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13D12N JORDAN & HOLYLAND TOUR (NEW PILGRIMAGE TOUR 2022)

DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO AMMAN



AMMAN

Upon arrival in Amman, clear immigration and customs formalities, meet your guide and we will drive to Madaba to view the oldest map in existence of the Holy Land in St George's Church before we proceed our journey cruising along the King's Highway. Lunch in Madaba

(Time for mass in Madaba upon request)

Continue visiting Mount Nebo through the panoramic view of the Tranjordan plateau to arrive in Petra for overnight and dinner.

MADABA

Madaba is a combination of rural home life and a hot spot for religious tourism. Known as the "City of Mosaics" Madaba is the cultural epicenter for Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics. A short distance from the capitol visitors are just a stone's throw away from the holy monuments of religious iconography.

(Lunch / Dinner)



DAY 2: AMMAN - PETRA - AMMAN

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We start our day with an excursion to the lost city of Petra, "The Red Rose City", a city dating back to 300 B.C., which was literally cut into the cliff sides. Take a horse back, or carriage ride through the 2km. Siq, the only access to this city carved out of rose coloured rock. Tour the various temples, the Amphitheater, the Monastery, the Streets of Columns, and the Treasury. (Mass can be arranged at the hotel with Mass Kit)

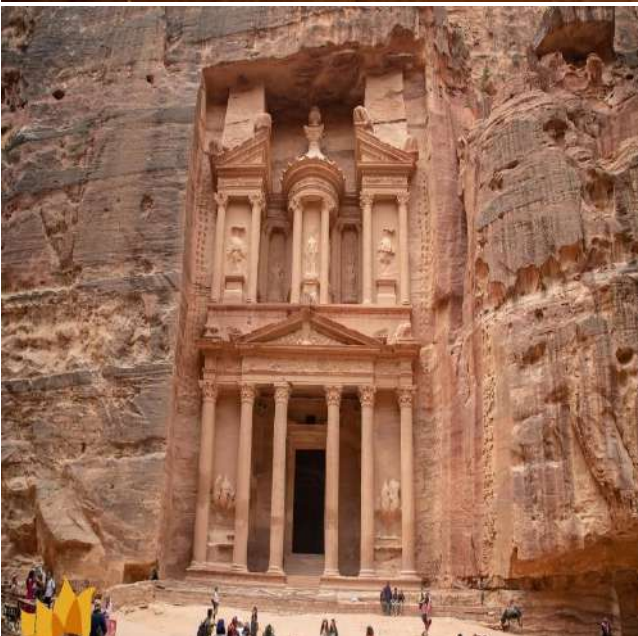
Return to Amman in the afternoon.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

PETRA

Petra is a famous archaeological site in Jordan's southwestern desert. Dating to around 300 B.C., it was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom. Accessed via a narrow canyon called Al Siq, it contains tombs and temples carved into pink sandstone cliffs, earning its nickname, the "Rose City." Perhaps its most famous structure is 45m-high Al Khazneh, a temple with an ornate, Greek-style facade, and known as The Treasury.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



DAY 3: AMMAN - ALLENBY BRIDGE - JERICHO

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Check out of your hotel after breakfast. On the way to Allenby bridge we stop by the Baptismal site then we cross the borders to Israel.

After the crossing we go for Lunch. Following lunch, we will visit the excavations of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were uncovered. On the way, back there is time for a swim (or rather a float!) in the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties.

(Mass this day in Jericho)

Check-in hotel in Jericho for dinner and accommodation.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

QUMRAN

Ruins of a famous Roman period settlement on the north-western shore of the Dead Sea, home of the Essenes, a break-away sect. Scrolls, hidden in jars, were discovered in the caves around the site, and are an important contribution to Biblical and historical research and are regarded as one of Israel's most precious national treasures.



DEAD SEA

The Dead Sea is a large salt lake east of the Judean desert. This is the deepest place in the world, situated on the Great Rift Valley (Syrian-African depression). Many points of interest are located around the lake, with nature reserves and ancient sites such as Masada, Ein Gedi and Qumran.

It is one of the saltiest water bodies in the world - 34% - which gave it the Hebrew name "salt sea" (*Joshua 15:5*): "And the east border was the salt sea, even unto the end of Jordan". The salt level makes life inside the water impossible, hence the name "dead" sea.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



DAY 4: JERICHO - NAZARETH

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Today, after breakfast, we visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view Mt. Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. we stop by Jordan River to renew our baptism vows.

(Mass this day in Jericho)

Lunch

Drive to Nazareth

Evening: Dinner and overnight at hotel in Nazareth.



JERICHO

Located near the Jordan River, Jericho is a very ancient city whose oldest ruins are those of a settlement dating to 8000 years before Christ. The west bank of the river is for Christians the usual place for pilgrimages in memory of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

It was here in Jericho that the Lord Jesus gave Bartimaeus back his sight and converted the rich Zacchaeus, performing for both his ministry of the Good Shepherd.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



DAY 5: MT TABOR – CANA – NAZARETH

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Today: Drive to Mount Tabor (The site of the Transfiguration) and then to Cana of Galilee to visit the wedding Church (Mass) where Jesus performed the first of his signs, changing water to wine. Continue our drive to Nazareth and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation starting with the Grotto of the Annunciation and the Church then we will visit the house of the Holy Family underneath the Church of St. Joseph. Meeting with Vicar of Nazareth. Evening: Dinner and overnight at hotel in Nazareth.

