



Day 12, Thursday
The Rose-red city of Petra

We wake to the sunrise in the mountains of Edom and after breakfast leave our hotel on foot and follow a narrow path through towering rock walls into ancient Petra. Here we are confronted by a stunning spectacle of temples, tombs and monuments carved by the Nabateans and later by the Romans from the red sandstone of Petra. We plan to spend the entire day exploring this magnificent city that lay hidden from the world for centuries. Return to our hotel in the early evening for dinner and overnight stay.



Day 13, Friday
The Dead Sea

After a leisurely breakfast we leave Petra and drive along the King's Highway, one of the most scenic routes in the Middle East, to our resort hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea where we will have an opportunity to bathe in its unique mineral laden waters. Dinner and overnight stay by the Dead Sea.

Day 14, Saturday
Our journey home

Transfer to the airport for our return Royal Jordanian Flight to London Heathrow.

Please note this complex touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments.

INCLUSIVE TOUR COST - £1695

Absolutely NO HIDDEN extras. All Lightline tours are carefully calculated to include all items necessary to complete your tour at the advertised price.

- **Scheduled flights on Royal Jordanian Airlines from London Heathrow**
London Heathrow – Amman RJ 112 17:05 / 00:10 (Airbus A310)
Amman - London Heathrow RJ 111 12:10 / 15:45 (Airbus A310)
Please note all the above times are local and are subject to change.
- **All airport departure and passenger taxes (UK, Israeli & Jordanian)**
- **En suite accommodation at the following Christian guest houses and hotels:-**
Jerusalem - Knights Palace (a unique Christian guest house within the Old City)
Galilee - Tabgha Pilgrim House (situated on the northern shores of the lake)
Madaba - Madaba Inn (A comfortable 3-star hotel situated in the centre of Madaba)
Petra - Crowne Plaza Hotel (situated at the entrance to the rose-red city of Petra)
Dead Sea - Movenpick (A spa hotel situated on the shores of the Dead Sea)
- **Half board throughout**
- **All entrance fees and local government taxes**
- **All international border crossing taxes**
- **State licensed English speaking guides throughout the tour**
- **Modern air-conditioned tourist coaches**

THE ONLY ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Single room supplement (very limited) £389; travel insurance (if required) £38; gratuities £75; lunches; Jordanian visa (double entry) procurement (£44); any items of a personal nature.

THE HOLY LAND

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I am already beginning to get excited at the prospect of leading another pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Any pilgrimage consists of two journeys: the outward journey, visiting those places which are more steeped in meaning for Christians than anywhere else in the world and the inward journey inside each of us, a unique opportunity to take another step on our journey into God. Together with this, we meet and share with the beleaguered local Christian Community and hopefully encourage them as they encourages us in our journeys.

The whole pilgrimage will be accompanied by those two essentials of all Christian living, prayer and parties.

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Day 1, Sunday

Travel to the Lands of the Bible

We gather at London Heathrow to join an afternoon Royal Jordanian flight to Amman. On arrival we will be met and driven to our Madaba hotel.



Day 2, Monday

Madaba - Mount Nebo - River Jordan

After breakfast we stroll across to St. George's church in the town of Madaba, the city of mosaics to view the 6th century mosaic map of the Middle East, with Jerusalem at its centre. We then drive to Mount Nebo, the mountain from which Moses and the children of Israel first looked over the River Jordan to see the Promised Land. After a break for lunch we visit the site of Jesus' baptism at Bethany beyond the Jordan, before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3, Tuesday

Jerash - Um Qais - Promised Land

We leave Madaba for the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash to explore the stunning first century ruins of this once great city, acknowledged as one of the best preserved Roman provincial towns in the world, with its paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hill-top temples, spectacular theatres, public squares, plazas, baths and fountains. After a break for lunch we then drive to Um Qais, Biblical Gadara, to explore this partially

excavated city and to enjoy an amazing view over the Sea of Galilee, before we drive down to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge to cross over the River Jordan into Israel and on to our hotel on the shores of Lake Galilee. Dinner and overnight by Galilee.



