

# PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT, THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

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Oct 24 - Nov 07, 2023 - 15 days CA\$5,090. (taxes & tips incl.) for Toronto departure

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**Day 1 Oct 24 Tuesday** Depart Toronto for Cairo.

**Day 2 Oct 25 Wednesday** Upon arrival, we visit the ancient Cairo including The "Hanging Church" of Mary. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

**Day 3 Oct 26 Thursday** Full day sightseeing tour of **Cairo** visiting the Pyramids, Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum which houses the richest collection of antiquities ever discovered, including the fabulous burial treasures of King Tutankhamun. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

**Day 4 Oct 27 Friday** In the morning, travel from Cairo through the Suez Canal towards the Red Sea. **The Suez Canal** is considered to be the shortest link between the east and the west due to its unique geographic location. En route, stop at **Moses Springs** – Oyun Musa, found 20 km South of the Ahmed Hamdi Tunnel in South Sinai, are a collection of fresh water springs said to be where Moses during the Israelite Exodus was directed by Yahweh to throw a tree branch, possibly a barberry into the bitter springs to make them sweet enough to drink. Dinner and overnight at a Red Sea resort in Ras Sudr area.

**Day 5 Oct 28 Saturday** After breakfast, travel to **St. Catherine** and **Mount Sinai**, where Moses received Ten Commandments. We shall have the opportunity to see the "Burning Bush" at the Monastery and visit the oldest Christian library. Continue to a Red Sea resort in Taba for dinner and overnight.

**Day 6 Oct 29 Sunday** Morning, cross border to the Holy Land. We visit **Masada**, an ancient fortress in southern Israel's Judean Desert. It's on a massive plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. A cable car and a long, winding path climb up to the fortifications, built around 30 B.C. Among the ruins are King Herod's Palace, which sprawls over 3 rock terraces, and a Roman-style bathhouse with mosaic floors. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

**Day 7 Oct 30 Monday** After breakfast we will travel by boat on the Sea of Galilee, visit **Capernaum**, home of St. Peter and the site of Christ's preaching, see the Church of Multiplication with its beautiful 5th century fish mosaic and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Celebrate mass on **Mt. Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered his famous Sermon on the Mount. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

**Day 8 Oct 31 Tuesday** This morning we start our tour with visiting Nazareth and the Basilica of Annunciation, Mary's Well and St. Joseph's carpentry shop. On to Cana – the site of Jesus' first miracle, where couples will be able to renew their marriage vows. In the afternoon, we ascent Mount Tabor – the Mount of Transfiguration. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 9 Nov 01 Wednesday** Morning, we visit the Mount of Olives, Dominus Fleuit Church where Jesus cried upon prophesying the destruction of the Temple, walk through the Garden of Gethsamane, pray at the Church of all Nations and the Pater Noster Church. In the afternoon, we visit Church of the Sepulchre of Saint Mary, also Tomb of the Virgin Mary. In the afternoon we continue an inspiring visit to Mount Zion, home to King David's tomb and the Upper Room where the Last Supper is said to have taken place. Here we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, built on the site of the House of the High Priest Calaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned for a night. We also visit the Dormition Abbey. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 10 Nov 02 Thursday** We start our day with the Stations of the Cross on Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows). We walk the same pathway Jesus walked from Pilate's Judgment Hall, where he was condemned to death in Calvary, the site of his crucifixion presently inside Holy Sepulchre Church. Mass in one of Jerusalem churches. In the afternoon, we continue tour of Jerusalem and we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, built on the site of the House of the High Priest Calaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned for a night. We also visit the Dormition Abbey, St. Ann's Church and Pool of Bethesda. We also stop at Western Wall, the holiest Jewish site in the world. Dinner and overnight in Jericho.

**Day 11 Nov 03 Friday** After breakfast, we visit Bethlehem where Jesus was born. We visit the oldest church in the Holy Land, the Church of Nativity at Manger Square, built over Manger cave. We celebrate Christmas mass here. We also see Crusader's Cloister, the Grotto of St. Jerome and Shepherd Field. Also, we stop at Milk Grotto Church. Afternoon journey takes us to the Ein Karem, a serene, picturesque Jerusalem suburbs, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and the Church of Visitation. Dinner and overnight in Jericho.

**Day 12 Nov 04 Saturday** Today, we descent to Jericho, we view monastery on **Mount of Temptation** (photo stop only), in Qumran, where Dead Sea scrolls were found and we see Sycamore Tree in Jericho. Also, we stop for renewal of our baptismal vows at Qasr El Yahud, baptismal site on **Jordan River**, where according to tradition, Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist. Cross border to Jordan and travel to Petra for dinner and overnight.

**Day 13 Nov 05 Sunday** Today we visit Jordan's most exciting and adventurous travel experience **Petra** – hidden away in the encircling craggy rock mountains south of the Dead Sea. "Rose City" half as old as time, carved from rock over 2000 years ago by the Nabataeans. Late afternoon, descent to the Dead Sea – the lowest place on earth (423 meters below sea level). The area around the Dead Sea was one of the world's first health resorts. The salt and the minerals from the Dead Sea are used to create cosmetics and sachets which are well known around the world. Dinner and overnight at a Dead Sea resort.

**Day 14 Nov 06 Monday** After breakfast, time to enjoy the sun and "swim" in the Dead Sea. Then, we travel to **Mount Nebo**, visit the monastery. Have Mass. Continue back into Israel via Allenby. Dinner and overnight in Jericho.

**Day 15 Nov 07 Tuesday** Morning transfer to Tel Aviv, and return to Toronto.



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