

The Historic Journey Israel – Jordan – Egypt

PLUS! Optional Extension: 5 Day Deluxe Nile Cruise

15 Days – 13 Nights
18 Days – 16 Nights
 (with Nile Cruise)
Thursday Departures
 Limited to 28 participants

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Hotels
- Meals: Buffet Breakfast Daily, 6 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- With Nile Cruise Extension: Buffet Breakfast Daily, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners, all Meals on Cruise
- All Transfers with Airport Assistance
- All Touring with Professional Isram Guide including Entrance Fees
- Flights within Egypt per Itinerary (*Flight from Amman to Cairo NOT included and must be added*)
- VIP Assistance for Crossing at the Allenby Bridge
- Entry Permit for Jordan & Visa for Egypt (USA & Canadian Passports)

Highlights:

- Visit the breathtaking "Hanging Gardens" in Haifa
- Descend to the Underwater Grottos at Rosh Hanikra
- Enjoy wine tasting at a local Winery
- Visit a former Syrian Army Bunker
- Sound & Light Show, Jerusalem
- Tour the Hasmonean Tunnel
- Horse ride in Petra
- Visit the Ruins of Jerash
- Entrance to one of the Great Pyramids
- Camel Ride by the Pyramids
- Visit the NEW Grand Egyptian Museum & enter the Mummy Room at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization

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



Western Wall, Jerusalem

ITINERARY

Thursday: En Route

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

Friday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel in trendy Tel Aviv's Mediterranean beach. Balance of the afternoon at leisure. Tonight, Get Together Dinner. (D)

Saturday: Tel Aviv

Morning walking tour through the city's well known streets including Dizengoff Square ending at Ben Gurion House, former residence of the First Prime Minister. See his personal belongings and expansive library. Remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this Mediterranean paradise. Or, take the *optional* full day tour of Masada and the Dead Sea (\$149 per person based on locally scheduled bus tour). (B)

Deluxe Hotels & Nile Cruise:

City/Cruise	Nights	Accommodations
Israel:		
Tel Aviv	2	Sheraton – <i>Deluxe Sea View Room</i>
Haifa	2	Dan Carmel Haifa – <i>Deluxe Bay View Room</i>
Jerusalem	3	Orient – <i>Orient Room/Executive Lounge Access</i>
Jordan:		
Petra	1	Movenpick – <i>Classic Room</i>
Amman	1	W Hotel – <i>Wonderful Room</i>
Egypt (without Nile cruise):		
Cairo	4	Fairmont Nile City – <i>Deluxe Full Nile View Room</i>
Egypt (with Nile Cruise)		
Cairo	1	InterContinental Citystars – <i>Classic Room</i>
Nile Cruise	4	Sonesta St. George – <i>Deluxe Cabin</i>
Cairo	2	Fairmont Nile City – <i>Deluxe Full Nile View Room</i>

Other hotel options are available in Israel; please inquire.

Sunday: Tel Aviv / Haifa

Depart Tel Aviv and drive to the extraordinary Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center. 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 participants). (B.D)

Monday: Haifa

View the golden-domed Baha'i Shrine and the 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. Time to enjoy some fine wines at a local winery. Then, 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. Return to your hotel for overnight. (B)

Tuesday: Haifa / Jerusalem

Depart Haifa en route to Safed, one of Judaism's holiest cities; visit the ancient synagogues and the charming Artists' Quarter. Then onto Capernaum, overlooking the Sea of Galilee, to see the fantastic ruins of the ancient synagogue dating back to the 5th-century. Ascend the strategic Golan Heights and learn about



