

The Historic Journey Israel, Jordan & Egypt

An Isram Exclusive Tour
Limited to 28 Participants

Thursday Departures
15 Days • 13 Nights

Nile Cruise Option Available
18 Days • 16 Nights

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Hotels
- Breakfast Daily, 6 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- Professional English Speaking Guides throughout
- All Transfers, Sightseeing and Flights within Egypt per Itinerary
- VIP assistance and Exclusive Isram Crossing at Allenby Bridge (Israel to Jordan)
- Entry Permit for Jordan and Visa for Egypt (USA and Canadian passports)

Deluxe Hotels:

City	Nights	Hotel
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 Nile Cruise – <i>Deluxe Cabin</i>
Cairo	2	Fairmont Nile City – <i>Deluxe Full Nile View Room</i>

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

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



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 in the "city that never sleeps". 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, or, *optional full day tour of Masada and the Dead Sea (\$160 per person based on locally scheduled bus tour)*. (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 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. The balance of the evening is free to enjoy a stroll under the Carmel skies and the glow of this beautiful port city. (B)

Tuesday: Haifa/Jerusalem

We'll depart Haifa driving first 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. Then onto Capernaum, by 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 the 20th and 21st century battles that helped shape the state of Israel. 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 a late lunch in the communal dining room. 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 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. The cutting edge technology is amazing. 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". (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), from the main gate to the beginning of the "Siq". 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 and water channels. After lunch, continue to Amman, the modern and ancient capital of Jordan; check into your deluxe hotel for overnight. (B.L)



The Siq, Petra, Jordan

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 - page 57)

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



The Pyramids, Egypt

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. 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 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 at leisure. Evening, farewell dinner overlooking the Nile. (B.D)

Thursday: En Route

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

Historic Journey with Nile Cruise Option:

18 Days • 16 Nights
Featuring: 5 Day Deluxe Nile Cruise

Program follows touring itinerary, pages 55-56, 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. 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/Eсна 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 for overnight. (B.L.D)

Wednesday: Esna/Edfu/Kom Ombo NILE CRUISE

Early morning sail to Edfu. Visit the Temple of Horus, the best preserved of all large Egyptian Temples, built over 180-year period. Afternoon arrival 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. Galabeya party this evening. Overnight in Kom Ombo. (B.L.D)

Thursday: Kom Ombo/Aswan NILE CRUISE

Morning 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) gliding along the Nile, passing by Lord Kitchener's Island and the dramatic white marble Aga Khan Mausoleum. Nubian Show this evening. 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:
 \$495 per person.

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Sunday: En Route

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your departure flight. (B) The cruise line reserves the right to alter the sailing schedule.



Sonesta St. George Nile Cruise

THE HISTORIC JOURNEY - LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD)				
(Flight Amman/Cairo is NOT included – Includes Intra-Egypt Domestic Flights)				
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.