



# Ancient Wonders of the Bible Lands

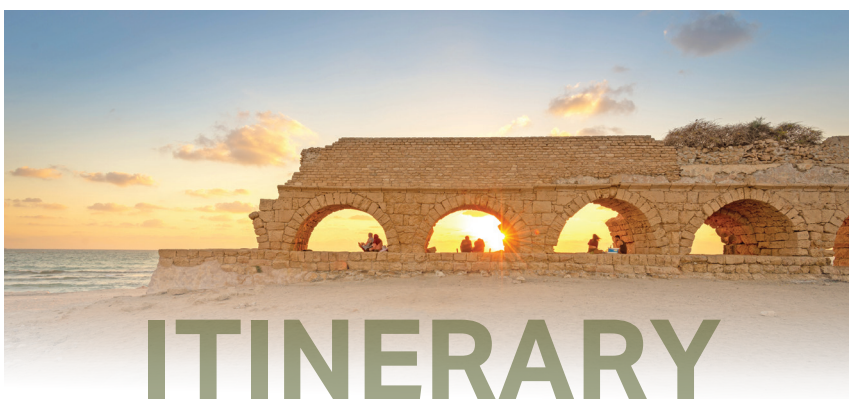
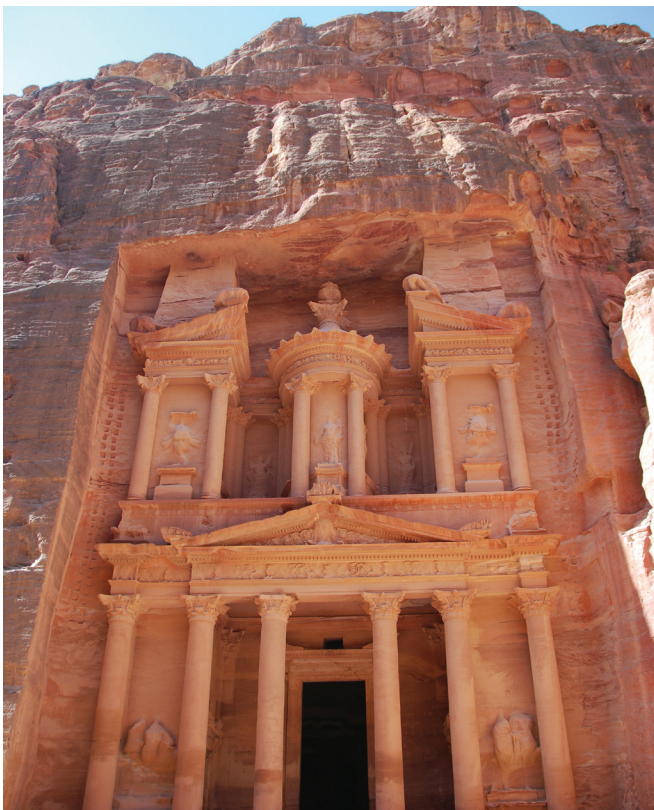
*Egypt, Jordan & Israel 2023*

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March 8 • October 18 • November 8







#### **Day 1 - Depart the USA**

Begin your journey to the land of antiquities as you depart from the United States on an overnight transatlantic flight.

#### **Day 2 - Arrive in Tel Aviv**

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, you will be met and assisted through customs by our representatives. Transfer to the hotel in Tiberias.

#### **Day 3 - Galilee**

In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Enjoy beautiful Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry, and visit the synagogue located on the site where Jesus taught (Matthew 4:13, 23). Sail across the Sea of Galilee and experience a special onboard worship service.

#### **Day 4 - Cana, Nazareth, Tel Megiddo & Caesarea**

Visit the Franciscan Wedding Chapel in Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, before continuing on to Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Look out over Tel Megiddo (Armageddon) to view one of the most important archaeological sites in Israel. Today's last stop is Caesarea, a center of the early Christians, where an angel visited Cornelius, the first Gentile believer (Acts 10), and where Paul was imprisoned for two years before appealing to Caesar.

#### **Day 5 - Bethlehem**

At the River Jordan, you can remember your baptism at the Yardenit Baptismal Site. In Bethlehem, visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace and see the Church of the Nativity constructed over the site (Matthew 1: 18 -25). Gaze out over Shepherds' Field, where angels first proclaimed the Good News. Be inspired by the breathtaking beauty of Jerusalem ("the Golden City") as you stand on the Mount of Olives, the place from which Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12).

#### **Day 6 - Jerusalem**

Explore the Davidson Center and the Southern Wall Excavations, including the Teaching Steps and the Western Wall. Wander the streets of the Jewish Quarter and explore the Cardo, the ancient marketplace still alive with shops. Stand on the steps of the Pool of Siloam, where the blind man was healed (John 9). Visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the home of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was held after His arrest (Matthew 26:57).

#### **Day 7 - Jerusalem**

View the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle (John 5: 1-31). Walk the Via Dolorosa, "the Way of the Cross," and stand in reverence at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



#### Day 8 - Cross into Jordan

Cross the Allenby Bridge into Jordan. Explore Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the world. Stroll through the oval piazza and wander along colonnaded streets etched by the wheels of ancient chariots. Stand in the grand theatre where an onstage whisper can be heard in the top row.

#### Day 9 - Petra

Travel south for a visit to the city of Petra. Its entrance passes through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq and can only be accessed by carriage, horseback, or on foot. Once inside the city, marvel at the intricate detail of a city that was cut into the cliffsides of rose-colored rock.

