



JOIN US IN MARCH 2025
MIDDLE EAST ADVENTURE
AND OPTIONAL DANUBE RIVER CRUISE



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Temple Mount Southern Steps

Holy Land

March 16 - Depart USA

'LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU " (Acts 7:3).

March 17 - Arrive in Tel Aviv

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv our guide who will be with us for the time we are in the Holy Land meets us and we'll have a short transfer to our hotel in Tel Aviv, the main commercial city in Israel overlooking the Mediterranean. overnight Netanya.

March 18 - Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Tiberias

This morning we drive to the Old Port village of Jaffa and see where Peter met Simon the Tanner , traveling North along the coastal highway to Caesarea by the Sea. We enter Caesarea Maritima to explore this Roman bridgehead to the east, which became the Christian springboard to the west. We then ascend Mt. Carmel, site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal. We then drive through the valley to the mound of Megiddo, Har Megiddo in Hebrew, which gave its name to Armageddon. We ascend to the Mount of the Precipice overlooking Nazareth and the Valley of Jezreel, synonymous with Armageddon. On to Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first Miracle, turning water into wine (John 2). From there we drive to Tiberias where we check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Optional visit to a Jewelry store and learn about diamond cutting.

March 19 - Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Magdala, Jordan River

This morning we enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, landing at Nof Ginosar where we will see the New Testament Boat found below the sea. Continue our morning tour with a visit to Capernaum, Tabgha -see the Chapel of Primacy and the Mount of Beatitudes.

In the afternoon we stop at Magdala, one of the oldest synagogues dating back to the first century AD. Home of Mary Magdalene and was the fishing center where Peter would have brought his catch to be sold or processed. Our last stop today will be at the Jordan River where you have the opportunity to be baptized by pastor, then return to the hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. *Opportunity available to renew your wedding vows overlooking the Sea of Galilee.*

March 20 - Beit She'an, Jericho, Bethany, Mt. of Olives, Jerusalem

This morning you'll stop in Beit She'an where significant archaeological finds reveal The city flourished under the "Pax Romana", as evidenced by high-level urban planning and extensive construction, including the best preserved Roman theater of ancient Samaria, as well as a hippodrome, a cardo and other trademarks of the Roman influence . Heading South our drive takes us across the River Jordan to Jericho. (Bethany-Lazarus Tomb). Before reaching Jerusalem "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace" (Luke 19:42) Our drive takes us past the Chapel of Ascension to the Mt. of Olives for an orientation view of Jerusalem and the opportunity of a group photograph overlooking Jerusalem. Jerusalem and to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

March 21 - Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, Dead Sea

This morning we drive to Masada and ascend by cable car to the magnificent ruins of the fortress where, from 70 to 73 AD, Jewish defenders made their last stand in the Judean revolt against Rome. We see the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a sixth-century Byzantine church. Continuing alongside the Dead Sea, 1300 ft. below sea level -- the lowest spot on earth -- we stop at Ein Gedi. Here we will have time to walk to the waterfalls that David would have used while he was fleeing from Saul. Next we proceed to Qumran and the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We will have time for those wishing to swim in the Dead Sea before we returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

March 22 - Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Via Dolorosa

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11). We begin our day with a drive to one of the possible sites for Shepherds' Fields. Continue on for a hilltop for a view of Bethlehem, noting its relation to the rest of the central mountain range, including Jerusalem, as well as to the desert and the area of ancient Moab.. This afternoon we will have time for shopping and then a visit of Bethlehem itself, walking through the restored old town to the Church of the Nativity and visiting the manger and see the cave of St. Jerome. Returning to Jerusalem we see Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of Ecce Homo (Behold the Man). We then follow the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) through the bazaars as far as the Holy Sepulcher. Jerusalem for overnight at the hotel.



