

Scopus Travel • Itinerary

10 Nights ~ 11 Days: Jordan(2N), Israel(5N), Egypt(3N) [Zion] [A/C/O/P]

An exclusive pilgrimage traversing the Holyland.

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
—	11	Amman	Cairo

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

Tour Overview

A classic journey across the holyland

Pilgrimage | Anglican/Catholic/Orthodox/Protestant

- A best selling Christian pilgrimage!
- This tour is comprehensive, yet compact. [10 nights in total]
- Accommodation plan: 2N 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. [2nights]
- In Jordan the tour will visit Mt Nebo, Mukawir & Madaba.
- 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 gorp moves to Cairo via St Catherine, to visit Giza Plateau and Old Cairo. [3 nights]
- Daily mass at specific shrines for Catholic parishes and at St Marks' convent for Orthodox groups.

Premium pilgrimage

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

Day 01 — Arrival Amman

Accommodation: Amman | Meals Included: Lunch & Dinner

- Late forenoon/mid day arrival to Amman.
- Transfer to Amman. (1 hour, 15 minutes)
- Lunch. [Open buffet]
- Transfer to hotel in Amman.



Night lights of Amman, Jordan



Amman city center and Jordanian flag in the middle, Jordan



Panoramic view of Amman city at sunset. 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 Mukawir. (1 hour)
- Visit the fort of Machaerus at Mukawir, the site of the beheading of John the Baptist.
- Transfer to Madaba. (45 minutes)
- Lunch. [South Asian Buffet]
- Visit the St George Church at Madaba to view the ancient mosaic of the map of Jerusalem.
- Transfer to hotel in Amman. (1 hour, 15 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



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



Full moon rise over Amman city, Amman, Jordan

Day 03 — Entry to Israel, Nazareth & Cana

Accommodation: Tiberias | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

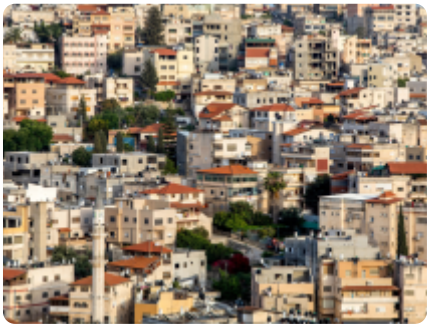
- 07.00 AM - Transfer to Jordan river border crossing.[Sheikh Hussein Bridge].(2 hours)
- 10.30 Enter Israel from Jordan through the Jordan river border crossing (Sheikh Hussein Bridge).
- Transfer to Nazareth. (1 hour)
- Nazareth - Church of the Annunciation & Josef's workshop.
- Visit Mary's Well
-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



Church of the wedding miracle at Cana, Galilee, Israel



Biblical village Cana of Galilee (Kafr Kanna) in morning fog, Nazareth in Israel



City of Nazareth, Galilee, Israel



Grotto of Annunciation interior of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Interior of the Upper Basilica in the Annunciation church complex, Nazareth, Israel

Day 04 — Galilee churches, Stpeters fish lunch, Boat Ride & Mt Tabor

Accommodation: Tiberias | 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.
- Mass location(c): Mt Beatitudes



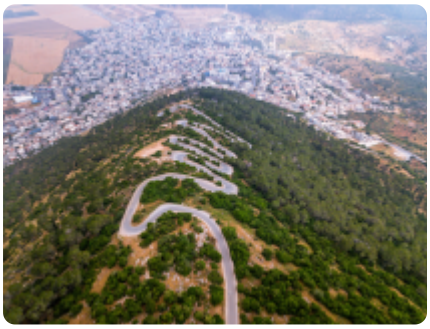
Church at Mount Beatitudes, site of the 'sermon on the mount', Galilee, Israel



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



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



Winding snake road to ascend Mount Tabor, Galilee, Israel



"Yardenit", the baptism site in the Jordan river near the Sea of the Galilee, Israel

Day 05 — 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



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



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



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

Day 06 — 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 / Communion at Garden Tomb / Mass at St Mark's Convent.



Anointing stone, church of the Holy Sepulchre, Old city of Jerusalem Israel



Mount of Olives facade with Gethsemane Basilica, view from Kidron valley, Jerusalem, Israel



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



Calvary, church of the Holy Sepulchre, Old city of Jerusalem Israel - Fr Biju Michael SDB

Day 07 — Ein Karem, Bethany, Jericho & Dead Sea

Accommodation: Bethlehem | 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)
- 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



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



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



Water from the Spring of Elisha, Jericho, West Bank



Salt deposits, Dead Sea Israel

Day 08 — 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



The Sinai Peninsula, Asia



A single umbrella thorn acacia in the Eilat mountains of Israel with a red rocky mountain slope in the background. Eilat, Israel



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

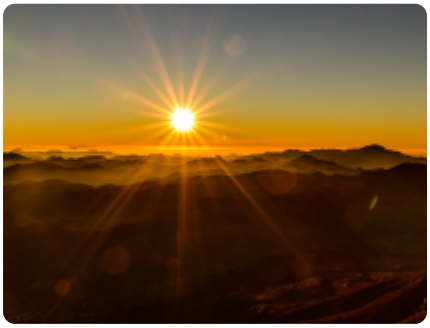


Wind surfing at Dahab beach, Dahab, Sinai, Egypt

Day 09 — 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 Cairo (5 hours 30 minutes)
- Transfer to Hotel.



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



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

Day 10 — Giza Plateau, Old Cairo, Egyptian Museum & Nile Cruise

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

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



Pyramids at the Giza Plateau, Cairo, Egypt



Sphinx and Pyramids at the Giza plateau. Cairo, Egypt



Sarcophagus in the Egyptian National Heritage Center, Cairo, Egypt



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



Nile Cruise, Cairo, Egypt

Day 11 — Departure

Meals Included: Breakfast

- Relaxed forenoon.
- Transfer to Airport



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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, all credit cards are accepted in Israel.
- 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.

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

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

Can cash be carried?

- Jordan:
- Cash could be carried, but 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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