



HOLY LAND CLASSIC

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 7, 2023



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“The tour made the Bible come alive to me. I now read the Bible using all my senses and it is no longer in black and white.”

- Christy H



November 28 and 29 - USA to the Holy Land

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel to enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

November 30 - The Galilee

Worship as you sail across the **Sea of Galilee**. Visit **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matthew 4:13, 23). On the **Mount of Beatitudes**, contemplate the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). Explore the **Church of the Loaves and Fish** at **Tabgha**, the traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). See the **Chapel of the Primacy**, where Peter professed his devotion three times to the risen Christ (John 21). In **Magdala**, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Recall Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist at the **Jordan River**.

December 1 - 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.

December 2 - Beit Shean, Jericho, & Qumran

Start the day in **Beit Shean**, a city continuously inhabited for over 5,000 years. The uncovered ruins date back to the Greek/Roman city that was part of the Decapolis of Jesus' day. See colonnaded streets with marble sidewalks, Roman public baths, and a theater. As you stop in **Jericho** to view the ruins of the city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6:1, 2, 20), in the distance, you can see the traditional site of the **Temptation of Jesus** (Matthew 4:1-11). Continue to **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947.

December 3 - Bethlehem & Jerusalem

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** before returning to Jerusalem. Explore the poignant exhibits of **Yad Vashem**, Israel's Holocaust Memorial.

December 4 - Jerusalem & the City of David

Begin your day with a group picture taken from the **Mount of Olives**, where Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-12). Walk the **Palm Sunday Road** and pray in the **Garden of Gethsemane** and envision the scenes of the night before Jesus' crucifixion (Matthew 26:36 - 44). Continue to **Mount Zion** to visit the **House of the High Priest Caiaphas**, where Jesus was questioned the night of His betrayal (Matthew 26:57). Meditate on the events of the Last Supper as you visit the traditional location of the **Upper Room** (Mark 14:12-26). After lunch, wander through the excavations of the **City of David**. Explore **Hezekiah's Tunnel**, an amazing engineering feat that was dug from both ends and met in the middle (Note: Those who are claustrophobic may want to meet the group at the other end of the tunnel)! Visit the **Pool of Siloam**, recently uncovered at the foot of the City.

December 5 - Leisure Day (Masada/Dead Sea Option)

Today, you have free time to explore on your own or you may choose to visit **Masada** and the **Dead Sea** (additional charge). Ascend by cable car to Masada, Herod's legendary mountaintop fortress, which became the last desperate stronghold of the Jewish Zealots against the Romans. You can still look down on the remains of the Roman camps and the siege ramp below. End your day with a dip in the salt and mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea.

December 6 - Jerusalem & the Old City

Explore ancient Jerusalem at the **Teaching Steps** and the **Western Wall**. View the **Pool of Bethesda**, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle (John 5:1-18). Sing a hymn in the **Church of St. Anne** and experience its rich acoustics. Visit **Herod's Antonia Fortress**, where Jesus appeared before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1), and follow in Christ's steps on the **Via Dolorosa** ("the Way of the Cross"). At the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, take time to reflect on His sacrificial love. Visit the **Garden Tomb** for a time of reflection and communion.

December 7 - Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension.

\$3,896* FROM RALEIGH/DURHAM, NC

\$3,648* FROM NEW YORK, NY

To travel from a city near you call for pricing.

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

First-Class Hotels & much more!

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\$2,198* LAND ONLY / NO AIRFARE

YOUR LAND ONLY PRICE INCLUDES:

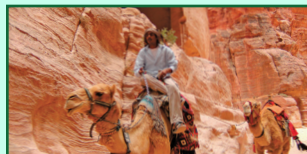
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**WONDERS OF PETRA
& THE DEAD SEA**

December 7-11, 2023 • \$1098*

December 7 – Jerash

This morning, you will journey across the Allenby Bridge on your way to 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. Continue to your hotel to check in for dinner and overnight.

December 8 – Petra

Begin your journey south towards Petra today. Explore 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. Return to your hotel at the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.

