

An IsramIsrael 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, 6 Dinners
- Professional English Speaking Guide 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 Canada passports)

Deluxe Hotels:

City Nights Hotel Israel: Tel Aviv 2 Sheraton - Deluxe Sea View Room/Club Lounge Access Haifa 2 Dan Carmel Haifa -Deluxe Bay View Room Jerusalem 3 Orient - Orient Room/ **Executive Lounge Access** Jordan: Petra 1 Movenpick 1 W Hotel Amman Egypt (without cruise): Kempinski Nile Hotel -Cairo: 4 Deluxe Nile View Room Egypt (with cruise): Cairo: 1 InterContinental Citystars Nile Cruise 4 Sonesta St. George Cairo: 2 Kempinski Nile Hotel -

Deluxe Nile View Room (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; 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. Early afternoon *Optional* visit to Machon Ayalon, the fascinating underground Ammunitions Factory (must be pre-booked; \$110 per person including roundtrip transfers - minimum 2 persons required). Or, take the *Optional* full day tour of Masada and the Dead Sea (\$140 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 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 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

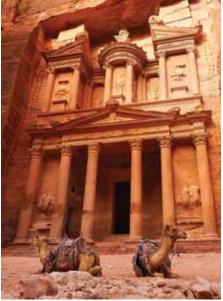
Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the traditional Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Enter the Old City to the restored Jewish Quarter; walk along the Cardo, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Walk to the Western Wall, last remnant of the Second Temple. View the Dome of the Rock. Proceed through the extraordinary Hasmonean Tunnel (tunnel schedule permitting) or tour the Herodian Mansions, a completely excavated residential guarter 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), 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



The Treasury, Petra, Jordan

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)

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 71)

Morning drive to Giza to see the **Three Great Pyramids**, the oldest surviving structures built by man; enter one of the Pyramids. Visit the astonishing Solar Boat Museum, housing the oldest known ship in the world 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 for refreshments and some fantastic buys. After lunch, visit to the world famous Egyptian Museum with objects covering 5000 years of ancient Egyptian civilization; see Tutankhamun's treasures and enter the fascinating Mummy Room. 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)



Pyramids & Sphinx in Giza, Egypt

Historic Journey with Nile Cruise Option:

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

Program follows touring itinerary, pages 69-70, 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 unch, 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 saling 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 IsramIsrael Guide: \$495 per person, minimum 2 passengers (\$655 Single traveling alone). Please reserve at time of booking.

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



"Feluccas" Sailing on the Nile

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD)

(Includes Intra-Egypt Domestic Flights. Does NOT include flight Amman/Cairo.) May'20 – May'21

Thursday Departures	15 Days/13 Nights (Without Nile Cruise)		18 Days/16 Nights (With Nile Cruise)	
2020 Departure Dates	Twin	Single [†]	Twin	Single [†]
May 14, 21	\$6420	\$8695	\$7230	\$9935
May 28^, Jun 4^, 11, 18, Sept 10*	6380	8620	7190	9860
Jul 2, 16, 30, Aug 20, 27, Sep 3	6325	8515	7150	9780
Oct 15	6455	8770	7695	10645
Oct 22, 29, Nov 5	6455	8770	7605	10490
Nov 12	6400	8665	7555	10385
Dec 3	6240	8345	7395	10065
Dec 17	6590	9040	8325	11705
Dec 24	6590	9040	7545	10455
Dec 31	6270	8405	7300	9960
2021 Departure Dates				
Jan 14	6270	8405	7300	9960
Feb 11	6330	8515	7360	10075
Mar 4, 11	6490	8840	7520	10400
Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6	6490	8840	7265	9995
May 13*, 20, 27	PRICES TO BE ADVISED			

^ May 28 & Jun 4 Departures with Nile Cruise option: Sonesta St. George Cruise is on Dry Dock. Cruise will be performed by Farah Nile Cruise.

* Revised touring in Israel due to holidays.

Tour is guaranteed on a minimum of 4 passengers throughout. 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). Please note: During certain Jordanian holidays (dates approximate due to Lunar calendar), some border crossings may close. In such cases, Jordan program will be revised utilizing a different border crossing.

Jordan entry permit is included (US Passports) providing tour is booked minimum 2 weeks prior to departure. If less than 2 weeks, you will be responsible to obtain your own visa from the Jordanian Embassy prior to your departure from the USA.

Border Crossing Fees are not included and must be paid locally (approximately \$50 per person at time of printing). [†] SINGLE TRAVELING ALONE, PLEASE INQUIRE as subject to confirmation of minimum participants required throughout this tour. Additional supplement applies.