Hanging Gardens at the Baha'i Shrine, Haifa

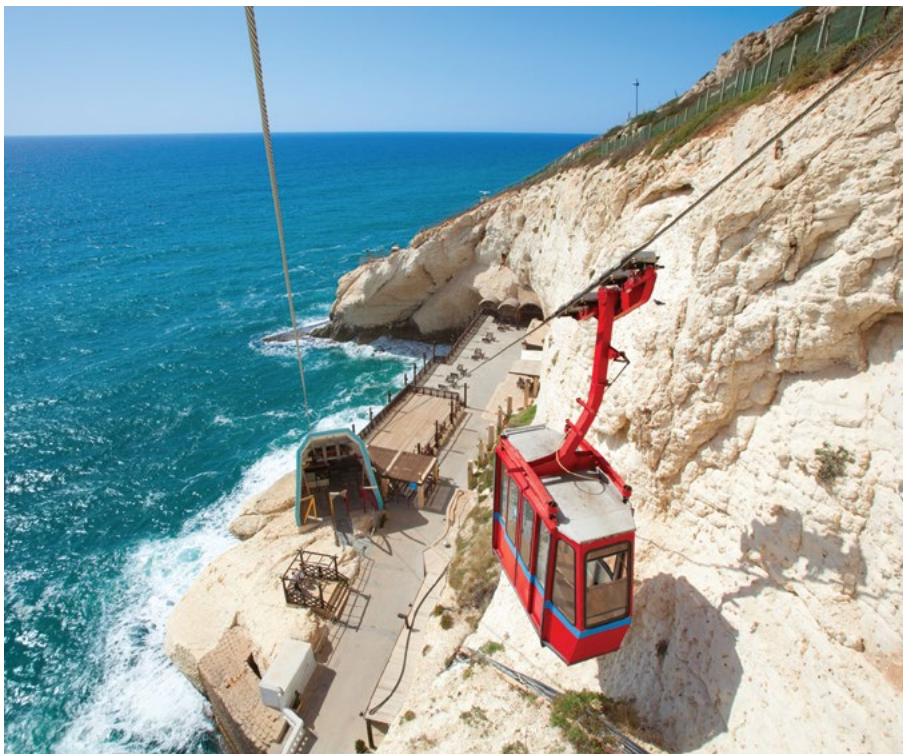
the 20th & 21st century battles that helped shape and change the State of Israel. Continue for a visit to a former Syrian army bunker at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv, settled by Americans and Israelis together. Enjoy a late lunch in the communal dining room. Then drive south to Jerusalem, stopping first for a blessing and a hope-filled toast to the future and 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, visit the Children's Pavilion and Avenue of the Righteous. Then, continue to Mount Herzl to pay respects to Israel's founders and heroes. Pass the Supreme Court and the Knesset (Parliament) en route to the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Walk through the 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 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 main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Continue to the Western Wall, the last remnant of the Second Temple and view the Dome of the Rock. Proceed through the 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. End today with a visit to the fabulous Friends of Zion Heritage Center before returning to your hotel; or, an optional visit to Bethlehem may be arranged. (B)



Cable car to Underwater Grottos at Rosh Hanikra

Friday: Jerusalem / Petra

Morning transfer from Jerusalem to the Allenby/ King Hussein Bridge. Our representative will meet you at the Terminal Building on the Israeli side of the Border, attend to all required procedures at this crossing and escort you to the awaiting vehicle to begin your tour of Jordan; an **Exclusive Isram Service** with no waiting for shuttle buses! Meet your Jordanian guide and begin your drive through the dramatic desert scenery of the Kings Highway. First stop is **Mt. Nebo**, highest point of the Moabite mountain range, offering a remarkable view of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Then proceed to **Madaba**, home to some of the finest Byzantine mosaics in the world. View the 6th century 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

Today, discover a most unforgettable day in the "hidden" city of **Petra**. Travel on horseback or on foot into the "rose-red" city to the awesome "**Siq**", a winding canyon road. Continue by foot to visit one of Petra's most impressive monuments, the **Treasury**, made famous in the movie "Indiana Jones", carved out of solid rock from the side of the mountain. Beyond the **Treasury**, you'll discover soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a theatre, burial chambers and water channels. After lunch, depart Petra and drive north to **Amman**, the modern and ancient capital of Jordan. Check into your hotel for overnight. (B.L)

*"Feluccas" in Aswan***Sunday: Amman / Cairo**

Morning drive to **Jerash**, known as the "Pompeii of the East", 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 mountaintop castle. In time, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo (**Note: Flight from Amman to Cairo NOT included and must be added as additional**). Arrive Cairo; transfer to your hotel for overnight. (B.L)

Monday: Cairo

(See also Nile Cruise option on next page) Begin the day with a visit to **Giza** to see the **Three Great Pyramids**, the oldest surviving structures built by man; enter

one of the **Pyramids**. 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 for lunch at a local restaurant. On to the new, spectacular, must-see **Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)**, (subject to museum opening), the largest archaeological museum in the world with objects covering 5000 years of ancient Egyptian civilization. GEM is host to over 100,000 artifacts, including King Tut's entire treasure collection. Return to Cairo for overnight. (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** at Deir el Bahari. Then explore the **Valley of the Kings** containing the secretive tombs of New Kingdom Pharaohs; enter the **Tomb of Tutankhamen**. After lunch, tour the **Karnak Temple-Complex**, built by generations of Pharaohs over a 2000-year period. Continue to the **Avenue of the Sphinxes** and the imposing **Temple of Luxor** with its grand colonnades. Return flight to Cairo and transfer to your hotel for overnight. (B.L)

Wednesday: Cairo

Morning drive to Old Cairo to see the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**. The Museum presents a richer and deeper insight into Egyptian culture through the ages; enter the fascinating **Mummy Room** housing all 22 Mummies. Continue to the beautiful **Coptic Church of St. Sergius** where legend says Jesus and the Holy family stayed after fleeing from Jerusalem. On to the 9th century **Ben Ezra Synagogue** (subject to permission), the oldest in Egypt. Proceed to the **Mosque of Mohammed Ali**, at the 12th century **Citadel of Saladin**. Drive to the bustling **Khan el-Khalili Bazaar** where shopping is an exotic experience. Afternoon is at leisure. Evening dinner on the Nile. Overnight in Cairo. (B.D)

Thursday: En Route

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your departure flight. (B)

*Petra*

The Historic Journey with Nile Cruise Extension

**FEATURING:
5 DAY DELUXE NILE CRUISE
18 DAYS – 16 NIGHTS**

Program follows same itinerary, pages 36-38, till Sunday (arrival Cairo).

