



# HOLY LAND

## PILGRIMAGE

EGYPT - ISRAEL - JORDAN

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### Day 01 /1 March -1 Auckland Depart

EK 449 G 1MAR AKLDXB 2110-0530am

Check in at airport 6 PM evening for flight to Cairo via Dubai.

### DAY 2 / March-2 Arrival Cairo

EK 927 G 2 MAR DXBCAI 0810-1025am

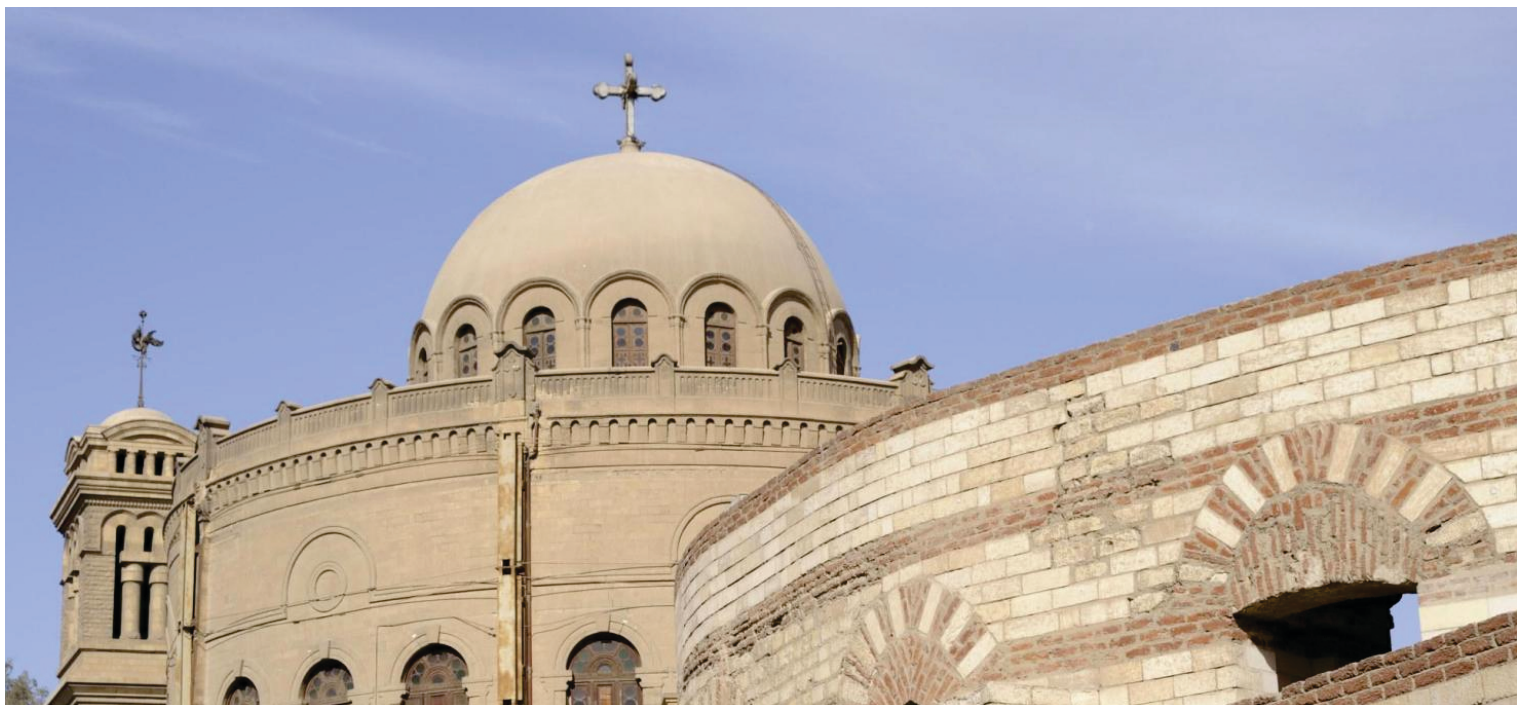
Arrival to Cairo airport . Visit one of the world's great museums, the Egyptian Museum, home to an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts from the time of the Pharaohs, including the treasures of the famous King Tutankhamen. Proceed to the Citadel of Cairo to see the Mosque of Mohammed 'Ali Pasha, one of the most beautiful Mosque in the world. Finally, visit the place of apparition of the Virgin Mary (1968) at Zeitoun. Return to hotel for overnight (B/L/D)

