

# A Journey through the LAND OF JESUS

### JORDAN ISRAEL PALESTINE EGYPT





### New York - Amman

Assemble at JFK International Airport at 8.00 pm for boarding your flight to Amman. Overnight on board.





### **Amman (Jordan)**

**Ahlan Wa Sahlan** – Welcome to Amman, Capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Arrive at Queen Alia International Airport Meet & assist through all formalities. Our Tour Company's representative will help us to complete all the formalities. Air Conditioned High Tech Bus and driver will be waiting out side to receive us. Proceed to the Hotel at Amman City. Dinner and Overnight stay in Amman Hotel. (Hotel Sadeen or Similar)



#### **Amman - Nebo - Dead Sea**

After break fast from the Hotel, proceed to visit Mount Nebo. Mount Nebo: The trip south of Amman along the 5,000 years old King's Highway is one of the most memorable journeys in the Holy Land, passing through a string of ancient sites of Jordan, the memorial of Moses, and the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. From a platform in front of the church one can enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. After 40 years leading the headstrong Israelites in the Moses stood on the windswept summit of Mount Nebo and viewed the Promised Land of Canaan — after having been told by God "you shall not cross over there". As Deuteronomy 34:5-6 recounts, Moses died there in the land of Moab "but no one knows his burial place to this day". Moses did, however, eventually reach the Promised Land. Mount Nebo is now in western Jordan. At 820 meters high. Outside the present-day shrine stands an enigmatic serpentine cross, the Brazen Serpent Monument. Created by Italian artist Giovanni Fantoni, it imaginatively merges the life-saving bronze serpent set up by Moses into the desert (Numbers 21:4-9) and the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. After visiting this wonderful site, we will proceed to visit Machaerus. Machaerus is a fortified hilltop palace located in Jordan 25 km southeast of the mouth of the Jordan river on the eastern side of the Dead Sea. This place is believed to be the location of the imprisonment and execution of John the Baptist. According to the chronology of the Bible,





(Mark 6:24; Matthew 14:8), this infamous execution took place in 32 AD shortly before the Passover, following an imprisonment of two years. The fortress Machaerus was built by Alexander Jannaeus. later rebuilt by Herod the Great. Upon the death of Herod the Great, the fortress was passed to his son, Herod Antipas, who ruled from 4 BC until 39 AD. It was during this time, at the beginning of the first century AD, that John the Baptist was imprisoned and beheaded at Machaerus. After visiting this historical place, we will proceed to visit **Madaba City**. Madaba is an ancient town in Jordan, southwest of the capital Amman. It's known for its 6th-century mosaic map of the Holy Land in the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George. The Madaba Archaeological



Park preserves the mosaic-rich Church of the Virgin Mary and artifacts from the Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and Islamic eras. After visiting Madaba, we will have the Lunch. After Lunch proceed to **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth (1305 ft. below sea level), again make a brief stop at a private beach and take the opportunity to float in the salty buoyant water, rich in minerals. We have an hour to spent in the sea. ( to bath in the Dead Sea, you have to carry swimming dress.) Dead Sea is bordered by Jordan to the east and Israel and Palestine to the west. Biblical name of the dead sea is 'Sea of Salt (Gen 14:3), Eastern Sea (Joel 2:20), and Sea of the Arabah (Deut 4:49) In the Bible it is never written as Dead Sea.



After dead sea bath, we will proceed to have a City tour of Amman after city tour return to the hotel. Dinner at hotel and over night stay at Amman.

