

The Best of Israel & Jordan

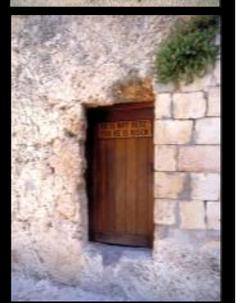
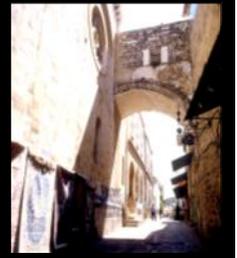
Natanya • Sea of Galilee
Jerusalem • Petra • Amman

April 22 - May 4, 2014



- Mount Carmel
- Sea of Galilee boat ride
- Jordan River
- Float in the Dead Sea
- Masada
- Mount of Olives
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Arab Bazaar
- Tomb of King David
- Western Wall
- Mount of the Beatitudes
- Garden Tomb

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Tuesday, April 22, 2014 • Depart

Our adventure begins as we depart Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport on our international flight and wing our way to Tel Aviv.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 • Natanya

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport our Israeli host will greet us and help with our luggage. We then board a motor coach, meet our guide, and drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to our hotel. Depending on our flight schedule we will freshen up at our hotel and then



take a **walking tour of Joppa/Jaffa**. Joppa is the ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narrative of Jonah and the whale, and in the story of Solomon's import of the cedars of Lebanon, Simon the tanner and Peter. We will walk in the old city and learn about the Miracle of the Resurrection of Tabitha by Peter (Acts 9:36-42) and his vision in which God told him not to distinguish between Jews and Gentiles (Acts 10:12-13). Dinner and overnight in Natanya. **B/D**

Thursday, April 24, 2014 • Sea of Galilee

After a Israeli breakfast, we board our coach and drive north up the coast to **Caesarea**, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. We visit the **Roman Theater**, the **Roman Aqueduct**, and the **Herodian Port**. We visit **Mount**



Carmel, where we have a fine view then continue on to Megiddo, the Chariot City for Solomon and Ahab, where we explore the vast archaeological remains of this ancient city. Then we continue on to Haifa for an overview of the **Bahai Gardens**. At Yardenit, the famous baptismal site at the headwaters of the **Jordan River**, we will be invited to touch the water. Dinner and overnight in Sea of Galilee. **B/D**

Friday, April 25, 2014 • Sea of Galilee

Today's program begins with a stop at a kibbutz to visit the **Jesus Boat Museum**. Then a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, where we participate in song, Scripture readings, and prayer on the waters before arriving at the shore for a ride to Tabgha, the site of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fish and Peter's primacy. Next, we visit the **Mount of the Beatitudes**, where Jesus gave the



Sermon on the Mount. Then we drive to **Capernaum**, where Jesus lived during most of His years of ministry and where He chose His first disciples: James, Simon, John, and Andrew. We visit the remains of an ancient synagogue whose foundations date back to the time of Jesus, as well as Peter's house. As we drive along the road to Damascus we visit **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter made his great confession of faith and where Jesus told of His coming death and resurrection. A visit is then planned for the **Golan Heights**, the scene of bitter fighting during the Six Day War. We also enjoy the view of the snowcapped peak of

Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in the Middle East. Dinner and overnight in Sea of Galilee area. **B/D**

Saturday, April 26, 2014 • Jerusalem



The day begins with a ride to **Beth-Shean** where we visit the biggest archaeological excavations in Israel today. We drive to **Masada**, the famous stronghold where the Jewish people held out while being under attack from the Roman Army. We rise to the top by **cable car** and see remnants of the city. We also make a stop today at the **Dead Sea**, where we have a chance to swim and float. At **Qumran**, we view Cave #4, which contained the greatest quantity of scrolls. Then we continue on to dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **B/D**

Sunday, April 27, 2014 • Jerusalem

We drive to the top of the **Mount of Olives** where we enjoy a breath taking panoramic view of the Old City and the Kidron Valley. Then continue to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We cross the Kidron Valley and drive to the



top of **Mount Zion** for a visit to the room of the Last Supper (Cenaculum) and the traditional tomb of King David. We walk along the Armenian and Jewish Quarters to the **Western (Wailing) Wall**, Judaism's most holy site. We visit the **Sisters of Zion Monastery** and **Ecce Homo** (site of Jesus' scourging) where we see authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following visits to **Saint Anne's Church** and the **Pool of Bethesda**, a walk is planned through the colorful **Arab Bazaar** where the sounds and smells of the Middle East come alive. We walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **B/D**

Monday, April 28, 2014 • Jerusalem

Today, we will visit **Rachel's tomb**, and **Herodion National Park**. We view the burial place of Herod the Great. Then, subject to security situation, we will visit Hebron and tomb of the patriarchs. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **B/D**

