

The Historic Journey Israel, Jordan & Egypt

Thursday Departures
15 Days • 13 Nights

Nile Cruise Option Available
18 Days • 16 Nights

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Hotels
- Breakfast Daily, 6 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- Professional English Speaking Guide throughout*
- All Transfers, Sightseeing and Flights within Egypt per Itinerary (*Flight from Amman to Cairo NOT included and must be added*)
- VIP assistance and Exclusive Isram Crossing at Allenby Bridge
- Entry Permit for Jordan (U.S. & Canadian Passports) (*Visa for Egypt to be obtained locally at Cairo airport*)

Deluxe Hotels

City	Nights	Hotel
Israel:		
Tel Aviv	2	Carlton - (Premium Sea View Room/ Executive Lounge Access)
Haifa	2	Dan Carmel - (Deluxe Bay View Room)
Jerusalem	3	Inbal - (Superior, Old City View Room)
Jordan:		
Petra	1	Movenpick
Amman	1	Grand Hyatt (Deluxe Room) Plus Day Room
Egypt:		
Cairo:	4	Fairmont Nile City (Nile View)

(Other Hotels in Israel may be utilized.
Please inquire)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner



Horse carriage in Petra

ITINERARY

Thursday: En Route

Depart the U.S.A. on your flight to Israel.

Friday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel in trendy Tel Aviv's Mediterranean beach. Balance of the afternoon at leisure in the "city that never sleeps". Tonight, **Get Together Dinner.** (D)

Saturday: Tel Aviv

Morning walking tour includes **Ben Gurion House**, former home of Israel's first Prime Minister; see his personal belongings and expansive library. Remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this seaside city. Or take the optional full-day tour of **Masada and the Dead Sea** (\$136). (B)

Sunday: Tel Aviv/Haifa

Depart Tel Aviv. Drive to the extraordinary **Israeli Museum** at the **Yitzhak Rabin Center** chronicling the life of the late Prime Minister and the development of the State of Israel. Continue to ancient **Caesarea**; explore the Roman and Crusader ruins including the impressive 2,000-year-old theater and aqueduct. Arrive in **Nazareth**, the sacred town where Jesus spent part of his youth; visit the Church and view **Mary's Well**. On to the sparkling port city of **Haifa**; check into your hotel atop Mt. Carmel. Evening: Enjoy **Dinner** and a special cultural presentation (*subject to minimum 10 tour participants*). (B,D)

Monday: Haifa

View the golden-domed **Baha'i Shrine** and their breathtaking "hanging gardens," – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Drive along the coast to **Rosh Hanikra**; descend by cable car to see the magnificent underwater grottoes.

Continue through the picturesque seaside town of **Nahariya** to the timeless Crusader city of **Acre**; walk through the subterranean city and bazaars that recall the colorful middle Ages. Then, to **Safed**, one of Judaism's holiest cities, where the **Kabbalah** was developed in the 16th-century; visit the ancient synagogues and the charming **Artists' Quarter**. Return to your hotel for **Dinner**. The balance of the evening is at leisure to enjoy a stroll under the Carmel skies and the glow of this beautiful port city. (B,D)

Tuesday: Haifa/Jerusalem

We'll depart Haifa driving first to **Capernaum** to see the fantastic ruins of the ancient synagogue dating back to the 5th-century. Ascend the strategic **Golan Heights** and learn about the 20th century battles that protected Israel's future. On to **Katzrin**, capital of the Golan and to the **Monument of the 7th Brigade**. It is here, in the magnificent strip of the Golan that has become known for producing the finest wines in the world, that we will enjoy a tour of the wine making process as well as **sample some of the Golan's tastiest wines**. Continue for a visit to a former Syrian army bunker at **Kibbutz Kfar Charuv**, settled by Americans and Israelis together; view of the fertile valleys below as you tour the kibbutz and enjoy **lunch** in the communal dining room. Visit the remains of an 8th century Roman city at **Bet Shean** (not during winter due to early closure). Then drive south and rise through the mountains to "golden" Jerusalem stopping first for a blessing and a toast to our arrival in the eternal city. Overnight in Israel's capital. (B,L)

Wednesday: Jerusalem

Drive to **Hadassah Medical Center** to see the sublime **Chagall Windows**. On to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's national Memorial and Museum of the

Holocaust, with its Children's Pavilion and Avenue of the Righteous. Then, to Mount Herzl to pay respects to Israel's founders and heroes. Pass the post-modern Supreme Court and the Knesset (Parliament) en route to the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Time to walk through the New Israel Museum and the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden; see the Scale Model of ancient Jerusalem. Evening: Night Tour of illuminated Jerusalem followed by a Restaurant Dinner and the "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show at the Citadel Museum (weather and schedule permitting). (B.D)