#### DAY 4

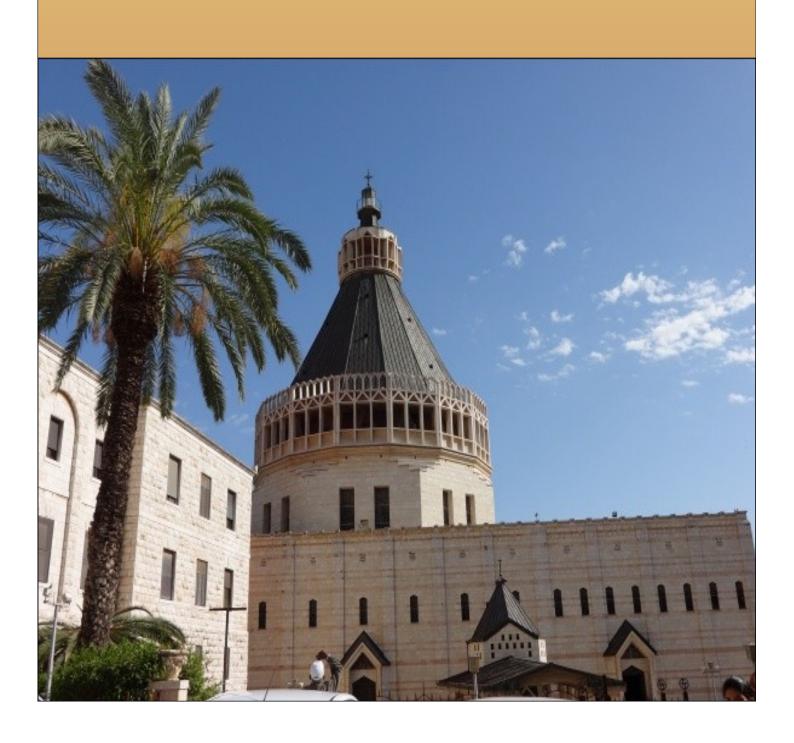
#### **Amman-Nazareth-Cana**

After break fast, check out from the hotel and will say good bye to Jordan and will Proceed to the **Sheik Hussein** bridge to cross the border. We will drive through Jordan valley and we will see many biblical sites during our travel to Israel. Exit Jordan and enter in to Israel. During the journey we can see different kind of agricultural farms. The distance from Amman to the Israel border is 200 Km. After finishing all the Customs, Emigration and security formalities enter to Israel. After entering to Israel, we will proceed to Nazareth. On the way to Nazareth, we can see many sites which are mentioned in the Holy bible. One of the important site during our journey to Nazareth is Mount Gilboa, where King Saul and his three sons killed by Philistines.





After reaching Nazareth, we will have our Lunch. After the lunch, we will Visit Nazareth city, the boyhood town of Jesus and home of Mary and Joseph. We will visit the Basilica of the **Annunciation** built over the grotto where Archangel Gabriel appeared to announce that Mary would bear a son, Jesus. We also stop by **Joseph's workshop**. Then Visit **Cana** where Jesus performed his first Miracle, changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Then proceed for shopping, especially to buy Cana Wine. After shopping, proceed to our hotel at Tiberias. Dinner at Hotel. Assemble for prayer and meditation at hotel's conference hall. Overnight stay in **Tiberias**.



#### **CAPARNAUM - THABGHA- SEA OF GALILEE**

After break fast from the Hotel, we will Proceed to Visit Capernaum - the centre of Jesu's ministry after He left Nazareth. Also we can see the ruins of Synagogue where Jesus preached and the House of St. Peter. we stop at Tabgha - the Church of the Multiplication of the Five Loaves and Two Fishes and the expressive church of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount (Mathew 5). This morning we drive through the landscapes of Galilee and later for a ride in a replica of a Galilean fishing boat of that time, on the Sea of Galilee and where Jesus calmed the storm and walked on the water. We make a stop at the Church of Primacy of Peter and the place where Jesus bestowed St. Peter with his authority. This is believed to be the place where Jesus dined with His disciples, the flat rock known as Mensa Christy, Christ's table to commemorate this event. Lunch at the restaurant with famous 'Peter's Fish. After the Lunch we drive to Mount Tabor, the sacred site of the Transfiguration. Mount Tabore is located in Lower Galilee, at the eastern end of the Jezreel Valley, 18 km west of the Sea of Galilee. It is believed to be the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. The main attraction of the site is 'Church of the Transfiguration'.





After visiting the Church, we will have a panoramic view of **Jezreel Valley** from the top of the mountain. After visiting Mount Tabor we will Return to our Hotel at Tiberias/Nazareth. Dinner at Hotel. After meditation and prayer overnight stay at Tiberias/Nazareth.

#### DAY 6

## MOUNT CARMEL- CAESAREA - HAIFA - TEL AVIV - BETHLEHEM

After break fast from the hotel we will check out and proceed to **Haifa**, Israel's largest port city, built on the slopes of **Mt. Carme**l. Visit the place where prophet Elijah defeated the false prophets of Ba'al. En-route to Tel-Aviv a panoramic view of the Famous Persian Hanging Gardens of the Bahai Shrine. City tour through Haifa and proceed to **Caesarea**. In Caesarea we will see the Aqueduct build by King Herod the great. Also we will see the ruins of King palace built over the Mediterranean sea. We can also see the ruins part from the Roman wall, Amphitheater etc at Caesarea. On the way to Jaffa, we pass through the city called Herzlia. The city