### DAY 3 / March-3 Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel. Start the day by seeing one of the wonders of the world, the Pyramids of Giza and the nearby Sphinx. Drop by a perfumery factory and enjoy the natural essences of Egypt. Visit Old Cairo and see St. Virgin Mary's Coptic Church, commonly called the Hanging Church because it was built on top of one of the Roman towers. Also see the Church of St. Sergius (Abu Serga) which was built above the cave where the Holy Family rested at the end of their journey into Egypt. Proceed to shops where you can buy papyrus (the first paper in the world), cotton, linen, silk and other souvenir items. Enjoy a cruise on the River Nile with dinner and folkloric show and feel the time of Cleopatra. Return to the hotel for overnight. (B/L/D)

### DAY 04 / March-4 Cairo - St. Catherine

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Enjoy the long drive through the desert with tunnel crossing under the Suez Canal to Sinai. Finally, arrive at Sinai and check-in at the hotel for overnight. (B/L/D)





### **DAY 05 / March-5 St. Catherine – Taba**

You may join an early morning mountain climb at Mt. Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments (Subject to security approval).

Return to the hotel for breakfast and check out - proceed to St. Catherine Monastery to visit the site of the Burning Bush. Proceed to Taba Check in at the hotel the rest of the day for Leisure and overnight. (B/L/D)



### **Day 06 / March-6 Taba – Qumran - Jericho – Bethlehem**

After breakfast check out of the hotel and proceed to the Egyptian border to Israel - passing through the Desert. Drive to the Dead Sea and visit the Qumran - the caves of the Essenes where the Dead Sea scrolls were found by a wandering shepherd boy. Drive to Jericho. Visit the old city of Jericho where Jesus called out Zacchaeus, a tax collector, to climb down a sycamore tree. From a distance, also view Mount of Temptation where Jesus was tempted. Drive to Bethlehem, Check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

### **Day 07/ March-7 Bethlehem – Old City**

Breakfast at the hotel and visit the Church of the Nativity (birthplace of Jesus) and Shepherds' Field where an angel brought the tidings of joy to some shepherds that the long-awaited saviour had been born. visit a store where you can buy olive wooden rosaries, crucifixes, souvenir items and other "pasalubong". Enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of St. Anne and the



Pools of Bethesda. Walk the Via Dolorosa starting at the Ecce Homo where Pontius Pilate washed his hands. Proceed to the Flagellation and go through all the Stations of the Cross until you reach the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was crucified, died and rose from the dead. Also visit the Wailing Wall. Back to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. (B/LD)

### **DAY 08 Bethlehem-Mt. of Olives--Bethlehem**

After breakfast proceed to the Mount of Olives. Visit the Ascension Chapel where Jesus ascended into Heaven. Then witness the "Lord's Prayer" written in several languages at the Church of Pater Noster. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road and stop at the Church of Dominus Flevit where Jesus prophesized the destruction of Jerusalem and wept. Continue by walking down to the Church of All Nations or the Basilica of the Agony located next to the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus prayed before His passion. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

### **DAY 09 / March-9 Mt. Zion – Israel Museum Jerusalem**

Visit the Mount Zion area to see the Last Supper Room where Jesus and His disciples had their last supper and where the descent of the Holy Spirit took place. See also King David's Tomb and the Dormition Abbey. Then visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, the House of the High Priest Caiaphas where St. Peter denied Jesus three times continue to Israel Museum in Jerusalem which boasts over half a million objects relating to the Bible, Jewish life, archaeology in the Holy Land and local and international art. Perhaps the most exceptional exhibition of all is the Shrine of the Book which houses the oldest biblical manuscripts in the world, the Dead Sea Scrolls, as well as other rare Biblical manuscripts then back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B/LD)



