

The Holy Land by Air

Jerusalem / Bethlehem / Nazareth / Galilee / Petra
10 days from £1,790



Flights from London Heathrow [BA / ELAL]

Outbound: Depart 17:05 - Arrive 00:20 (next day)

Inbound: Depart 16:40 - Arrive 19:55

Includes: Return flights and 9-night accommodation, half board meal, checked-in bag of up to 23kg, coach transports in Israel, religious programme as per itinerary, guided tours and gratuity

Extras: Single-room supplement (£40*7=£280), travel insurance, all lunches, any other costs of a personal nature.

Pilgrimage Itinerary

Day 1 [London - Amman] Arrival at Amman international Airport, you will be met by our local guide, who will accompany you to the hotel.

Day 2 [Petra] Leave Amman to discover the historical city of Petra, Jordan's most valuable treasure and greatest tourist attraction. Petra is a vast, unique city, carved into the sheer, dusky pink rock face by the Nabataeans over 2,000 years ago.

One of the 7 Wonders of the World, It is a spectacular example of ancient engineering. Enter the city through the Siq, a narrow gorge over 1km in length, and admire the dazzling colours and rock formations before catching your first sight of Al Kihazneh. Return to hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 [Jerash - Mt Nebo] Drive to Jerash is the best example of a Roman provincial city in the whole Middle East. You will visit Hadrian's Arch, Hippodrome, a colonnaded street, the cathedral, North Theater, South Theater and the Jerash Archeological Museum. Continue to Madaba where the St George's Greek Orthodox Church has a famous mosaic on the floor. Made during the 6th century AD, the mosaic shows the pilgrimage from the surrounding areas to the Holy Land.

You can even find Egypt on this map! Your next visit recalls the story of Moses and his journey to the Promised Land. At Mount Nebo there is a Memorial for Musa (Moses) and a 4th century church which Italian Franciscan priests excavated and restored in 1933. The panoramic view overlooks the Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and Jerusalem. Transfer to Allenby Bridge and cross to Israel. Meet Israeli guide/bus driver and transfer to the hotel in Jericho for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 [Qumran - Jericho - the Dead Sea] Drive to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest known Biblical manuscripts ever found. Continue to the Dead Sea to swim in the salty and mineral laden waters of the Dead Sea. The sea has high concentration of various healing chemical salts that one cannot sink in, then to ancient Jericho.

Celebrate Mass and visit the ruins of the ancient city which was conquered by Joshua. From the top of the ancient "tel", you'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain and the Mt. of Temptation. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 [Nazareth - Mt. Tabor] Depart Jericho and drive along the Jordan River to the summit of Mount Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus and the beautiful scenery of the valley of Jezreel. Drive to Nazareth and visit Jesus's boyhood home, Basilica of the Annunciation and Joseph's workshop, the cave of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. There is ample time to walk in the streets of Our Lord's boyhood town. dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Day 6 [Cana - Sea of Galilee] After breakfast, we travel to Cana of Galilee where the newly baptized Jesus performed the first miracle, turning water into wine at the wedding feast. Drive up to the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the first Sermon. The beautiful view of the Sea of Galilee and entire Galilee is spectacular.

Next, we continue our journey to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during his ministry. After visiting the synagogue where Jesus taught, drive on to Tabgha. This was the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Next, we visit the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Here Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep". We will have a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 [Nazareth - Haifa - Bethlehem] After breakfast, check-out from hotel and travel to Haifa, Mt. Carmel, the home of Prophets Elijah and Elisha; for a scenic view of the city and the port and Bahai Gardens. We drive along the coastal site to Caesarea to ancient Caesarea, a centre of the early Christians. Here Cornelius became the first Gentile convert religion, and Paul was imprisoned here before being taken to Rome for trial. Visit the Roman amphitheatre, Crusader's Moat, the Byzantine Churches, and the Aqueduct. Continue to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 [Jerusalem - Mt. of Olives - Bethlehem] This morning, stand atop the Mt. of Olives as Jesus did and enjoy the spectacular view of the "Golden City" of Jerusalem, significant to Christians, Jews and Moslems. Visit the Church of Pater Noster (commemorating the Our Father) the Chapel of Ascension and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" visiting on the way Dominus Fleuit, Jesus Wept, and to the Russian Church. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed for God's will to be done and the Church of All Nations and the rock of Agony. Drive back to Bethlehem to visit Church of Nativity the Birthplace of Jesus and one of the most revered sites. Continue to Shepherds' Fields to visit the Caves where shepherds "kept watch over their flock" still abound in the area east of Bethlehem.

Day 09 [Jerusalem - The Holy Sepulchre] Drive to Mt Sion and visit Dormition Abbey, the Upper Room, revered as the site of the Last Supper, St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times, and King David's Tomb. In the afternoon, we enter the Old City of Jerusalem where everyday life and winding cobblestone streets have remained much the same over the centuries.

Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne and view the Pool of Bethesda. Visit the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos and the arch of the Ecce Homo". Follow the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) through the narrow alleys and bazaars to the holiest shrine in Christendom, Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord.

Day 10 [Return to London] Check out from hotel and drive to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to visit the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat." continue to airport for your flight to London.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION:

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Terms

Package price: from **£1760 + £30** one-off gratuity
Deposit: **£300** per pilgrim

The advertised price is guaranteed for bookings made before 6 April 2023. Any additional booking after the deadline may attract a surcharge.