#### Day 10 - Fly to Cairo

Visit Mount Nebo, where Moses caught a glimpse of the Promised Land (Deut. 34). On a clear day, you can see all the way across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the rooftops of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Continue to Madaba, the City of Mosaics, to visit the Church of Saint George with its sixth-century, Byzantine, mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. Transfer to the airport in Amman and fly to Cairo.

#### Day 11 - Memphis and Giza

Your sightseeing begins with a visit to Memphis, the first capital of ancient Egypt, which was destroyed by Emperor Theodosius. The stones and blocks were used by the Islamic conquerors to build their mosques and palaces. Continue to the Step Pyramid of Saqqara, designed by the innovative architect Imhotep, and forerunner of the pyramids. The tomb of King Zoser is over 200 feet high and resembles a giant set of stairs. Continue to Giza and the Great Pyramids of Cheops, Cheophreh, and Mykerinos, guarded by the colossal Sphinx monument, which is symbolic of Egypt throughout the ages.

#### Day 12 - Cairo

This morning, your guide will escort you on a tour of 7,000 years of Egyptian history with a visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, which includes the world-famous golden treasures from King Tutankhamun's tomb. Tour the Citadel of Saladin built in 1183 AD and visit the Hanging Church in Old Cairo, which is named for its location above a gatehouse of the Roman fortress in Coptic Cairo (Old Cairo). Later, enjoy a ride on the Nile aboard a traditional Egyptian Felucca.

#### Day 13 - Return to the USA or enjoy the Luxor extension.



### Luxor

Starting at \$998\*

#### Day 13 - Flight to Luxor

#### Day 14 - Luxor – Valley of Kings and Queens

This morning, enjoy the sunrise over the Nile River before your visit to the Valley of the Kings. Tombs were constructed here for the kings and powerful nobles of Egypt for nearly 500 years. The valley stands on the west bank of the Nile, across from Thebes (modern Luxor), within the heart of the Theban Necropolis. See the Colossi of Memnon, made of sandstone brought from Gabal El Silselah. Each colossus, including the pedestal and the crown, is about 21 meters tall and represents King Amenhotep III. See the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, one of only a handful of female rulers in Ancient Egypt. Her reign was the longest of all the female pharaohs.

#### Day 15 - Luxor – Luxor Temple and Karnak Temple

Visit the magnificent Temple of Luxor with its avenue of sphinx statues and mighty monumental columns. Continue to the Karnak Temple, which was built over 2,000 years and is the largest religious building ever constructed and see the famed Hypostyle Hall, the Obelisks of Queen Hatshepsut and Tuthmosis III, the temple of Amon, the Granite Scarabeus and the Sacred Lake.

#### Day 16 - Transfer to the airport for return flights to the USA.

*Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.  
Taxes, tips & fees for extensions are charged separately.*





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**\$4,998\***

## Select Your Departure Date

All-inclusive prices based out of New York

March 8 ..... \$4,998\*  
October 18 ..... \$4,998\*  
November 8 ..... \$4,998\*

## YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

**Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing**  
**Round-trip International Airfare from New York**  
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**  
**First-Class Hotels & much more!**



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### Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpF427X](http://www.tripmate.com/wpF427X)

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000.....	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000.....	\$.299	\$4501 to \$5000.....	\$.499	\$6501 to \$7000.....	\$.699
\$1001 to \$1500.....	\$.149	\$3001 to \$3500.....	\$.349	\$5001 to \$5500.....	\$.549	\$7001 to \$8000.....	\$.799
\$1501 to \$2000.....	\$.199	\$3501 to \$4000.....	\$.399	\$5501 to \$6000.....	\$.599	\$8001 to \$9000.....	\$.899
\$2001 to \$2500.....	\$.249	\$4001 to \$4500.....	\$.449	\$6001 to \$6500.....	\$.649	\$9001 to \$10,000.....	\$.999

#### Schedule of Coverages

#### Maximum Benefit

<b>Part A *</b>	
Trip Cancellation .....	Trip Cost
<b>Part B</b>	
Trip Interruption .....	Trip Cost
Missed Connection .....	\$500
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days up to \$200 Per Day) .....	\$2,000
<b>Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation</b>	
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense.....	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation.....	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment.....	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects .....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay .....	\$200

THIS IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ASK FOR THE TRAVEL PROTECTION CERTIFICATE WHICH FULLY DETAILS THE COVERAGES, PROVISIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS OF THE PLAN OFFERED AND IS AVAILABLE TO YOU, UPON REQUEST, AT ANY TIME.

**Part A** - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. **Part B** - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. \*For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

### 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 fatal 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. **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, 1-800-888-7292 (in CA, dba 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) • Breakfast & dinner daily • 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 • Extensions
- 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

#### ALSO NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE - will appear on your statement:

Extension Border taxes, visas, tips and other fees: \$50 for Luxor.

#### 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: \$1,098 during the basic tour; \$298 for Luxor Extension.

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
<b>Registration Deposit</b>	\$300	At time of registration
<b>Final Payment</b>	Full payment	105 Days Prior   If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
<b>Travel Protection Premium Amount</b>	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 105 days prior to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

#### REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 105 days prior to departure:

We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure. Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 74 days prior or less 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. In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. 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.

#### ABILITY 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, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of us, 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.**

#### PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to tour. 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 11/09/23. 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.