Day 4, Wednesday

Mount Tabor, Cana & Nazareth

This morning begins with a visit to Mount Tabor, the place of Jesus' Transfiguration before Peter, James and John. From Mount Tabor we drive to Cana, the site of Jesus' first sign - the changing of water into wine at the Wedding Feast. Leaving Cana we drive up to Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up and break for lunch at St Margaret's Anglican Hostel. In the afternoon we start our tour of the town visiting the Church of the Annunciation, the synagogue-church and market. Late afternoon we return to our lakeside hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 5, Thursday

The places Jesus knew on land and lake

After breakfast we visit the lakeside to the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of the Primacy of Peter at Tabgha. We then drive to the summit of the Mount of the Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee, before returning to the lakeside to visit Capernaum, the centre of Jesus' Galilean ministry to visit this well excavated site. Here we view the house of Peter and a partially rebuilt 4C synagogue

and the foundations of an earlier synagogue which dates back to the time of Jesus. We then take a boat on the Lake and break for lunch. In the afternoon we visit the modern Baptismal site at Yardenit, before driving south along the Jordan Valley to the oasis city of Jericho. We will view the Mount of Temptation and break for coffee and an opportunity for some shopping. Leaving the lush and green city of Jericho we drive up towards Jerusalem through the hills of the Judean Wilderness and up the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives. We drive around the huge nine-metre high Partition Wall to enter the town of Bethlehem and proceed to our hotel by manger Square. Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.

Day 6, Friday

Bethlehem

After breakfast we stroll across to the Church of the Nativity, venerated by Christians of all denominations as the birthplace of Jesus, before continuing to the nearby village of Beth Sahour to visit the nearby Shepherds Fields. Late morning we visit the Holy Family Hospital - the foremost neonatal and maternity hospital in the West Bank, to learn of its groundbreaking work with expectant mothers in this, the city of Jesus' birth. After a break for lunch we will have a chance to view the Partition Wall which now cuts Bethlehem off from Jerusalem before having a chance to purchase some locally made olive-wood souvenirs of our time in the city. Finally, we will visit the International Center of Bethlehem, attached to the Lutheran Christmas Church, to learn about its remarkable projects in the fields of education, culture, media and health. Early evening we return to our Bethlehem hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



Day 7, Saturday

Bethany & The Mount of Olives

Today we leave Bethlehem and drive around the Partition wall to visit Bethany, on the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives to visit the home of Mary and Martha, then returning to the summit of the Mount we visit Bethphage, the start of the traditional Palm Sunday procession, continue to the Pater Noster Convent, before walking down the Mount of Olives to visit the Church of Dominus Flevit, which commemorates the site where Jesus wept over the destruction of Jerusalem, followed by the Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane. In the afternoon we drive to the Israel Museum to visit the model of Jerusalem based around the time of Jesus, before at the Israel Museum. Finally we proceed to our Jerusalem hotel within the Old Walled City. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8, Sunday

Temple Mount & Ein Karem

This morning we drive to St George's Cathedral and join with the local Christian community for Sunday worship. We then proceed through the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall of the Second Temple, and, if permitted, the Temple Mount. After a break for lunch we visit the village of Ein Karem, the home of John the Baptist, before return to our hotel for dinner.



Day 9, Monday

St John's Eye Hospital & Mount Zion

After breakfast we drive over to St John's Eye hospital of Jerusalem, the leading provider of eye care in the West Bank and Gaza. On average they treat over 80,000 patients a year. After a break for lunch we drive across the Kidron valley to Mount Zion to visit the traditional site of the Room of the Last Supper, the beautiful Abbey of the Dormition, and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. There we will view the recently excavated Roman pathway and steps that lead up from the Old City. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 10, Tuesday

The Old Walled City

We enter the walled city by St Stephens's Gate and walk to the Crusader Church of St Anne over the Pool of Bethesda. We then continue to the Convent of the Sisters of Zion built on the foundations of the Roman fort where Jesus was condemned by Pilate, before we follow the Way of the Cross along the narrow streets of the Via Dolorosa to Calvary in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The afternoon will be free Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11, Wednesday

Emmaus, Jericho and Jordan

After an early breakfast we visit Abu Gosh - a possible site of Emmaus, where Jesus appeared to two disciples after the resurrection, before driving down to Jericho for an early lunch. In the afternoon we drive into Jordan via the Allenby Bridge and continue south along the Desert Highway to the rose red city of Petra. Dinner and overnight stay in Petra.

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