BALANCE OF ITINERARY

Monday: Cairo / Luxor NILE CRUISE

Transfer to the airport for an early morning flight to Luxor. Arrive and transfer to your Nile Cruise for a 5 Day/4 Night Cruise. 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. Evening, enjoy on board entertainment featuring belly dancing. 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. On to the beautifully terraced Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari. Pass the famed Colossi of Memnon, standing nearly 70 feet tall. Sail to Esna. Balance of the afternoon at leisure. Join your Captain for a welcome cocktail before dinner. Overnight in Esna. (B.L.D)

Wednesday: Esna / Edfu / Kom Ombo NILE CRUISE

Early morning set sail 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 over-looking the banks of the Nile. Visit the Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus, the Sun God, and Sobek, the Crocodile God. This evening, a traditional fun-filled Galabeya party. Overnight in Kom Ombo. (B.L.D)

Thursday: Kom Ombo / Aswan NILE CRUISE

Morning set sail 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. View the gigantic, unfinished Obelisk of Queen Hatshepsut. Continue by motorboat to the beautiful island of Philae to see the exquisite, gleaming white Temple of Philae. After lunch, sail on a traditional Egyptian "felucca" (sailboat) which glides along the Nile, passing by Lord Kitchener's

Island and the dramatic white marble Aga Khan Mausoleum. Nubian Show this evening after dinner on board. Overnight in Aswan. (B.L.D)

Friday: Aswan / Cairo

After disembarkation, transfer for your return flight to Cairo. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. Or, join the optional tour to Abu Simbel*. Evening: *Optional Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids*; please reserve at time of booking. Overnight in Cairo. (B)

* Optional Tour to Abu Simbel: Fly from Aswan to the mighty Sun Temple of Abu Simbel where you will be met by your Isram guide. The Temple was reclaimed from the dam and reconstructed in its present and unforgettable location. Return flight to Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Please reserve at time of booking. \$495 per person

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Sunday: En Route

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your departure flight; or extend your journey to Dubai, please inquire. (B)

Please Note: The cruise line reserves the right to alter the sailing schedule.

THE HISTORIC JOURNEY - LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD)

(Flight Amman/Cairo is NOT Included; Intra-Egypt Domestic Flights Included)

Jan '25 – May '26

Thursday Departures	Twin	Single†	Twin	Single†
	15 Days/13 Nights (Without Nile Cruise)		18 Days/16 Nights (With Nile Cruise)	
2025 Departure Dates				
Jan 2, 16, Feb 13	\$8255	\$10725	\$10435	\$13695
Feb 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	8540	11275	10710	14225
Apr 24*, May 1, 8, 15, 22	8695	11585	10245	13570
Jun 5, 12, 19, Aug 28, Sep 4, 11	8575	11485	10110	13440
Jun 26, Jul 3, 10, 17, 24, Aug 7, 21	8510	11360	10050	13320
Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13	8675	11655	11285	15070
Nov 20	8540	11265	11155	14685
Dec 11	8360	10915	12035	16320
Dec 18^	8980	12200	12465	17240
Dec 25	8730	11715	11375	15195
2026 Departure Dates				
Jan 1, 15, Feb 12	8375	10945	11025	14430
Feb 26, Mar 5, 12	8720	11730	11335	15155
Mar 19	8720	11730	12440	17195
Apr 16*	9005	12270	10775	14505
Apr 23, 30, May 7, 21	8860	12015	10555	14220

^ Dec 18 Departure, 13 Nt program: Compulsory New Year's Dinner Dec 31 in Cairo, add \$210 per person. Prices Oct'25-May'26 are subject to change. * Revised touring in Israel due to holidays.

Tour guaranteed on minimum of 4 passengers. Should the tour fall below 4 passengers, you'll be offered the option of touring by Share-a-car in Israel at a supplement of \$495 per person (3 persons minimum).

Border Crossing Fee is not included and must be paid locally (approx. \$60 per person at printing).

† SINGLE TRAVELING ALONE, PLEASE INQUIRE as subject to confirmation of minimum participants required throughout this tour. Additional supplement applies.