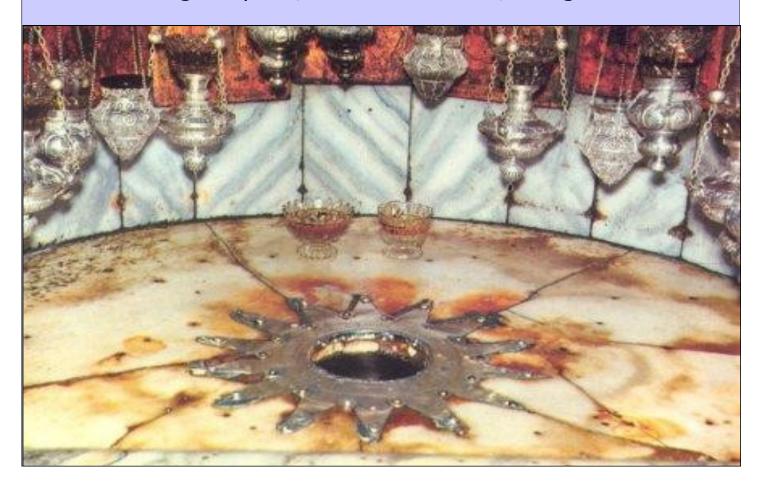


Being known after Theodor Herzl. We pass through Tel Aviv and visit Jaffa. In Jaffa we will visit **House of Simon** the Tanner (Acts 10:9-47). It is recognizable by the lighthouse, installed in 1875 to guide ships and fishing vessels past Jaffa's rocky shoals. There is one Roman Catholic Church built in the place believed to be the site St. Peter raised Tabitha from dead. After seeing the beautiful panoramic seen of Tel Aviv, we will have our lunch at Jaffa. After lunch we will Proceed to **Jerusalem**. Dinner and overnight stay at Bethlehem. (Hotel Bethlehem or Similar)

#### DAY 7

# **Jerusalem - Mount of Olives Gethsemane - Hebron**

After break fast from the hotel, visit the **Church of Nativity**, a basilica located in Bethlehem, West Bank. The church was originally commissioned in 327 by Constantine and his mother Helena over the site that is still traditionally considered to be located over the cave that marks the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth. Manger Square; Crusaders Cloister, Milk grotto.



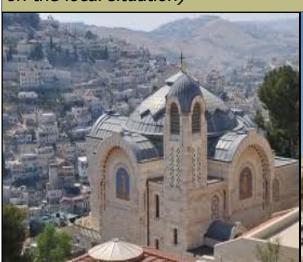
Then visit **shepherds field**, Which is located in the province of Judiah. It was here that the Angel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds of Bethlehem during the reign of King Herod. Also, here David tended his flocks until he was anointed as the King of Israel. Field of Boas is also believed to be near to this place.





Then Proceed to Mount of Olives. First we will visit The Chapel of the Ascension, traditionally believe to be the earthly spot where Jesus ascended in to heaven forty days after His resurrection. Then visit sanctuaries of Pater Noster, where Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer. (Luke 11:2-4) from the top of Mount of Olives we will see a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Walk along the Palm Sunday road down to the chapel of **Dominos Flevit** where Jesus wept over eminent destruction of Jerusalem. Proceed to Garden of Gethsemane where, Jesus prayed while Judah betrayed him to the Romans. Visit the Basilica of agony and Tomb of St. Mary. We also visit the Church of St. Peter in Galicantu, which symbolizes Peter's Denial of Jesus as he has prophesied at the Last Supper and then visit the traditional house of high priest, Caiaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned. Visit the underground prison. Then proceed for having Lunch. After lunch visit **Hebron**. Hebron is also known as 'City of Patriarchs'. It is a Palestinian city located in the southern West Bank, 30 Kilometer south of Jerusalem. The Hebron city lies 930 meters (3050 Feet) above sea level. Hebron is also famous for its grapes, limestone, pottery workshops and glass blowing factories. Machpelah (The Cave of the Patriarchs) believed to be the burial place of Abraham,

Issac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca and Leah. After Hebron we will return back to our Hotel at Jerusalem. Dinner at Hotel. Overnight stay at Bethlehem. (Hebron visit is subject to the police permission depending on the local situation)





