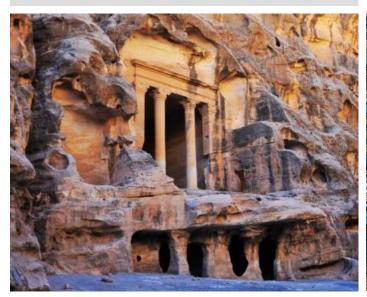
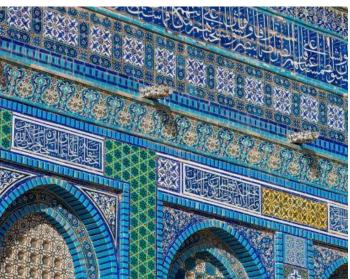
# ISRAEL & JORDAN TOUR



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# Israel & Jordan Escorted Tour with Flights

Duration: 13 days

**Departs:** 2023-2025

**Stay:** 11 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

**Booking code:** ISJG13M

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# About the holiday

This Israel and Jordan tour is a special Middle Eastern adventure abounding with colour, culture, ancient relics and World Heritage sites.

Explore the fascinating city of Tel Aviv. Step back in time at the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader ruins at ancient Caesarea and tour the impressive archaeological site of Beit She'an. See the Old City of Jerusalem, before you cross the border into Jordan and spend a night at the legendary Dead Sea.

There's an optional tour of Petra, with its famous Treasury Building, but another included highlight is Little Petra. Although a smaller site, this less-visited treasure is big on features with impressive frescoes, temples, tombs and cisterns carved out of rock. The last day of the tour is spent in Amman, where the farewell dinner is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the amazing experiences that you've enjoyed with the group and new-found friends.

# Why you'll love this trip...

- Explore holy lands rich with history in unforgettable Israel and Jordan
- Enjoy the comforts of 3- to 4-star hotels & security of an escorted group
- Explore the vibrant cities of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Petra & Amman
- This worry-free trip includes expert guides & flights from Australia!

## **Travel dates**

2023, 2024 & 2025 - weekly departures in February, March & November

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#### **Escorted tour includes:**

Flights - Return economy airfares to Tel Aviv & from Amman Fly from all Australian capital cities (surcharges may apply)

Accommodation - 11 nights in 3- to 4-star hotels

1 night Tel Aviv

2 nights Galilee Region

3 nights Jerusalem

1 night Dead Sea

2 nights Petra

2 nights Amman

Hotel taxes, fees & service charges

Hotel porterage

13 meals: 11 breakfasts, 2 dinners

Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach

Services of English-speaking tour managers throughout

Entrance fees per itinerary

Visa to Jordan

# Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Meals, sightseeing & entrance fees not specified in the inclusions or itinerary Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.

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# **Special features:**

- Explore Tel Aviv, known as Israel's "playground on the sea"
- Tour the astounding Roman, Byzantine and Crusader ruins at ancient Caesarea
- Enjoy the serenity of the Sea of Galilee, the largest freshwater lake in Israel
- Tour the impressive archaeological site of Beit She'an dating back to King Saul
- In Jerusalem's Old City, discoveer the Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Mt. Zion
- Time to explore the multifaceted ancient "golden" city of Jerusalem at your own pace
- · Visit Bethany, the site of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist
- · Tour Little Petra, a smaller archaeological site located north of Petra
- At Madaba, see the vivid 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land
- Stand atop Mount Nebo, where Moses climbed to see the Promised Land

# **Itinerary:**

# DAY 1, Sunday - Depart for Israel

#### DAY 2, Monday - Arrive in Tel Aviv

Arrive in Tel Aviv and make your own way to the hotel (let your travel designer know if you'd like to pre-book an arrival transfer). Time to rest, relax and acclimate to your new time zone. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 5 PM

Overnight: Tel Aviv

# DAY 3, Tuesday - Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Galilee Region

This morning, get acquainted with Tel Aviv known as the "Big Orange" on a walking tour of the city's highlights. Travel to the ancient port of Jaffa with its reconstructed Artists' Quarter before continuing to quaint Neve Tzedek. Next, go to Rabin Square to view the memorial to the late Prime Minister. Later, depart Tel Aviv and drive along the Mediterranean coast to ancient Caesarea. View the astounding Roman, Byzantine and Crusader ruins and the 2,000-year-old theater. Travel to the age-old fishing village of Capernaum on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, home to a celebrated Byzantine-era synagogue and frequently mentioned in the Bible as Jesus' base during his Galilean ministry. Arrive in the tranquil Galilee Region for dinner and overnight

Overnight: Galilee Region Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 4, Wednesday - The Sea of Galilee

Spend the day at leisure to enjoy the serenity of the Sea of Galilee, the largest freshwater lake in Israel, or explore this city with a history dating back to the Roman Emperor Tiberius and religious sites that include the Church of St. Peter. Don't miss the *optional* full day tour to Galilee that begins at the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached His famous "Sermon on the Mount." Next on to Safed, one of Judaism's holiest cities and mystical centre of Kabbalah. Walk through the colourful artists' colony and visit an ancient synagogue. Then, ascend the Golan Heights to understand more about this strategic area and visit Har Bental, site of a former Israeli bunker. Following lunch, tour a kibbutz and taste special vintages at a winery in Katzrin before heading back. Tonight, dinner is at your hotel

Optional: Full Day Upper Galilee & Golan Heights with Lunch (AM)

Overnight: Galilee Region Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 5, Thursday - Beit She'an, "Golden" Jerusalem

This morning, visit a factory where diamonds are cut and set in jewellery. Learn about the manufacturing process of this industry. Traveling south reach the impressive archaeological site of Beit She'an, an ancient city dating back to King Saul. See the remains of an ancient Roman city and the ongoing excavations. Continue via the Jordan Valley to the "golden city" of Jerusalem. The rest of the day is at leisure to discover Jerusalem on your own. The afternoon *optional* tour of the New City begins with a drive via the Supreme Court building and the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, to the impressive Israel Museum. Here, view the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the scale model of Jerusalem during the Second Temple period. Then, pay respects at Yad Vashem, Memorial to the Holocaust on the Mount of Remembrance. Later, the entertaining *optional* evening includes dinner at a popular restaurant followed by the spectacular Sound & Light Show at the Tower of David.

