

MARCH 10 - 18, 2025

EGYPT

and the Bible Tour

with Egyptologist Dr. David Falk



ITINERARY



Dr. David Falk Egyptologist

Whenever I travel to Egypt, I always feel transported to a completely different world of unique sights, smells, and experiences, a place where the ancient

and modern come together. Egypt was where the Israelites sojourned for around 350 years, and it was Israel's most important neighbor being mentioned over 600 times in the Bible, making it the most frequently mentioned place outside of Canaan. Much of Israel's culture owes its origins to its highly influential neighbor. In this tour, we are going to visit the wonders of ancient Egypt and connect them to the Biblical texts with a goal of opening up a deeper understanding of the background, culture, and history of the Bible.

The Ark *of the* Covenant IN ITS EGYPTIAN CONTEXT

An Illustrated Journey



DAVID A. FALK



March 10 – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on an overnight flight

March 11 – Arrive in Cairo

Our representative will welcome you at the Cairo airport and transfer you to your hotel to enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

March 12 – Cairo

After breakfast, head to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, known commonly as the Egyptian Museum and home to over 120,000 ancient Egyptian antiquities with a representative amount available on display. Later, visit the Pyramids of Giza, one of the only existing Wonders of the Ancient World, and nearby, see the Great Sphinx of Giza, the largest and most well-known Sphinx.

March 13 – Memphis, Saqqara, Dahshur

Following breakfast, take a bus to the administrative and funerary heart of Egypt. Visit Memphis, which was the administrative capital of Egypt through most of its history and was mentioned in the Joseph narrative when he took as his wife the daughter of the “Priest of On (Memphis)” (Gen 41:45). Then visit the Saqqara and the artistic masterpiece of the Stepped Pyramid of King Djoser and the Pyramid of Unas with the earliest recorded pyramid texts. Then, explore Dahshur with its famous Bent Pyramid and the Red Pyramid.

March 14 – Fly to Aswan

Following breakfast, board your flight destined for Aswan. After Lunch, visit the unfinished obelisk and the Temples of Philae where you will visit the Great Temples of Isis and Hathor. Then visit Elephantine where you can see the village where the Israelites settled after fleeing Nebuchadnezzar II following the assassination of the puppet governor, Gedaliah. At Elephantine, you will see the remnants of the Israelite village and the vestige of one of the few Temples of Yahweh that were ever made. You will stay the night at Aswan and have the opportunity to take in the amazing sights, sounds, and smells of the night market.

March 15 – Luxor and Karnak Temples

This morning, board a bus and travel to Karnak. In the afternoon, visit the Karnak Temple, which was built over 2000 years ago and is the largest religious building ever constructed, and see the famed Hypostyle Hall, the Obelisks of Queen Hatshepsut and Thutmose III, the temple of Amun, the Granite Scarabeus and the Sacred Lake. Then, visit the magnificent Temple of Luxor with its avenue of sphinx statues and mighty monumental columns. After dinner, visit the Luxor Museum and the Luxor Souk to take in the city's local ambiance.

March 16 – The Valley Temples

In Luxor, cross the river to visit the vast burial city called the Necropolis of Thebes, located on the West Bank of the Nile. Your visit will take you to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, the Ramesseum, and the Temple of Ramesses III at Medinet Habu, where much of the symbolism from the Bible comes together.

March 17 – Valley of the Kings and Queens

This morning, visit the magnificent Valley of the Kings, the nearby Valley of the Queens, and the Tombs of Nobles. See the elaborately decorated tombs of the Kings of the 18th and 19th dynasties and learn how the tombs of the Nobles relate to our understanding of the Biblical narrative.

March 18 – Return to the USA



Starting at **\$4,999*** from New York

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes

Subject to change

Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees

Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches

Special Learning Opportunities with Dr. Falk

First-Class Hotels, & much more!

Register Early and save!

