

HOLY LAND, JORDAN & ISRAEL (12 Days / 10 Nights)

Day 01

DEPART FROM THE USA

Day 02

ARRIVE AMMAN, JORDAN

A Friendly Tours representative will meet you at Amman International Airport for assistance and transfer to your hotel.

Day 03

MADABA - MT. NEBO - KERAK - PETRA Inside the Church of St. George in Madaba you will find a well preserved mosaic map of the Holy Land. Continue to Mt. Nebo, the traditional site where Moses viewed the Holy Land. The bronze memorial of a snake on a cross symbolizes the serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert as well as the Crucifixion of Jesus. Travel to Mukawir, site of a fortress built by Herod in 30 B.C. Climb to the mountain top on foot, where John the Baptist was beheaded, for wonderful views. In Kerak you will visit the remains of a 12th Century Crusader Castle. Arrive at Petra.

Day 04

PETRA - AMMAN The ultimate destination in Jordan is the astonishing Rose Red City of Petra, once the stronghold of the gifted Nabataeans. Petra is renowned for its massive architecture and the ingenuity of its pools, dams and water channels. This magnificent city was lost to the world until 1924. To enter Petra, you must ride a horse or walk through the narrow gorge, called a "siq". The reward is the breathtaking sight of the Treasury. Further along you will come upon the Monastery, the Theatre and the Palace Tomb. Return to Amman.

Day 05

BETHANY - QUMRAN CAVES - DEAD SEA - JERUSALEM

Visit the excavation site of Bethany (Al Maghtas), where Jesus was Baptized. Cross the River Jordan to see the Qumran Caves. Take a dip in the Dead Sea. Continue to Jerusalem.

Day 06

HEBRON - BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM Visit Solomon's Pools. In Hebron see the Mamre and the cave of Mechpelah at Abraham's Mosque. Continue to Bethlehem and to Shepherds' Field. In Jerusalem visit the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane.

Day 07

JERUSALEM See the Western Wall of the Temple Mount. Visit the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque. Visit the Church of St. Anne. See the Pools of Bethesda. Trace the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross) to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Outside the Old (walled) City of Jerusalem, see the Garden Tomb. In New Jerusalem drive by the Knesset Building, the Hebrew University and the Second Temple Period Model. Stop in Ein Karem, birth place of John the Baptist.

Day 08

JERICHO - TIBERIAS Visit Elijah's Spring and the "Tell" (Mount) in Jericho. View the Mount of Temptation. Continue north along the Jordan River to the Mount of Beatitudes and Tiberias. End the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 09

TIBERIAS - NAZARETH Visit the Holy sites: Tabgha, the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi (Banias). Continue to Magdala, the birthplace of Mary Magdalene. Overnight in Nazareth.

Day 10

NAZARETH - HAIFA - TEL AVIV Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's well, the Church of St. Joseph and the Synagogue. Visit Mt. Tabor and the Basilica of Transfiguration. In Haifa stop at the Baha'i Shrine and Carmelite Monastery. Continue to Tel Aviv.

Day 11

TEL AVIV - JERUSALEM - JERASH - AMMAN Passing Jerusalem stop in Bethany to visit the tomb of Lazarus. Visit the Monastery of Wadi El-Kelt. Cross the River Jordan on the way to Jerash, a very well-preserved Roman city. A walk through Jerash is a journey in time. Enter the city as its inhabitants did. See the South Gate, the imposing Oval Plaza, the Cardo Street, the Colonnaded Street, the Propylaeum, the Temple of Artemis, the South Theatre, Hadrian's Arch and more. Drive to Amman.

Day 12

DEPART AMMAN
Transfer to the airport.

