's Field.
- Shopping for Religious Articles.
- Nativity Church & the grotto of Nativity.
- Mass location(c): Mt Carmel - Haifa



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



*Stella Maris convent & chapel at Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel*



*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*



*Interior of the Basilica of Nativity, Bethlehem, West Bank*

## Day 07 — Mt Olives, Mt Zion, Old City & Western Wall

Accommodation: Bethlehem

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Jerusalem. (1 hour, requires check point crossing)
- Tour of Mt Olives. View the iconic Dome of the Rock from Mt Olives.
- Short visit to the chapel of Ascension.
- 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. David's Tomb & Upper room.
- Walk to St. Peter in Gallicantu.
- Lunch. [Open buffet]
- Walking tour of the Old city of Jerusalem.
- Via Dolorosa starting at the Bethesda Pools - St Anne's, Chapel of Flagellation. Chapel of Condemnation, to Calvary at the Holy Sepulcher Church complex.
- Wailing Wall & Dome of the Rock.
- Transfer to hotel in Bethlehem. (30 minutes)
- Mass location(c): Mt Olives.



*Our Lord's prayer in various languages on the walls of the church of Pater Noster, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Israel*



*Way of the cross, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel*



*Dome over the tomb of Jesus, interior of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel*



*Panoramic view of Western Wall with cupolas of Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque. Jerusalem, Israel*



*Room of the Last Supper, Cenaculum, Mt Zion, Jerusalem*

## Day 08 — Ein Karem, Bethany, Jericho & Dead Sea

Accommodation: Bthlehem

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Ein Karem. (45 minutes, requires check point crossing)
- Visit the Church of John the Baptist.
- Basilica of Visitations where 'The Magnificat' is embedded in the walls in numerous languages.
- Transfer to Eizariya(Bethany) (40 minutes)[*Depending on the existing security situation*]
- Visit the Tomb of Lazarus and the house of Mary, Martha & Lazarus.
- Transfer to Jericho. (35 minutes)
- Visit Sycamore Tree & Zachaeus' house.
- Lunch. [Open buffet]
- Transfer to Dead Sea.
- Dead Sea, soak in the mineral rich waters and experience the Dead sea float.
- Transfer to hotel in Bethlehem. (1 hour 15 minutes, requires check point crossing)
- Mass location(c): Ein Karem - Basilica of Visitations.



*Interior of Basilica of Visitations, Ein Karem, Israel*



*The wall embedded with the Magnificat in various languages at the Basilica of Visitations, Ein Karem, Israel*



*Ein Karem, Birth place of John the Baptist, Ein Karem, Israel*



*Girl relaxing in the water of Dead Sea*



*Mount Temptation, view from Jericho city, Jericho, West Bank*

## Day 09 — Taba transfer, Red sea

Accommodation: Taba

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Taba border with Egypt. (4 hours 30 minutes)
- Enter Egypt.
- Transfer to hotel in Taba. (30 minutes)
- Lunch. [Traditional buffet]
- Free time at Red Sea.



*Dead Sea, Salt valley, Israel*



*Wind surfing at Dahab beach, Dahab, Sinai, Egypt*



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



*Road 90 along the Jordan - Arava valleys runs the entire length of Israel from north to south along the border with Jordan and connects Galilee with the Red Sea*

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## **Day 10 — Sinai, St Catherine, Transfer to Cairo**

Accommodation: Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to St Catherine *[Sundays closed]*. (2 hours)
- Visit St Catherine monastery & the "burning bush". View of Mt Sinai.
- Early lunch.
- Transfer to hotel in Cairo (5 hours 30 minutes).



*Sunrise over Mount Sinai, Sinai, Egypt*



*Saint Catherine monastery at the foothill of Mount Sinai, St Catherine, Sinai, Egypt*



*The Suez canal, Egypt*



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



*Mountain road in Sinai, Egypt*

## Day 11 — Giza plateau, Old Cairo, Egyptian Heritage Center & Nile cruise

Accommodation: Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Fore noon tour of the Giza plateau visiting the Pyramids & the Sphinx.
- Brief visit to "Abu Serge" Holy family home in Old Cairo.
- Lunch. (Traditional)
- Afternoon tour of Egyptian Heritage Center & Museum.
- Evening Nile Cruise with dinner.



*Great Sphinx of ancient Egypt, Giza Plateau, Cairo, Egypt*



*Sarcophagus in the Egyptian National Heritage Center, Cairo, Egypt*



*Nile Cruise, Cairo, Egypt*



*Panorama of Cairo and Nile at sunrise, Egypt*



*Cave where Holy Family stayed for three months after fleeing to Egypt (Cavern Church or Abu Serge Church), Cairo, Egypt*

## Day 12 — Departure from Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast

- Transfer to Cairo International Airport.



*Obelisk of Ramses II at Cairo International Airport, Egypt*



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

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### 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 [Egypt's visa policy](#); [Israel's visa policy](#); [Jordan'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?**

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

**Are credit cards accepted in Jordan, Israel & Egypt?**

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

**Can an insurance policy be purchased in Jordan, Israel and 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.
- Always choose "cash free" policies.

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

- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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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