Jordan River



Middle East



Capernaum

March 23 - Garden of Gethsemane, Upper Room, Caiaphas House, Western Wall Tunnel

Garden of Gethsemane, Upper Room, Caiaphas House, Western Wall Tunnel

Our day begins at the church known as Dominus Flevit ("Our Lord weeps") and the Garden of Gethsemane and have time to view the Church of All Nations. Continuing to Mt Zion to visit the Upper Room and the Tomb of King David and then on to the grounds of a church called Peter in Gallicantu, which affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. Here, the Assumptions Fathers suggest, was the house where the High Priest Caiaphas interrogated Jesus. Enter the Old City and make our way to the Western Wall Tunnel where we see a model that will demonstrate where we are in location to the Temple in the time of Christ. Continue along the tunnel as we proceed to the Gateway of the Priests entry to the Holy of Holies. Next we proceed to the Jerusalem we see the Steps that entered the temple and the Southern Wall. It was here that Jesus would have taught the disciples. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

March 24 - Old City, Garden Tomb

Flight to Cairo or Home

"He has risen!" (Mark 16:6) After breakfast we transfer to the Dung Gate, where we ascend to the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, considered the third holiest site of Islam, located on the site of the ancient Temple Mount. Here the first and second Temples once stood. Just to the north we find the Pools of Bethesda (John 5) and St. Anne's Church. The church is perfectly preserved from the Crusader period - with remarkable acoustics. We board our bus to the Garden Tomb where we will end our day with a special visit and the of having a private communion on the grounds outside the city walls.

LATE FLIGHT FROM TEL AVIV TO CAIRO - TRANSFER TO HOTEL IN THE ANCIENT CITY OF CAIRO. Flight to Tampa arrives Tuesday, March 25.



Egypt Pyramids

Egypt

Monday, March 24 - Fly to Cairo

Fly to Cairo today. Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Cairo for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, March 25 - Memphis, Saqqara, Great Pyramids, and 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. Overnight in Cairo.



The Sphinx

Wednesday, March 26 - Cairo

This morning visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view the unique collection of Pharaonic art and the renowned treasures of King Tutankhamen. Tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin, built in 1183 A.D., and view the Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali. In Old Cairo, visit the Abu Serge Church built over the traditional site of the house where the Holy Family lived during their stay in Egypt. Overnight in Cairo.

Greece

March 27 - Fly to Athens + Tour

Fly to Athens today and enjoy a City Tour. Stand on Mars Hill as the apostle Paul did when he proclaimed, "I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you" (Acts 17:23). From top Mars Hill see the Agora (ancient marketplace and center of Athenian public life), recall that this was where the Apostle Paul preached "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Overnight in Athens.



March 28 - Embark on Cruise + Mykonos

This morning you will board the Celestyal Cruise ship and sail the blue waters of the Aegean Sea. In the evening, explore on your own the world-famous Greek Island of Mykonos, Queen of the Aegean, where gleaming, white-washed buildings seem to climb atop each other to reach the azure sky. Overnight onboard Celestyal Olympia.

March 29 - Kusadasi & Patmos

This morning, you arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey, and journey to Ephesus, where the apostle Paul spent three years of his ministry. He planted a church here and later wrote to them in his Epistle to the Ephesians. Many of the ruins of Ephesus (known as "the marble city") have been restored to show the city as it was in the apostle Paul's time. Visit the Agora and imagine where Demetrius the silversmith, sold his silver shrines of the Greek goddess Artemis. Stroll through the great theater where Paul witnessed faithfully for Christ. In the afternoon you'll stop at the volcanic island of Patmos where John was exiled and wrote the Book of Revelation and you will have the opportunity to visit the Cave of the Apocalypse. Overnight onboard Celestyal Olympia.

