



Explore the Holy Land with optional Jordan extension

February 15-25, 2024

Jordan Extension: February 25-29, 2024

Come and experience the wonders of this beautiful and complicated land. This trip invites you into a multitude of opportunities to explore the culture, the spirituality and the political story of this land and its people. You won't read the Bible or the news in the same way again! This trip also offers an optional trip extension to Jordan to see the world-famous UNESCO site of Petra, along with the Wadi Rum, Jerash and Mount Nebo.



Sunlight Tours Trip Directors:
Sarah Raymond & Iyad Khweis

Trip Host: Pastor Laurie Neill

OVERVIEW

Cost (not including airfare): \$2825.00 per person (double occupancy) and Single Supplement: \$940

Includes:

- Airport transfers to and from the hotel with the group
- Transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- 9 nights in comfortable hotels
- All meals (as indicated in the itinerary)
- Entrance fees and fees for our speakers
- Expert trip director and the best guide!
- Tips for guide(s) and driver(s)

Does not Include:

- Incidentals/personal expenses
- Some beverages
- Any passport/visa fees not already indicated in itinerary
- Travel insurance (can be purchased through Sunlight Tours)
- All other services not mentioned as included

Jordan extension: \$1350 per person (double occupancy) and Single Supplement: \$400

Extension Includes:

- Transfer and including Exit Tax from Israel to Jordan
- Jordan Tourist Visa
- Accommodations and meals (as indicated in the itinerary)
- Deluxe A/C coach with water provided
- Petra Horse Riding and Jeep Excursion
- Entrance fees
- Professional English-speaking guides

Does not Include:

- Tips for guide(s) and driver(s)
- 1 dinner and some beverages
- Incidentals/personal expenses

Trip Notes:

Non-refundable deposit required for this trip: \$500

Other payments due: first half by August 7, 2023, final payment by October 31, 2023. Cash/check accepted. Credit Cards: +3.5% fee
We can book your airfare for you or you are welcome to book your own. We would like to work with you on your arrival and departure times so that we can best arrange for transfers to and from the airport. All flights arrive & depart from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport.

Holy Land Itinerary

**meals provided listed in ()*

Thursday, February 15: Fly out of Fargo on the way to Tel Aviv

Friday, February 16: We will arrive in Tel Aviv in the morning. Once we have gathered all of our travelers and bags, we will travel by comfortable motor coach to visit Caesarea, an ancient Roman city situated on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. We will stop that afternoon to visit Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Legacy Hotel in Nazareth. (L,D)



Saturday, February 17: Our day begins with a visit to the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth and a stop in Cana to visit the wedding chapel and see a stone water jar from the time of Jesus. We then make our way to the Sea of Galilee for a boat ride. We visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. We will visit Tabgha and see the traditional site of the Feeding of the 5,000, and St. Peter of Primacy, where Jesus told Peter to feed the sheep. We will visit Capernaum, one of the most important centers of Jesus's ministry and activity. This day also includes a lunch of St. Peter's fish. Magdala Hotel (B,L,D).

Sunday, February 18: We begin the day with an early morning tour of the historical site of Magdala, which includes an ancient synagogue from the time of Jesus. After breakfast, we will visit the ancient site of Tel Dan. This national park and archeological site is situated on the border with Lebanon and provides a glimpse at the history that dates back to the time of Abraham. We will have lunch in a Druze village and then visit Caesarea Philippi. That afternoon we will enjoy wine tasting at the Assaf Boutique Winery. Magdala Hotel (B,L,D)

Monday, February 19: This morning we make our way to the town of Ibillin where we will meet with author Abuna Elias Chacour. His book Blood Brothers tells his own story of growing up in northern Upper Galilee during the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948. After our visit, we will drive to the Dead Sea, where you can float in the mineral waters of the salty sea. Herod's Dead Sea Hotel (B,L,D)

Tuesday, February 20: We begin this morning with a cable car ride up to Herod's palace on top of the mountain called Masada. Then we stop at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Lunch will be in Jericho, the oldest city in the Middle East, and we will stop at the Temptation Monastery overlook to view the Monastery built into the cliffs of the Judean hills. Then we affirm our baptism in the waters of the Jordan River at the site where Jesus was baptized by John. St. Gabriel Hotel in Bethlehem. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, February 21: We begin the morning at the Walled Off Hotel, a coffee shop and museum built by the artist Banksy to tell the Palestinian story. Then we will visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the site of Jesus' birth. We stop at Shepherd's Field to see the caves where the shepherds were living. We will also visit the Tent of Nations to hear about farming challenges in the area. St. Gabriel Hotel in Bethlehem. (B,L,D)

Thursday, February 22: This morning we will start our morning by visiting the Al Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock. We then make our way to Bethany, the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Our next stop is Augusta Victoria Hospital and the Lutheran World Federation to hear about their work in the region. Then we make our way to the Mount of Olives and walk the Palm Sunday road finishing in the Garden of Gethsemane. That afternoon, we meet with a scholar in Jewish Studies. St. George Hotel in Jerusalem. (B,L,D).