CANA OF GALILEE

At Cana in the Galilee, Jesus performed his first miracle, changing water into wine at the request of Mary, his Mother. In this way, Jesus manifested his divine glory and kindled the faith of his disciples. This is also where we commemorate the vocation of the apostle Bartholomew (Nathanael), of whom Jesus said, admiringly, "Here is a true Israelite."



MOUNT TABOR (The site of the Transfiguration)

Mount Tabor is strategically located on the main north-south ancient road, and for most Christians it is a Holy mountain - "the Mount of Transfiguration". It was an important fortress during the First and Second Temple, Greek, Roman and Crusaders times.



THE BASILICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION

The memories found in this city make Nazareth one of the holiest places in the world, and yet they are not the only memorable things that present themselves to the eye or the mind of the pilgrim in these places. There is practically no corner that does not remember something about Jesus, the one who lived here, his childhood and youth, his life in poverty, in joy and in the custody of the family, and here he learned, worked, prayed.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



DAY 6: TIBERIAS- BEATITUDES - TABGHA - CAPERNAUM- SEA OF GALILEE

TIBERIAS – BEAUTITUDES – TABGHA – CAPERNAUM – SEA OF GALILEE

Today: This morning we drive to the Sea of Galilee to visit the Mt. of Beatitudes where our Lord gave the Sermon on the Mount, continue to Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic of the loaves and fishes with which he feed the Five Thousand. Visit the Church of St. Peter's Primacy and then go to visit Capernaum to see the house of St. Peter and the Synagogue where our Lord preached. You will have the opportunity to try the St. Peter's fish for lunch today. One of today's highlights is a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Mass today in Mt. of Beatitude in the morning.

Evening: Dinner and overnight at hotel in Nazareth.



MOUNT OF BEAUTITUDES

The Mount of Beatitudes, believed to be the setting for Jesus' most famous discourse, the **Sermon on the Mount**, is one of the most beautifully serene places in the Holy Land. Overlooking the northwestern shore of the [Sea of Galilee](#), it offers an enchanting **vista** of the northern part of the lake and across to the cliffs of the Golan Heights on the other side. Within sight are the scenes of many of the events of Jesus' **ministry** in Galilee, including the town of [Capernaum](#) 3km away, where he made his home. Just below is Sower's Cove, where it is believed Jesus taught the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-9) from a boat moored in the bay. The exact site of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-7:28) is unknown. Pilgrims **commemorate** the event at the eight-sided Church of the Beatitudes, built on the slope of the mount and accessible by a side road branching off the Tiberias-Rosh Pina highway. The Mount of Beatitudes is also understood to be the place where Jesus met his [apostles](#) after his [Resurrection](#) and **commissioned** them to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:16-20).



TABGHA

The pilgrims, continuing the tradition of the Christians who lived continuously in Capharnaum since the times of Christ, localized three Gospel memories in Tabgha: the multiplication of the loaves, the appearance of Christ risen to the Apostles and the Beatitudes. Continuing towards Tiberias, after the plain of Ghinnosar, Magdala is reached, the place that gave its name to Mary Magdalene, the ardent disciple of the Lord.



CAPERNAUM

Gospel of St. Matthew (Matthew 4: 12-17)

When he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen."

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



**DAY 7: NAZARETH - HAIFA - CAESARE -
JAFFA - BETHLEHEM**

AKKO – HAIFA – CAESAREA – JERUSALEM

Today: This Morning, we will drive north up to the city of Akko, that is the ancient Crusaders city of St John of Acri. This city has been known since the first millennium and in 1104 was taken by the Crusaders and entered in the Jerusalem Kingdom. The name of St John of Acre came when the city become the headquarters of the Knights of St. John. Then we will visit the Beautiful city of Haifa and go on Mt. Carmel where The Carmelites started 900 years ago. We pray mass at the church of Stella Maris, "the star of the sea". We will have a panoramic view of the city Haifa and the beautiful Baha'i Gardens. We drive west to Caesarea Maritime, where St. Peter Baptized Cornelius and St. Paul was a prisoner for a while before going to Rome. Here

we visit the Roman Aqueducts and the Roman Theater and the palace of Pontius Pilate. Then we continue our drive to Jerusalem. Dinner and Overnight in our hotel in Bethlehem.



ACRE

The old town of Acre has been the scene of numerous historical events. Due to its strategic location on the coast, this town has been inhabited by many peoples over the centuries.

Returning from his third journey, after having called at Tyre and having stayed in the city for a week and meeting the disciples again, Paul, with Luke, embarked for Ptolemais (the name given to Acre by the Greeks). Here they went to greet the brothers and stayed a whole day with them. The next day they left for Cesarea where they arrived before nightfall.



HAIFA – MOUNT CARMEL

The Carmelites are a Catholic order of monks, one of the oldest in the Holy Land, and named after Mount Carmel. Their primary saint is the Prophet Elijah. They established the Monastery in the 17th Century. It served as a hospital for the French soldiers, who were butchered here following Napoleon's retreat in 1799. The structure was rebuilt in the mid-19th Century, and today its church is a popular tourist and pilgrimage site.



CAESAREA MARITIMA

Caesarea Maritima ("by the Sea") is located on the shore in the center of Israel, in the middle between Haifa and Tel-Aviv. It is the site of one of the most important cities in the Roman World, the Roman capital of the province of Judea at the time of Jesus, and a Crusader fortress along the road from Acre to Jerusalem. Today, Caesarea is a large and interesting national park which and a mandatory place to visit while exploring the Holy Land.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



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