March 30 - Santorini

Disembark at Santorini, one of the most beautiful of the Greek islands where picturesque, whitewashed villages topped with brilliant blue domes stand in stark contrast to the sheer drop cliffs overlooking the Aegean Sea. The island itself perches on the edges of a volcano whose eruption 3,500 years ago is thought to have led to the collapse of the Minoan civilization. Opt for any of the land excursions (shore excursions are not included in price) or explore on your own. Overnight onboard Celestyal Olympia.

March 31 - Fly to Europe or Home

Disembark the Celestyal Olympia this morning and transfer to the airport to fly home. Or continue with option River Cruise and fly to Munich overnight.

Tour Cost:

Israel : \$ 4,700

Israel + Egypt : \$5,950

Israel + Egypt + Greece : \$7,890

Danube River Pricing Separately, See Insert.

Call for tour cost on alternative combinations of countries

***Pricing is based on double occupancy based on the available rates Oct. 2023 and is subject to change.**

Your All-Inclusive Tour Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare*
- Airport Transfers
- First Class Hotel Accommodations
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Expert Guides
- Deluxe Motorcoach

**Airfare is based on current pricing and will be finalized May 2024.*

Greek Orthodox Church



Danube River Cruise 2025

with Pastor Doug Money

March 31 - Munich

Fly to Munich, Germany overnight hotel

April 1-2 - Passau, Germany

Transfer to Passau to board the luxurious Viking Riverboat. Set at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers, enchanting Passau is home to elegant colored buildings and graceful arcades. Founded by the Celts more than 2,000 years ago, Passau is one of Bavaria's oldest cities.

April 3 - Linz, Austria

Originally known as Lentia in its days as a 1st-century Roman castle-settlement, Linz is today's provincial capital of Upper Austria.

April 4 - Krems, Austria

The crown jewel of the Wachau Valley is the splendid Benedictine Abbey of Göttweig, a working monastery for more than 900 years.

April 5 - Vienna, Austria

The capital city of Austria, Vienna is filled with green parks, upscale stores, theaters and gracious boulevards.

April 6 - Bratislava, Slovakia

The capital of Slovakia, Bratislava is filled with lovingly restored baroque city palaces and dominated by an enormous castle 300 feet above the Danube.

April 7 - Budapest, Hungary

Budapest is aptly called "Paris of the East" for its beautiful evening illumination and reflected lights in the Danube's waters. Riverside beauty, a vibrant cultural scene and elegant Art Nouveau architecture converge in Budapest.

April 8 - Flight to Tampa



Passau, Germany

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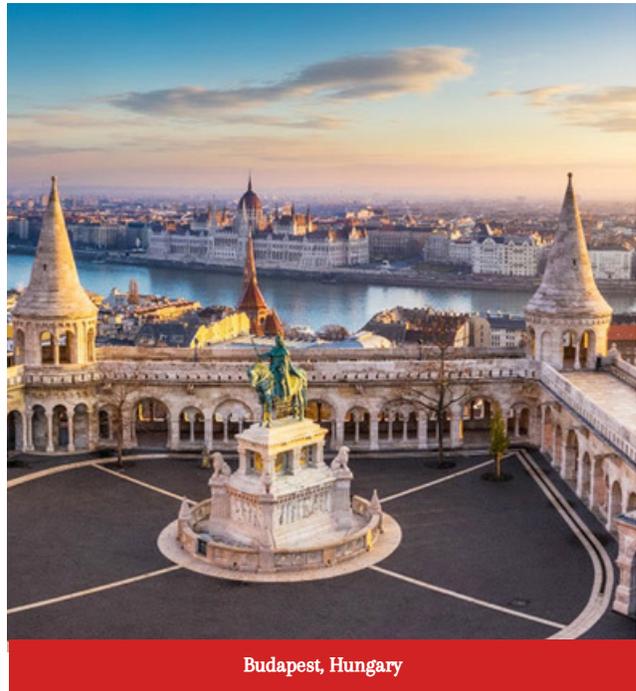
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*Pricing is based on double occupancy based on the available rates Oct. 2023



Budapest, Hungary

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