**Optional:** Half Day Jerusalem New City (PM)

Optional: Illuminated Jerusalem, Dinner & Sound & Light Show (PM)

Overnight: Jerusalem

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 6, Friday - Jerusalem Old City Tour

Begin your exploration of Jerusalem at the walled Old City with its four distinct sections - the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Armenian Quarters. Have a chance to see the famed Western Wall, then follow the steps along Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the holiest sites in the Christian world. Pass through the narrow alleys and souks to Mt. Zion; visit the room of the Last Supper and the Tomb of King David. The remainder of the day is on your own to stroll through the picturesque lanes of the Old City or visit the exotic bazaars.

Join the *optional* afternoon tour to Bethlehem that includes a visit to the Church of the Nativity, commemorating the birthplace of Christ. A stop for local olive wood

handicrafts is included

Optional: Half Day Bethlehem (PM)

Overnight: Jerusalem

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### DAY 7, Saturday - Day in Jerusalem

Today is free to immerse yourself in this ancient city. Walk through the city's colourful neighbourhoods that reveal a diverse blend of traditional and modern cultures. Or, participate in the *optional* tour to Masada and Dead Sea. Begin with a drive along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, to Masada. Ascend by cable car to the top of these heroic heights and listen to the brave tale of the Zealots who chose to perish rather than live under Roman rule. Visit the archaeological sites including the remains of Herod's Palace, a synagogue, bath houses, and dwellings. Pass through the Museum of Masada at the base, then stop at the Dead Sea for a swim in the salty and buoyant waters before returning to Jerusalem. Tonight, attend a reception and bid farewell to your Tour Manager

Optional: Full Day Masada and Dead Sea (AM)

Overnight: Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 8, Sunday - Depart Israel, Travel to the Dead Sea, Bethany

After breakfast, depart Israel and travel towards the Dead Sea, Jordan. Arrive at the Allenby Bridge border. You will be escorted through the border crossing process and then met by your Jordanian Tour Manager. Visa for Jordan is required but arranged free of charge. Israel Departure tax of \$50-\$60 is required and payable locally. Travel to your hotel in the Dead Sea area. This afternoon, visit the village of Bethany, the site of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. This is also the area where the prophet Elijah ascended to heaven via a chariot of fire. The sites that make up Bethany were part of early Christian pilgrimages between Mt. Nebo and Jerusalem.

Tonight, attend an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager

Overnight: Dead Sea Meals: Breakfast

# DAY 9, Monday - Madaba and Mount Nebo, Arrive in Petra

After breakfast, visit the mosaic city of Madaba, where an ancient map of the Holy Land is set into the floor of Saint George's Church. Continue with a visit to Mount Nebo, the reputed burial site of Moses, overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. After lunch on your own, continue to Petra and check into your hotel. Your evening is at leisure

Overnight: Petra Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 10, Tuesday - Day in Petra

Today, spend your day at leisure or, join the *optional* Petra tour. Enter the "rose red" city hand-sculpted from a mountain range by the Nabateans in the 3rd century BC. Begin your walk through the "Siq", a winding canyon road. View Petra's most extraordinary monument - the towering Treasury building rising over 140 feet. Discover soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a theatre, and burial champers - all remnants of a once great Nabatean culture. In the afternoon perhaps join the *optional* Wadi Rum Jeep Excursion. Ride in a 4x4 vehicle to explore Wadi Rum, with its looming rock faces and huge red sand dunes. Enjoy a breathtaking sunset over Wadi Rum before driving back to Petra

**Optional:** Petra Tour (AM)

Optional: Wadi Rum Jeep Excursion (PM)

Overnight: Petra Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 11, Wednesday - Little Petra, Umm ar-Rasas, Arrive in Amman

After breakfast, visit Little Petra, a smaller archaeological site located north of Petra. The site features temples, tombs and cisterns carved out of the rock as well as impressive frescoes from the Nabatean period. Continue to the ancient city of Umm ar-Rasas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the ruins and view a collection of beautifully preserved mosaic floors. Afterward, arrive in Amman the capital of the Kingdom of Jordan. Often referred to as the "White City" because of the white stone used to build the houses, Amman is among the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world

Overnight: Amman Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 12, Thursday - Day in Amman

Spend your last day in Jordan at leisure or, join the *optional* tour to Jerash. Travel north of Amman to the city of Jerash, the best-preserved example of Roman civilization in Jordan. Jerash, was part of the Decapolis (the ten large Roman cities of the East) The city features theatres, churches, temples of Zeus and Artemis, a Nymphaeum and a colonnaded street. In the afternoon participate in the *optional* tour of Amman. Visit the Amman Citadel in the city centre, followed by a trip to the Archaeological Museum. Continue to the Roman Amphitheatre, one of the largest in the Middle East. Then, experience the heart of the city centre by browsing in the downtown markets. Tonight, attend a reception and bid farewell to your Tour Manager

Optional: Half Day Jerash (AM)
Optional: Half Day Amman (PM)

Overnight: Amman Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 13, Friday - Depart Jordan

Today the time has come to check out of the hotel this morning and make your way to the airport for your departure flight. As the journey ends, the memories begin and we hope you've had a wonderful tour.

**Meals:** Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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