

APRIL 2 - 11, 2024

# HOLY LAND

*Classic Journey*

with Matt Goss



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# ITINERARY



## **APRIL 2 AND 3 - 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.

## **APRIL 4 - 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.

## **APRIL 5 - 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.

## **APRIL 6 - 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.

## **APRIL 7 - 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.

## **APRIL 8 - 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 (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.

### APRIL 9 - 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.

### APRIL 10 - 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.

### APRIL 11 - RETURN TO THE USA OR ENJOY AN EXTENSION.

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## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



### WONDERS OF PETRA & THE DEAD SEA

April 11-15, 2024 • \$1098\*

#### April 11 – 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.

#### April 12 – 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.

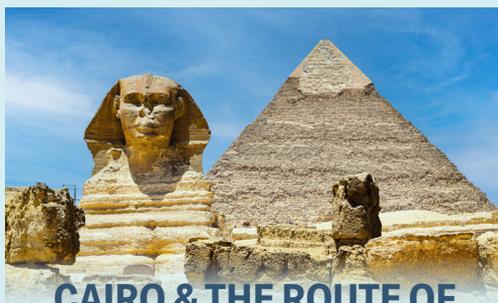
#### April 13 – Madaba & Mount Nebo

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.

#### April 14 – 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.

#### April 15 – Return to the USA



### CAIRO & THE ROUTE OF THE EXODUS

April 11-16, 2024 • \$1298\*

#### April 11 – Jerusalem to Egypt

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

#### April 12 – Saint Catherine's Monastery

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

#### April 13 – 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.

#### April 14 – 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.

#### April 15 - 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.

#### April 16 - Return to the USA



### NILE CRUISE EXTENSION

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#### April 11 – Jerusalem to Mount Sinai

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

#### April 12 – Saint Catherine's Monastery

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

#### April 13 – 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.

#### April 14 – 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.

#### April 15 – 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.

#### April 16 – 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.

#### April 17 - 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.

#### April 18 - 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.