Thursday: Jerusalem

Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the traditional Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Enter the Old City to the restored Jewish Quarter; walk along the Cardo, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Walk to the Western Wall, last remnant of the Second Temple. View the Dome of the Rock. Proceed through the extraordinary Hasmonean Tunnel (*tunnel schedule permitting*) or tour the Herodian Mansions, a completely excavated residential quarter from 2000 years ago. Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; stroll through the exotic bazaars with their wondrous aromas. End today with a visit to the fabulous Friends of Zion Heritage Center celebrating the Christian heroes who have contributed to the Jewish people and the State of Israel. These heroes come alive through, cutting edge, high tech imaging, audio-visual presentations, holograms and much more. Or, an *optional* visit to Bethlehem may be arranged. A free night tonight. The shops are open late as it's the start of the Israeli weekend. Enjoy the many eateries along the outdoor Mamilla Mall, Ben Yehuda Street, or the "Tachana" on your final evening in Israel. (B)

Friday: Jerusalem/Petra

Morning transfer from Jerusalem to the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge. You'll be personally met by our representative at the Allenby Bridge terminal for special VIP assistance and exclusive Isram Israel transfer across the bridge. Enter the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and meet your driver/escort. Then, on to Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land; enjoy the breathtaking view of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Continue to Madaba; see the oldest surviving mosaic map of the Holyland. Lunch en route. Continue to Petra, built by the Nabateans over 2000 years ago. Dinner and overnight in Petra. (B.L.D.)

Saturday: Petra/Amman

A most unforgettable day in Petra! Your *local guide* will take you on a tour into the "rose-red" city (by horseback and foot), which begins at the "Siq," a winding canyon road. At the end of the passage you'll see Petra's most beautiful monument—the Treasury—carved out of the solid rock from the side of the mountain. Beyond the Treasury, you'll discover soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a theatre, burial chambers



The Siq at Petra

and water channels. After lunch, continue to Amman, the modern and ancient capital of Jordan; check into your deluxe hotel for overnight. (B.L)

Sunday: Amman/Cairo

Morning drive to Jerash, one of the world's best preserved Greco-Roman cities. Your *local guide* will escort you on a tour of the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, the Roman Forum, Hadrian's Arch, the massive Theatre and the mile long Street of Columns. After lunch, time permitting, continue to Ajloun for a visit to Saladin's magnificent mountain-top castle. Return to your hotel in Amman before your transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo; transfer to your hotel for overnight. (B.L)

Monday: Cairo (See also Nile Cruise option - page 66)

The day begins with a visit to the world-famous Egyptian Museum with its 100,000 objects covering 5000 years of ancient Egyptian civilization; view Tutankhamun's

treasures and the fascinating Mummy Room. Drive to Giza; enjoy lunch at Le Meridian. Then, on to the Three Great Pyramids, the only surviving structures of the "7 Wonders of the Ancient World"; enter one of the Pyramids. Visit the astonishing Solar Boat Museum, housing the oldest known ship in the world, uncovered after being buried for over 4500 years. Stand in awe at the magnificent Sphinx carved out of a single piece of stone, guarding the Giza plateau. Try a camel ride before continuing to the unique Karnak Bazaar. Overnight in Cairo (B.L)

Tuesday: Cairo/Luxor/Cairo

Early morning flight to Luxor. Drive past the famed Colossi of Memnon to the beautifully terraced Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Then to the imposing Valley of the Kings containing the secretive tombs of New Kingdom Pharaohs. Enter the Tomb of Tutankhamun. After lunch, tour the vast Karnak Temple-Complex, built by generations of Pharaohs over a 2000 year period. Continue to the Avenue of the Sphinx and the exquisite Temple of Luxor with its grand colonnades. Return flight to Cairo for overnight. (B.L)

Wednesday: Cairo

Morning drive to Old Cairo to visit the beautiful Coptic Church of St. Sergius where Jesus and the Holy Family stayed after fleeing Jerusalem. Continue to the restored, 10th century A.D. Ben Ezra Synagogue (subject to opening schedule and permission), the oldest in Egypt. Proceed to the Mosque of Mohammed Ali at the Citadel of Saladin. Drive to the bustling Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, where shopping is an exotic experience. Remainder of the day at leisure. Evening: Farewell Dinner overlooking the Nile River. (B.D)

Thursday: En Route

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)



Entrance of the Temple of Luxor

Historic Journey with Nile Cruise Option:

18 Days • 16 Nights
Featuring: 4 Nights Sonesta Nile Cruise

Program follows touring itinerary, pages 64-65, from (Thursday) through Sunday (arrival Cairo).