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 • Jerusalem



We start the day at **Calvary** and the **Garden Tomb**. We will stop at the **Israel Museum** where we see the scale model of the Ancient City of Jerusalem giving us an idea of the layout of the city as it appeared in biblical times. We also see the Menorah at the Knesset gates. Then we have a solemn visit to **Yad**

Vashem, with its Valley of the Lost museum dedicated to the Holocaust. Its Valley of the Lost Communities and Righteous Alley contain trees planted in honor of people such as Oscar Schindler,

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who risked their lives to save Jewish people during World War II. End the day with a visit to **Bethlehem**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **B/D**

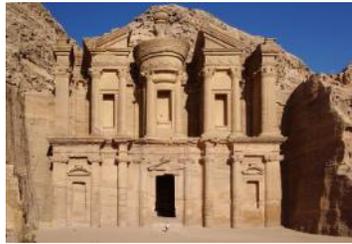
Wednesday, April 30, 2014 • Petra

After breakfast we drive to **Allenby Bridge** and cross the border into Jordan, en route to Petra. We stop on **Mount Nebo** (the alleged burial place of Moses) to enjoy the panoramic view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and the Jordan River. The old church on top of the mountain with its well preserved large pieces of Mosaic dates back to the Byzantine era. We proceed to visit the World Heritage Site of Um er-Rasas (Kastom Mefa'a). It contains remains from the Roman, Byzantine and early Moslem periods (end of 3rd to 9th century AD). Um er-Rasas is a master piece of human creative genius, given the artistic and technical qualities of the mosaic floor of St. Stephen's Church, a unique and complete example of stylite towers. It is strongly associated with monasticism and with the spread of monotheism in the whole region, including Islam. Dinner and overnight is in Petra. **B/D**



Thursday, May 1, 2014 • Petra

Today is a full day exploring Petra. We take a time to walk to the gates of Petra, where horses are waiting to take us on a short horse ride to the beginning of the **Siq**, after which we walk through a narrow canyon to the first great monument where the treasury is revealed, the **Roman Theater** and **Royal Tombs**. Dinner and overnight is in Petra. **B/D**



Friday, May 2, 2014 • Amman

After breakfast, we drive to **Wadi Rum** where we take a **jeep ride** in the desert and have tea with the Bedouins before we continue on to Amman. **B/D**

Saturday, May 3, 2014 • Amman

After breakfast, we visit the Museum and **Citadel** with remains from the Roman, Byzantine and Islamic periods, and here also have a panoramic view over the city. In downtown Amman we see the Roman Theatre dating from the 2nd century, and take a stroll through the city. We visit a Jordanian church and ministry center. This evening we celebrate the end to our journey with dinner in Tawaheen Al Hawa restaurant. **B/D**

Sunday, May 4, 2014 • Return Home

We have an early wake-up call and departure from Amman airport back to our homes. We have been enlightened by all the history and seeing places that we have read and heard about in church and many Biblical studies.

Abbreviations for included meals:

B = Breakfast D = Dinner

Tour Price: \$3,990* per person
*Includes estimated air from Minneapolis • Land only \$2640

Double occupancy accommodations

*based on 20 paying participants, double occupancy

Single Supplement \$630 (subject to availability)
Triples are available but not advised

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Estimated air transportation from MSP to Tel Aviv and return from Amman, including estimated related taxes and fees
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist & moderate first class hotels
- Services of a **multi-lingual guide** throughout the tour
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** excluding coach driver, tour leader and hotel and restaurant staff
- **Border taxes and Visa**

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except tea and coffee with breakfast and dinner
- **End of tour gratuity** for driver (\$3 per day recommended) and guide (\$5 per day recommended)
- Hotel and restaurant tips in Israel
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and highly recommended*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 is due with registration. Final payment is due 90 days before departure. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. *Early registration is encouraged.*

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to the departure date. From the time of deposit to 90 days before departure, a \$50 per person administrative fee and any lost airfare deposits will be assessed. From 89-46 days, a \$150 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as penalties imposed by the airlines will be assessed. From 45-31 days, a \$200 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as penalties imposed by the airlines will be assessed. From 30-15 days, a \$250 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as penalties imposed by the airlines will be assessed. Airline tickets once issued are generally not refundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Deposit Payment Information

(Please fill out if paying by **check**):

Enclosed is my check made payable to **Ed-Ventures, Inc.** in the amount of: _____

Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by **credit card**):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds Roommate (name): _____

Single supplement is an additional (\$630): Yes No

Travel Insurance (please check one):

Yes, sign me up

No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information:

Charge my card below

Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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