









Israel & Jordan: Sacred Wonders Sample Itinerary*

As the birthplace of three of the world's most significant religions - Judaism, Islam and Christianity - Israel has been a pilgrimage destination, drawing visitors for millennia. Jordan is the home of the spectacular archaeological site of Petra that attracts nearly a million visitors per year. This breathtaking journey combines the two and has it all – incredible archaeological sites, the inimitable Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and more. You'll soak in incredible art and architecture and experience the most sacred sites of the Holy Land. You'll sample delicious cuisines at every stop, view breathtaking landscapes, enjoy luxurious spa treatments, meet with local experts and guides, and get behind-the-scenes access to the best of this timeless region.

- Tour Duration
 10 days
- Tour Focus
 History, Architecture,
 Culture, & Cuisine
- Destinations
 Amman, Petra, Dead
 Sea, Jerusalem,
 Bethlehem

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ARRIVE IN JORDAN & TRANSFER TO THE DEAD SEA

Upon arrival at Alia Gateway Airport in Amman, we will be met by our local assistant who walk us through customs and security. We'll transfer to our hotel at the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight stay. After dinner enjoy a relaxing swim/float in the Dead Sea under the moonlight.



JORDAN: DEAD SEA, MT. NEBO & PETRA

Today will begin at Mt. Nebo, to walk in the footsteps of Moses while taking in expansive views of the Holy Land. Next is the ancient capital of Petra. Once a rich merchant city, a stop for camel caravans bringing spices, silk and slaves from Arabia to the Mediterranean, Petra "disappeared" for 1,000 years, until 1812 when it was rediscovered by a Swiss explorer. You can pass through the gorge on horseback to view the majestic Treasury, the Temple of the Winged Lions, the Palace Tomb, and the Roman Temple Ruins. This evening, you'll enjoy a delicious dinner and overnight in Petra.



JORDAN: PETRA, LOT'S CAVE & AQABA

After breakfast we depart Petra south via Tafileh for Lot's Sanctuary Cave near modern Safi. We continue to Aqaba and the Red Sea for our crossing to Eilat. We meet our Israel guide in Eilat at the border and continue for a short sightseeing tour of this remarkable resort town. The day concludes with a drive up to the Negev plateau to see magnificent geological formations and for a sunset overlooking Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel. Dinner and overnight in Aqaba.

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ISRAEL: EILAT, MASADA & DEAD SEA

After breakfast we leave Aqaba for Eilat, driving through Arava Valley to Timna Park: site of Solomon's copper mines, earlier Egyptian temples, amazing natural formations carved by winds on red Nubian sandstone. After lunch at the oasis of Ein Bokek, we'll continue through the Wilderness of Judah for Masada to take a cable car to the fortress built by King Herod to survey the ruins from above. You'll then relax with a float in the Dead Sea or have an optional spa massage. Dinner and overnight at the Dead Sea.



ISRAEL: QUMRAN, JERICHO & JERUSALEM

Our first stop will be Qumran at the settlement of the 1st century sect known as the Essenes, authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We'll continue north along the western shore of the Dead Sea, and stop at Ein Gedi where David hid from King Saul. Then on to Jerusalem along the Old Jericho Road. The road from Jericho to Jerusalem is an ascent of 4000 feet in 13 miles. Dinner at a top Jerusalem restaurant.



ISRAEL: THE OLD CITY & BETHLEHEM

Today our local expert guide will lead us on a tour of the Old City, first stopping at the Western Wall, one of Judaism's most sacred sites. View the Temple Mount area with its Dome of the Rock. We'll then walk along Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried the cross, arriving at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, site of Jesus' crucifixion. burial and resurrection. This afternoon we'll visit Bethlehem and the day will conclude with a traditional cooking lesson and dinner.



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ISRAEL: HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL, ISRAEL MUSEUM, JERUSALEM

Today we start with Hezekiah's Tunnel to view the water cistern from the time of King David. From here we drive to the birthplace of John the Baptist, to see the Church of Visitation, and then to Mt. Zion, The Upper Room, where Jesus spent those last momentous hours with his disciples. From there we will go to the Israel Museum, including the Shrine of the Book Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. You'll enjoy a tasting of Israeli wine before dinner in Jerusalem.



ISRAEL: CAESAREA, MEGIDDO, NAZARETH & TIBERIAS

Today we depart Jerusalem for the Sea of Galilee, visiting the following biblical sites en route: Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Jesus' boyhood town of Nazareth, Cana, and Tiberias. You'll sail on the Sea of Galilee in a wood boat reminiscent of the kind used in Jesus' time. This evening you'll enjoy dinner overlooking the Sea and remain overnight in Tiberias.