BALANCE OF ITINERARY:

Monday: Cairo/Luxor NILE CRUISE

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your early morning flight to Luxor. Arrive and transfer to your Nile Cruise for a 5 Day/4 Night Cruise aboard the Sonesta St. George. After lunch, visit the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the imposing Temple of Luxor with its grand colonnades, standing alone in the heart of town. Continue to the vast Karnak Temple-Complex, built by generations of Pharaohs over a 2000-year period. Overnight in Luxor. (B.L.D)

Tuesday: Luxor/Esna NILE CRUISE

After breakfast, visit the Valley of the Kings containing the secretive tombs of New Kingdom Pharaohs. Visit the beautifully terraced Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari. Pass the famed Colossi of Memnon, standing nearly 70 feet tall. The ship then sails to Esna. After lunch on board, the afternoon is at leisure. Overnight in Esna. (B.L.D)

Wednesday: Edfu/Kom Ombo NILE CRUISE

Early morning sailing to Edfu. Visit the Temple of Horus, the best preserved of all large Egyptian Temples, built over 180 year period. In the afternoon arrive in Kom Ombo, a hill town overlooking the banks of the Nile. Visit the Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus, the Sun God and Sobek, the Crocodile God. Overnight Kom Ombo. (B.L.D)

Thursday: Aswan NILE CRUISE

Morning sailing to Aswan. Visit the Aswan High Dam and the granite quarries where the stone for the ancient monuments and modern dam of Aswan were cut. Continue by motorboat to the beautiful island of Philae to see the exquisite, gleaming white Temple of Isis. After lunch, sail on a typical Egyptian 'felucca' (sailboat) which glides along the Nile, passing by Lord Kitchener's Island and the dramatic white marble Aga Khan Mausoleum. Overnight in Aswan. (B.L.D)

Friday: Aswan-Cairo

After disembarkation, return flight to Cairo. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. OR, an optional tour to Abu Simbel* may be arranged. (B)

* Morning Disembarkation and transfer to the airport for your flight to the mighty Sun Temple of Abu Simbel, flanked by four giant stone statues of Ramses II. The temple was reclaimed from the dam and reconstructed in its present and unforgettable location.

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. Optional tour to Abu Simbel escorted by *IsraMsrIsrael Guide*: \$475 per person, minimum 2 passengers (\$575 Single traveling alone). Please reserve at time of booking.

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Sunday: En Route

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your departure flight.

The cruise line reserves the right to alter the sailing schedule.



Ruins of Jerash

HISTORIC JOURNEY – LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD)

(Flight Amman/Cairo is NOT Included)
 May '18 – May '19

2018 Departure Dates	15 Days/13 Nights		18 Days/16 Nights (With Nile Cruise)	
	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 10, 17*, 24, 31, Jun 7	\$5920	\$8045	\$6570	\$9005
Jun 14, 21	5945	8095	6600	9055
Jun 28, Jul 5	5810	7815	6460	8775
Jul 19, Aug 2, 16	5875	7955	6530	8915
Aug 30	5755	7710	6410	8670
Sep 27*	6115	8425	7320	10245
Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8	6035	8265	7240	10085
Nov 15	5890	7970	7095	9795
Dec 13	5920	8025	7670	10715
Dec 20	6190	8560	7940	11250
Dec 27	5945	8075	7165	9925
2019 Departure Dates				
Jan 17, Feb 14	5770	7730	6990	9575
Mar 7, 21, 28	5930	8045	7150	9895
Apr 4	6050	8275	7800	10965
Apr 25*	6150	8495	7370	10345
May 2*	5980	8135	7195	9985

*Revised touring in Israel due to holidays.

NOTE: Land prices do not include flight from Amman to Cairo.

Jordan entry permit included provided tour is booked minimum 3 weeks in advance (U.S. Passports & Canadian Passports). If your reservation is placed less than 2 weeks prior, you will be responsible to obtain your own visa from the Jordanian Embassy prior to your departure from the USA. Border crossing fees (approximately \$50 per person) are NOT INCLUDED and must be paid locally.

Visa for Egypt is required and can be individually obtained upon arrival at Cairo Airport at a cost of \$25 per person (US and Canadian Passports). Other nationalities please check with the respective consulates.

Tour is guaranteed on minimum 4 passengers throughout utilizing *IsraMsr Israel Select Guides*. Should the tour fall below 4 passengers, you will be offered the option of touring by *Share-a-Car in Israel* at a supplement of \$495 per person (3 person minimum required to operate throughout the tour). In such cases, Jordan program utilizes driver & local guides in Petra/Jerash; local guide will be utilized for the Nile Cruise option.