DAY 8

# GARDEN TOMB - OLD JERUSALEM WAILING WALL-MOUNT ZION— EIN KAREEM

Breakfast in the Hotel. Then visit pool of Beit Hasda, where Jesus healed the crippled man. And from there we take the Via Dolorosa (Way of Grief), traditionally accepted as the last route trodden by Jesus. The Garden Tomb the place where Jesus was crucified. There we will have Holy communion. Then Visit Mount Zion the Cenacle - Last Supper Room , the tomb of King David (other upper room). Then we go to the Jewish quarter to the Wailing Wall (Western Wall), which is the holiest place for the Jewish religion. The we will visit Ein-Karem, located in the hills next to a little spring. This is the city of Judah and Birthplace of John the Baptist, son of Elizabeth & Zechariah and the Church of Visitation. Then proceed to visit Jericho where we stop and view Qarantal, the traditional Mount of Temptation and Sycomore Tree it is also the place where Jesus stopped on His way to Jerusalem, on the Eve of the Passover and were Jesus cured the blind man during his stay at Zachaeus house. Visit Mount of Temptation by cable car. We will have our Lunch at Restaurant on Mount of Temptation. Proceed to Bethania the Town of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Visit Lazarus's Tomb.



Our Next visit to the **Jordan River**, the Baptismal Place where Jesus believed to be Baptized. Earlier we used to visit Yardenit Baptismal Site as there was no access to this site Qasr Al Yahnd. This site has been recently refurbished with access to the river, showers, facilities for prayer, wheelchair access and improved car parking. The site now seems to be under the administration of the Israel Parks Authority and for the first time in many years is now open daily. The water quality is regularly inspected to ensure that it is safe to enter the Jordan. This site is very important for us, because our Lord Jesus Christ took Baptism here in this river which is not far from Jericho. Our Next visit is Bethel which is about 40 kilometer from Jericho. Bethel, is the site where Jacob had dream of a ladder stretching between Heaven and Earth thronged with angels; God stands at the top of the ladder, and promises Jacob the land of Canaan. Then proceed to Jacob's Well, where Jesus met Samaritan woman. (John 4:5-26). We will see a Greek Orthodox Church built upon the well. This is the last site for the day and return to Bethlehem. Dinner and over night stay in the hotel at Bethlehem. (Hotel Bethlehem or similar)



#### Day 9

#### Jerusalem — Dahab (Egypt)



Breakfast at hotel. Check-out Hotel and proceed to Tabha, which is the border city of Israel and Egypt. On the way panoramic View of **Qumran caves**, view **statue of Loth's wife** & we shall drop by the Red Sea for few minutes. Drive through **Eilat** the third big city of Israel. Arrive in **Taba**. Finish the Customs and Emigration formalities at the Israel side, Enter into Egypt. Complete the emigration and customs formalities. Then proceed to Dahab. (140 Kilometer) On the way, Lunch at Restaurant. Then Check in to the Hotel which is located in the banks of Red sea. In the evening enjoy bath in the **red sea. Dahab** is a small town situated on the southeast coast of the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt., Dahab is considered to be one of the Sinai's most treasured diving destinations. Dahab, believed to be one of the stations for the Israelites during the Exodus from Egypt. Dinner at Hotel and Overnight stay in Dahab/Sharm el Sheikh. (Hotel IBIS or Similar)



#### DAHAB - CAIRO

After Breakfast from the Hotel, proceed to Cairo (537 Kilometer). Cairo is the capital city of Egypt and the biggest city in the African Continent. On the way we will be traveling through **Suez Tunnel**. Check-in to the hotel and in the evening takes a **Nile Cruise**. The **Nile** is a major north-flowing river in northeastern Africa, generally regarded as the longest river in the world. It is 6,853 km (4,258 miles) long. The Nile is an "international" river as its water resources are shared by eleven countries. the Nile is the primary water source of Egypt and Sudan.

Dinner at Nile Cruise and return to the Hotel. overnight stay at Cairo Hotel. (Hotel Mercure or Similar)



#### **Pyramid- Museum-Departure**

After Breakfast from the hotel, proceed to a tour of this ancient city. On the west bank of the Nile, facing Cairo and on top of the Giza plateau rise the 3 **Pyramids** erected by Cheops, Chepren and Mycerinus, guarded by the mysterious **Sphinx** which is a mythical statue with the body of a lion and a human head. We then proceed on a panoramic city **tour of Cairo** passing the Cairo tower, one of the most recent landmarks of Cairo rising to a height of 187 meters. Visit old churches of Cairo. Then visit Cairo

**Museum**. Lunch at the Restaurant. Proceed to Cairo Airport for our return flight with sweet memories of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Our goal is to provide you with a worry free well planned spiritual tour resulting in wonderful memories that will last a life time.



#### **Arrival at New York**

Arrive at John F Kennedy International Airport with memories which last for a life time.



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