ISRAEL: GALILEE, CAPERNAUM, CAESAREA PHILIPPI

You'll awake watching sunrise over the Sea of Galilee from your hotel room. Today you'll visit many biblical sites along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and in the Upper Jordan Valley. You'll visit Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Church of Peter of Primacy, Magdala, Caesarea Philippi, view Mt. Hermon, Border of Lebanon, and Hazor. After a full day of sightseeing we transfer to the Arava border to Amman where we'll enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight.

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DEPART AMMAN FOR U.S.

Early this morning you'll be transferred to Amman airport to board your flight to USA. As our unforgettable tour comes to a close, we bring with us lasting memories. You'll arrive home later this afternoon from this memorable journey.



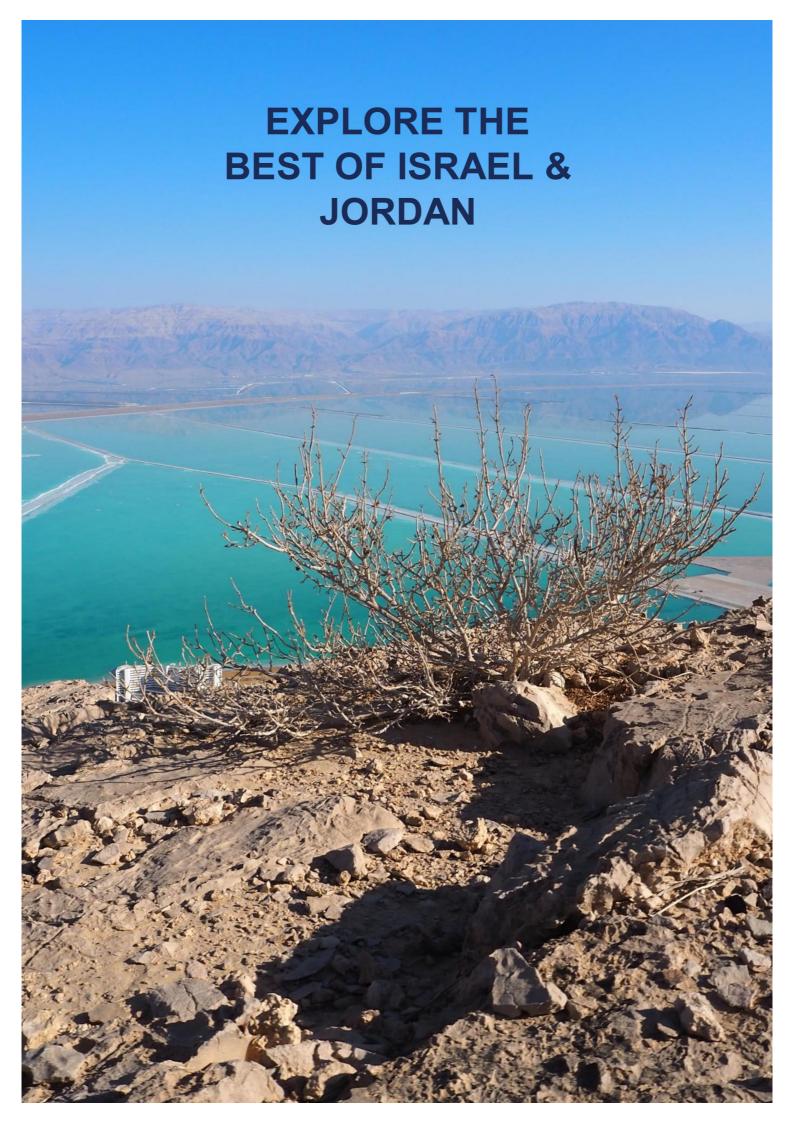




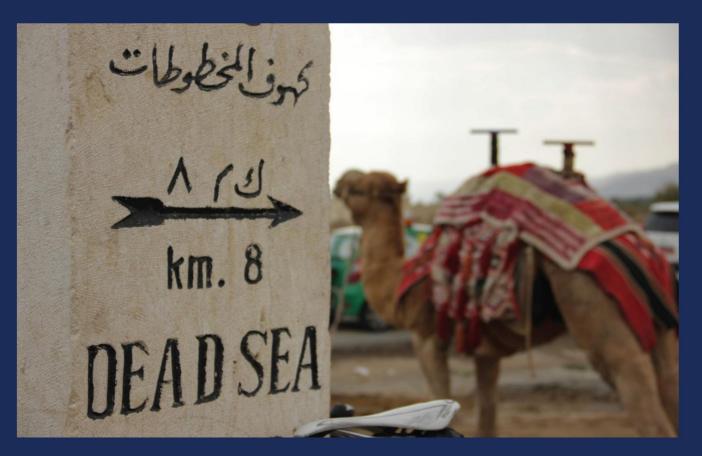












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