

The Historic Journey Israel, Jordan & Egypt

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, 5 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 – <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 |
| Amman | 1 | W Hotel |

Egypt (without cruise):

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| Cairo: | 4 | Kempinski Nile Hotel – <i>Deluxe Nile View Room</i> |
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Egypt (with cruise):

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| Cairo: | 1 | InterContinental Citystars |
| Nile Cruise | 4 | Sonesta St. George |
| Cairo: | 2 | Kempinski Nile Hotel – <i>Deluxe Nile View Room</i> |

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

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



Jerusalem Neighborhood

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. Early afternoon *Optional* visit to **Machon Ayalon**, the fascinating underground Ammunitions Factory (*must be pre-booked; \$120 per person including roundtrip transfers - minimum 2 persons required*). Or, take the *Optional* full day tour of **Masada and the Dead Sea** (\$149 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 visit 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. 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. 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 **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 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 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



The Siq, 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 62)

Morning drive 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, 3500 of which belong to the treasures of the famous King Tutankhamen. After lunch at local restaurant, 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 the tour to the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**. The Museum presents a rich, deep insight into Egyptian culture through the ages; enter the fascinating Mummy Room housing all 22 Mummies. 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 visit the **Mosque of Mohammed Ali** at the **Citadel of Saladin**. Then 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 10th century A.D. **Ben Ezra Synagogue** (*subject to restoration completion*), the oldest in Egypt. Proceed to the bustling **Khan el-Khalili Bazaar**, where shopping is an exotic experience. Afternoon is at leisure. Evening **Farewell Dinner** overlooking the Nile River. (B,D)

Thursday: En Route

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



The Pyramids, Egypt

Historic Journey with Nile Cruise Option:

18 Days • 16 Nights

Featuring: 4 Nights Sonesta Nile Cruise

Program follows touring itinerary, pages 60-61, 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/Eсна 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:
\$495 per person, minimum 2 passengers (\$655 Single traveling alone). Please reserve at time of booking.

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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.



"Feluccas" Sailing on the Nile

| THE HISTORIC JOURNEY - LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| (Flight Amman/Cairo is NOT included – Includes Intra-Egypt Domestic Flights) | | | | |
| May '23 – May '24 | | | | |
| Thursday Departures | Twin | Single ■ | Twin | Single ■ |
| | 15 Days/13 Nights (Without Nile Cruise) | | 18 Days/16 Nights (With Nile Cruise) | |
| 2023 Departure Dates | | | | |
| May 11, 18* | \$7320 | \$ 9795 | \$8255 | \$11355 |
| May 25 | 7245 | 9650 | 8180 | 11210 |
| Jun 1, 15, 22 | 7375 | 9920 | 8315 | 11495 |
| Jun 29, Jul 13, 27, Aug 17, 24, 31 | 7280 | 9740 | 8220 | 11310 |
| Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16 | 7510 | 10220 | 8835 | 12310 |
| Nov 30 | 7225 | 9645 | 8550 | 11740 |
| Dec 14 | 7225 | 9645 | 9460 | 13295 |
| Dec 21 | 7855 | 10900 | 9270 | 12910 |
| Dec 28 | 7405 | 9920 | 8875 | 12130 |
| 2024 Departure Dates | | | | |
| Jan 11 | 7335 | 9780 | 8805 | 11990 |
| Feb 15 | 7425 | 9960 | 8900 | 12165 |
| Feb 29, Mar 7, 21, 28, Apr 4, 11 | 7635 | 10375 | 9105 | 12580 |
| Mar 14 | 7635 | 10375 | 9735 | 13620 |
| May 2* | 7595 | 10315 | 8710 | 12160 |
| May 9*, 16, 23, 30 | PRICES TO BE ADVISED | | | |

For prices prior to May 11, 2023, please refer to our website www.isram.com or call 1-844-947-7235.

Rates reflected above for the period January 2024 – May 2024 are subject to change.

* 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.

Visas for Jordan and Egypt are included (USA & Canadian Passports). Other nationalities, please inquire.

Border Crossing Fees are not included and must be paid locally (approximately \$60 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.