Friday, February 23: Today we visit Mount Zion, including the Upper Room, St. Peter in Gallicantu, believed to be the place where Peter denied Jesus and where Jesus was held in one of the crypts below the church. We will then go to the Old City of Jerusalem to walk the Via Dolorosa and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. St. George's Hotel in Jerusalem. (B,L,D)

Saturday, February 24: We begin our day with a visit to the Garden Tomb for worship with communion. Then we head to Jacob's Well in a Greek Orthodox Church in Nablus, where Jesus visited with the Samaritan woman about Living Water. After seeing the well, we will visit Tomorrow's Youth Organization which serves children and families in the Nablus area. We return to Jerusalem to have a conversation with a Sheikh from Al Aqsa Mosque. We finish the evening with a farewell dinner together. St. George's Hotel in Jerusalem. (B,L,D)

Sunday, February 25, 2024: Those who are not continuing on to Jordan will be transported to the airport in Tel Aviv. For those going on the optional Jordan extension, we will head to the border that morning. (B)



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Jordan Extension Itinerary



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Sunday, February 25: Arrival at Allenby border and cross into Jordan. Visit Madaba "The City of Mosaics" and the city of Christianity, with very impressive Greek Orthodox ruins and churches and dozens of beautiful Mosaics. The Mosaic of the ancient map that shows the Middle East is the most important and the most beautiful. It is located in St. George Church. After Madaba drive onwards to Mt. Nebo, where Moses overlooked the Holy Land. Here we will have the chance to look through Moses' eyes. We then continue to the ancient Roman city of Jerash. Jerash is known as one of the most well preserved Old Roman cities with impressive colonnaded streets, vaulted terrace, and the ruins of two theatres. Overnight in Amman. (B, L,D)

Monday, February 26: This morning we leave Amman and drive to Petra. The afternoon will be spent in Petra visiting many of the wonderful sites waiting for you there. Petra is called the lost city in the middle of nowhere with its huge facades carved into the rocks that will take our breath away around each corner. Petra has been featured in Hollywood blockbusters such as "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and "Transformers 2." Overnight in Petra. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, February 27: This morning, our journey takes us to the Wadi Rum, which is an amazing desert with other-worldly landforms and scenery. Our day includes a jeep ride to see up close the unique features of this natural ecosystem. We will check in to our camp in the Wadi Rum for the night. Plenty of time to watch the sunset over the landforms of the valley. Overnight at Aicha Luxury Camp (B, L, D)

Wednesday, February 28: This morning, after a late check out, you will depart the camp to head to Amman. In Amman, we will tour the Citadel, a museum dedicated to the rich and long history of the city of Amman. After dinner, the group will be taken to the Amman Airport to wait for the late-night flight home. (B, L)



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Trip Registration Form

Please complete one form per person registering

You call also register online at www.SunlightTours.org

Full Name (as listed on your passport): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address (street, city, state, zip code): _____

Emergency contact information (someone not traveling with you):

Name & relation: _____

Emergency contact phone & email: _____

For Flight and Visa Reservations:

Date of Birth _____ Passport # _____

Passport Expiration Date: _____ Passport Country of Issue: _____

Please Select Trip Options:

_____ Holy Land (February 15-25, 2024)

_____ Double Occupancy _____ Single Occupancy (additional \$940)

_____ Add the Jordan Extension: February 25-29, 2024 (additional \$1350)

_____ Add Single Occupancy (additional \$400)

Roommate preference: _____ (specific name or open to roommate)

I am interested in travel insurance through Sunlight Tours: _____ yes _____ no

Airfare plans:

_____ I will make my own airline arrangements

_____ I need help with airfare

_____ I would like to be included in the group airfare

_____ I would like the option to upgrade

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We like to stay flexible and provide for your unique travel needs, but we also need to have some terms and conditions for the good order of all the people and companies with which we do business.

Payments. We require all travel to be paid in advance. We accept cash, check or credit card. Unless otherwise noted, all payment amounts are cash or check prices. If you wish to pay by credit card, a 3.5% credit card fee will be added to the cost. Venmo payments are also accepted for an additional fee of 2%. Contact us directly if you would like to pay by credit card or by Venmo. **Deposits are not subject to credit card or Venmo fees.**

For your Holy Land Trip (and Jordan Extension) Payment Schedule is:

- First 1/2 of trip costs due: August 7, 2023
- Final payment due: October 31, 2023
- Airfare not with the group tickets will need to be paid upon booking.

Deposit. All trips require a \$500 deposit per person to hold the reservation, unless otherwise noted in specific trip information and/or other arrangements are made with Sunlight Tours LLC. **Deposits are not subject to credit card or Venmo fees.**

Cancellation. From the day of registration until 90 days before departure, you will be charged a non-refundable \$500 administration fee plus any airline penalties (unless otherwise noted). Costs for cancellations within 90 days of departure will be as follows:

45-90 days = 50% of land costs

30-45 days = 75% of land costs

Less than 30 days = 100% of land costs

Airline Cancellation. These will be based on the airline policies. Generally, no refunds are given within 30 days of departure on group reservations.

Travel Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly encouraged. Group travel insurance can be quoted with the trip. Please request this at the time of paying the deposit.

Accommodations. Prices are based on double occupancy. We will do our best to match you with a roommate, if desired. Single supplement prices are available on each trip. We also do our best to book the best quality hotels for the budget of each trip.

Itinerary and Changes. Because airlines often change flight schedules, Sunlight Tours LLC reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and, whenever possible, you will be notified in writing. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$175 per person/per night. Any changes and/or deviations from the program and/or departure city listed by the passenger must be provided in writing to Sunlight Tours LLC no later than 90 days prior to departure. All tours are finalized at 60 days prior to departure and there are no changes or additions to the tour after that time.

_____ **I have read and agree to Sunlight Tours, LLC Terms + Conditions**

Please sign and date: _____

Thank you for registering! We look forward to traveling with you.

Please, print and mail this registration form with your non-refundable \$500/person deposit to:



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