\$200.00 off by 3/31/24 | **\$100.00 off** by 6/1/24 | **\$50.00 off** by 9/11/24

*See back for pricing details



MOUNT SINAI & RED SEA Pre-Tour

MARCH 7 - 11, 2025 | FOR \$1,199*

March 7 - Depart the USA

March 8 - Arrive in Egypt

Arrive today in Cairo and transfer to your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

March 9 - Fly to Sharm El Sheik

Take a morning flight to Sharm el Sheik. Check into your hotel on the Red Sea and enjoy an afternoon of leisure.

March 10 - Free Day or Mount Sinai

Enjoy a free day to relax on the Red Sea or join the optional tour to St. Catherine's monastery, built in the 6th century to protect what was believed to be the "burning bush." Enjoy a short hike of Mount Sinai before returning to Sharm el Sheik.

March 11 - Free Morning / Fly to Cairo

Fly from Sharm el Sheik to Cairo to check into your hotel. Meet up with the rest of the group this evening at dinner.



EGYPT REVEALED Tour Extension

MARCH 18 - 22, 2025 | FOR \$1,350*

March 18 - Dendera and Abydos

Travel to central Egypt, where you will see the masterpieces of Egyptian art and history. Dendera Temple is inarguably the most beautiful temple ever made by the ancient Egyptians. At Abydos, you will see the grand symbolism in the temples of Seti I and Ramesses II. Stay the night in Abydos.

March 19 - Beni Hasan

Visit the tombs of the regional governors at Beni Hasan, where you can see the paintings of Semitic Asiatics entering Egypt as well as much of the context surrounding the time of Abraham's visit to Egypt. Spend the night in Cairo.

March 20 - Meidum

This morning, visit the unique Meidum Pyramid and the mastabas nearby. Spend the night in Cairo.

March 21 - Tanis and Bubastis

After breakfast, visit Tanis (Zoan) that is spoken of in Psalm 78 and Isaiah 19. Here, we will venture into the tombs of the 21st dynasty kings, and see the monuments of Ramesses II built at Piramesses that were relocated to Tanis. Finally, we will stop at Bubastis (biblical Pi-Baseth) (Ezek 30:17). We will return to Cairo for our final night in Egypt.

March 22 - Return to the USA

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

Departure City: Departure Date: 03/10/25 (F)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: (Name Tag:) Middle Name: Last Name: Title: Street Address: P.O. Box: City: State: Zip Code: Phone: Alt. Phone: Email: Birth Date: State of Birth: Sex: M F Dietary Restrictions: Emergency Contact: Phone: How did you learn about this tour? Tour Selection: Basic Tour Only Add Sharm el Sheikh Add Egypt Extension

Guest 2: First Name: (Name Tag:) Middle Name: Last Name: Title: Street Address: P.O. Box: City: State: Zip Code: Phone: Alt. Phone: Email: Birth Date: State of Birth: Sex: M F Dietary Restrictions: Emergency Contact: Phone: How did you learn about this tour? Tour Selection: Basic Tour Only Add Sharm el Sheikh Add Egypt Extension

Roommate(s):

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$799)

Table with 2 columns: Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan, Guest 1, Guest 2.

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION FINAL PAYMENT DUE 11/25/24

Payment options: via check # via credit card (circle): VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX Card Number: Exp. Date: Name on Card: CVN:

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature:

Guest 2 Signature:

Tour: AE25 Date: 031025 Code: F ID: V.005 02/14/24

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Table showing Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost.

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit, Additional Cancellation Protection.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-898-7222 (In CA, dia Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Daily Breakfast & Dinner • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Required Vaccinations, Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$799 during the basic tour; \$299 for Sharm el Sheikh Pre-Tour; \$399 for Egypt Extended Post-Tour

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 3 columns: Deposit, Payment Amount, Due Date.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after November 25, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 11/25/24. Registrations received between 11/26/24-12/10/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 12/11/24-12/25/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 12/26/24 will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements.

Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 11/25/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 08/14/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.