December 9 – Madaba & Mount Nebo

Travel 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. Continue to 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. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

December 10 – Free Morning at the Dead Sea

Enjoy a free morning at your hotel. Cross the border back into Israel and enjoy dinner in Jerusalem. Afterward, you will travel to the airport in Tel Aviv to begin your journey home.

December 11 – Return to the USA

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



**CAIRO & THE ROUTE OF
THE EXODUS**

December 7-12, 2023 • \$1398*

December 7 – Jerusalem to Egypt

Travel the Caravan Route from Jerusalem through the Sinai. Transfer to your hotel for overnight.

December 8 – Saint Catherine's Monastery

View Mount Sinai and Saint Catherine's Monastery. Stay in Sharm el Sheikh overnight

December 9 – Route of the Exodus

Trace the route of the Exodus along the eastern Sinai coast to Wadi Feiran, Elim & Marah by the Red Sea. Continue to Cairo for dinner and overnight.

December 10 – Memphis, Saqqara, the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx

Tour the rural region of traditional Egyptian farming. Travel as Abraham did to Memphis (Biblical Noph) and on to Saqqara, where you will see the Step Pyramid, the world's oldest stone structure. See the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

December 11 – Cairo

Visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities and tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin. View the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali and Visit the Abu Serga Church. Prepare for your return flight home.

December 12 – Return to the USA



**NILE CRUISE
EXTENSION**

December 7-14, 2023 • \$2498*

December 7 – Jerusalem to Mount Sinai

Travel the Caravan Route from Jerusalem through the Sinai. Transfer to your hotel for overnight.

December 8 – Saint Catherine's Monastery

View Mount Sinai and Saint Catherine's Monastery. Stay in Sharm el Sheikh overnight.

December 9 – Luxor & Karnak

Fly from Sharm el Sheikh to Luxor. See the Temple of Luxor, the Karnak Temple and the Obelisks of Queen Hatshepsut and Thutmose III. Board your Nile cruise ship and enjoy dinner.

December 10 – Valleys of the Kings & Queens & Esna

Explore the Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Sail to Esna and see the Temple of Khnum. Dinner & overnight on board.

December 11 – Edfu & Kom Ombo

Visit the Edfu Temple. Enjoy lunch on board as you sail to Kom Ombo to visit the Kom Ombo Temple nearby. Dinner & overnight on board.

December 12 – Aswan

See the Temples at Philae, including the Temple of Isis. See the High Dam at Aswan and the Unfinished Obelisk. After exploring Aswan, fly to Cairo to check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

December 13 – Cairo

Visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx. Tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin. View the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali and visit the Abu Serga Church. Prepare for your return flight home.

December 14 – Return 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.

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

John Spadafino | FineSwordTravel LLC
15 N. Indiancreek Place, Durham, NC 27703
919-995-0669 | john@fineswordtravel.com

Departure City: _____ Departure Date: **11/28/23 (A)**

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: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: ☐ Basic Program Only ☐ Add Petra Extension

☐ Add Cairo Extension ☐ Add Nile Cruise Extension

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag:) _____

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: ☐ Basic Program Only ☐ Add Petra Extension

☐ Add Cairo Extension ☐ Add Nile Cruise Extension

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: ☐ Try to Match Me ☐ Single Room (availability limited - \$898)

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 08/15/23

☐ 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: TH23 Date: 112823 Code: A ID: 40249

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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

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Extension • 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) • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day)

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

Extension Border taxes, visas, tips and other fees; \$138 Petra; \$158 Cairo; \$168 Nile Cruise. Contact your travel advisor for more information.

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: **\$898 during the basic tour; ; \$298 Petra; \$448 Cairo; \$698 Nile Cruise.**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

| Deposit | Payment Amount | Due Date |
|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Registration Deposit | \$300 | At time of registration |
| Final Payment | Full payment | 08/15/23 If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed. |

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after August 15, 2023:

We welcome registrations after 08/15/23. Registrations received between 08/16/23 - 08/30/23 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 08/31/23 - 09/14/23 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received on 09/15/23 or later 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 08/15/23. 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 09/22/23. 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.