

SEPTEMBER 9 - 18, 2024

BIBLE LAND

Exploration

with Saprina Lavoil-Stafford



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ITINERARY



DAY 1 & 2 - DEPART & ARRIVE IN THE HOLY LAND

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. Once you arrive, you will be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Netanya to enjoy dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 - CAESAREA BY THE SEA, MOUNT CARMEL, MEGIDDO & NAZARETH

Visit the Roman aqueduct and theatre at Caesarea, a center of early Christianity (Acts 10) and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 23:33). View Mount Carmel and recall Elijah's dramatic victory over the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). Follow an ancient caravan route through the Jezreel Valley to Tel Megiddo, an exciting archaeological dig with layers of twenty different cities all built on top of each other. Conclude your day in Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matt. 2:23).



DAY 4 - SEA OF GALILEE

Pass through the Valley of the Doves and see Mount Arbel (Isaiah 9:2) on your way toward the Sea of Galilee. This was a major pathway in the time of Christ. He and His disciples passed through this valley as they walked through the Galilee. In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-3), visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Enjoy lunch together before crossing the waters of the Sea of Galilee on a very special boat ride, complete with an onboard worship service. At Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, see the 2,000-year-old "ancient boat," a rare example of the kind of boat in which Jesus might have sailed. Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 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).



DAY 5 - TEL DAN, CAESAREA PHILIPPI, GOLAN HEIGHTS, BETHSAIDA & JORDAN RIVER

At the ruins of Tel Dan, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the "House of David" fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Continue on to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter told the Lord, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" (Matt. 16:16). A scenic drive along the Golan Heights will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan as well as Israel. Stop at Bethsaida, where Jesus chose five of His disciples. Remember your baptism at the Yardenit Baptismal site, where the Jordan River exits the Sea of Galilee on its journey southward (Matt. 3).



DAY 6 - JERICHO, QUMRAN, MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

Head to Jericho to visit the ruins of the ancient city Joshua conquered (Josh. 6:20). Off in the distance, you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4:1). Stop in Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd. Enjoy a visit to Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod that later became the final tragic stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore the fortress and look down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. On the way to Jerusalem, stop at the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, for an opportunity to take a quick dip in the mineral-laden waters.

DAY 7 - BETHLEHEM, YAD VASHEM & ISRAEL MUSEUM

In Bethlehem, gaze out over Shepherds' Field and visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace (Luke 2:1-20). Visit the Church of the Nativity, built above the cave and considered the world's oldest functioning church (Luke 2). In Jerusalem, visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, with its poignant exhibits honoring the lives lost during the Holocaust. Explore the Israel Museum and its first-century model of the City of Jerusalem. Another highlight is the museum's Shrine of the Book exhibit showcasing the Dead Sea Scroll book of Isaiah.

DAY 8 - JERUSALEM

Stand on the Mount of Olives for a remarkable view of Jerusalem (the Golden City); Jesus stood here before ascending into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12). In the Kidron Valley across from the walls of Jerusalem, pray as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36). Continue to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was questioned the night of His betrayal (Matt. 26:57). Recall the events of the Last Supper as you visit the traditional location of the Upper Room (Mark 14:12-26). Spend time in prayer at the Western Wall (the only remnant of the Second Temple of Jerusalem) and sit on the Teaching Steps where Jesus taught.

DAY 9 - JERUSALEM

Walk the Temple Mount (conditions permitting), once the site of the Temple of Solomon (II Chronicles 3) and home to the Dome of the Rock. See where Jesus healed on the Sabbath at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-18). Walk the Via Dolorosa ("the Way of the Cross") to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (John 19), built over the traditional sites of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. At the Garden Tomb, share communion together and experience the reality of the Resurrection (John 20).

DAY 10 - RETURN TO THE USA OR ENJOY AN EXTENSION

Starting at

\$4,098* **FROM NEW YORK**

\$4,296* **FROM BALTIMORE, M D
/ WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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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DAY 10 - FREE DAY

Enjoy a day at leisure in Jerusalem. Explore the ancient city on your own or rest at the hotel. Breakfast and dinner are included in your hotel stay.

DAY 11 - JERUSALEM TO EGYPT

Travel in the footsteps of the Holy Family as you travel along the ancient caravan route from Jerusalem to the Sinai desert. Cross the border and check into your hotel for dinner and rest.

DAY 12 - ST. CATHERINE'S MONASTERY

This morning, you can opt to climb Mount Sinai (conditions permitting), where tradition says that Moses received the Ten Commandments. Everyone will experience a visit to the fortified St. Catherine's Monastery, built in the 6th century and one of the oldest working monasteries in the world with the world's oldest continually operating library. Both the Codex Sinaiticus and Syriac Sinaiticus, important early Biblical manuscripts, were discovered here. Even Muhammed found refuge at the monastery, and the site is sacred to all three monotheistic religions. Remember the story of Moses and the burning bush, which tradition places inside the monastery. Continue to Sharm el Sheikh for dinner and overnight at your hotel located on the shores of the Red Sea.

DAY 13 - ROUTE OF THE EXODUS

Trace the route of the Exodus along the eastern Sinai coast to Wadi Feiran, where the Children of Israel withstood the Amalekites. Travel to Elim, where the Children of Israel camped by the oasis of 70 palm trees. Your final stop of the day will be Marah by the Red Sea, where the "waters were bitter." Continue to Cairo for dinner and a two-night stay.

DAY 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.

DAY 15 - CAIRO

This morning, visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view the unique collection of Pharaonic art and the renowned treasures of King Tutankhamun. Tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin, built in 1183 AD, and view the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali. In Old Cairo, visit the Abu Serga Church built over the traditional site of the house where the Holy Family lived during their stay in Egypt. Prepare for your return flight home.

DAY 16 - RETURN TO THE USA

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

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P. O. Box 29716 - Baltimore, MD 21216
(443) 347-2332 | bluhartztravelagency@gmail.com

Departure City: Departure Date: 09/09/24 (G)

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 Cairo 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:

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Roommate(s):

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$698)

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 01/24/23

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: TH24 Date: 090924 Code: G ID: 40806 V.001 05/22/2023

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 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Extensions • 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) • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

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

Extension Border taxes, visas, tips and other fees; \$158 for Cairo. 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: \$998 during the basic tour; \$568 for Cairo. Contact your travel advisor for more information.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 3 columns: Deposit, Payment Amount, Due Date. Rows include Registration Deposit (\$300) and Final Payment (Full payment).

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after May 27, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 05/27/24. Registrations received between 05/28/24-06/11/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 06/12/24-06/26/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 06/27/24 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. In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. 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 05/27/24. 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 11/22/23. 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.