### **DAY 10 / march-10 Bethlehem- Caesarea - Haifa - Nazareth -**

Breakfast at the hotel.. Drive to Caesarea which was built by Herod the Great to catch the sight of the Aqueducts and the old crusader city – continue to Haifa to visit the Basilica of Mont Carmel and the cave of Prophet Elijah continue to Nazareth where Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and give birth to Jesus Christ. Visit also St. Joseph's Workshop. Proceed to the nearby town of Cana where Jesus performed His first miracle where he turned water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana (married couples may wish to renew their wedding vows at the church). Check-in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

### **DAY 11/March-11 Mt. Tabor-Sea of Galilee- Capernaum-Tabgha-Mt. of Beatitudes-Tiberias**

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit Mt. Tabor where the transfiguration of Jesus took place. Boat ride at the Sea of Galilee. Continue on to Capernaum, the town where Jesus made His home after leaving Nazareth. View the remains of the ancient Synagogue in which He taught. On to Tabgha where the Miracle of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes took place, then visit St. Peter's Primacy Church. Drive to Mount of Beatitudes - the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Then on to Yardenit or more commonly known as the "River Jordan" (the baptismal site). Drop by a diamond factory before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

### **Day 12 Tiberias - Shiekh Hussein - Dead Sea Jordan**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Cross the Sheikh Hussein Bridge into Jordan – drive to the Dead Sea Jordan side the rest of the day is free for Leisure at the hotel check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight (B-L-D)

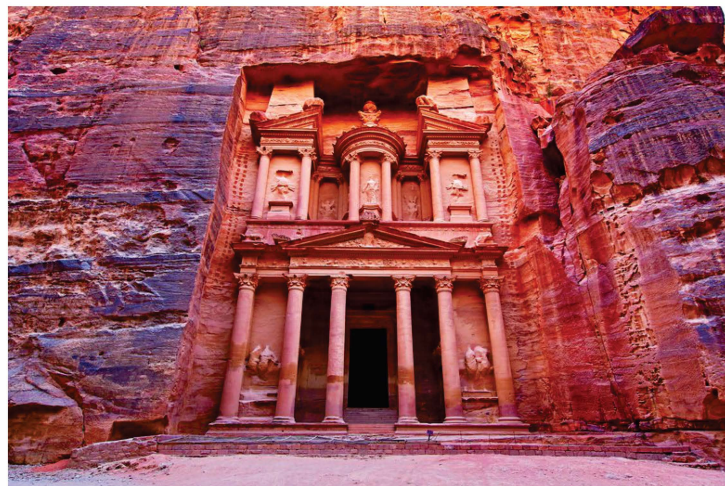
### **DAY 13/March-13 Petra**

Breakfast at the hotel, .check out and drive to Petra, visit the fabled rose City of Petra, the 2,000 year old Nabatean capital accidentally rediscovered in 1812. Ride by horse carriage or walk to the Siq, a half mile long unforgettable gorge. Experience the "Indiana Jones" film. At last, you stand in awe in front of the Treasury, a wonder of the world – a rose coloured monumental building artfully carved out of sheer rock. Check in at the hotel in Petra for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

#### **STAYING CITES**

**2 Nights Cairo**  
**1 Night St. Catherine**  
**1 Night Taba**  
**2 Nights Bethlehem**

**2 Night Jerusalem**  
**2 Nights Nazareth**  
**1 Night Dead Sea**  
**1 Night Petra**



### **DAY 14/ March-14**

Amman - Depart

Breakfast at the Hotel and check out. Drive to Madaba to visit the Monastery of Saint George which hosts the unique Mosaic Map of Egypt, Jordan and the Holy Land. The map is believed to be the first one for this area, built in the 6th century A.D. Continue your journey to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land before he died.

If time permits, last minute shopping at Amman.

Transfer to Airport to take your flight back home. (B/L)

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### **Day 15 /March-15 Fly to Auckland via Dubai**

EK 450 G 15MARDXBAKL 0130- 0530

**Day 16/ March-16** Morning Reach in Auckland international airport with the fond memories of Egypt, Israel and Jordan.



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