



EGYPT – JORDAN 10 days

PILGRIMAGE TOUR

Day 1 : ARRIVE – CAIRO

Fly to Cairo. On arrival in Cairo we will be met and driven to our hotel for overnight stay.

Day 2 : THE PYRAMIDS - OLD CAIRO

After breakfast we leave our hotel and drive up to the great plateau of Giza to witness the vast scale of the Pyramids and the Sphinx. If permitted, there may be an opportunity of climbing up inside one of the pyramids. We return to Cairo's Old City to visit the Church of the Holy Family. It was near this church that the Holy Family found haven for nearly four years after their flight for fear of persecution by King Herod. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Cairo.

Day 03 : THE RED SEA MONASTERIES

This morning after an early breakfast we leave for Za'faranah, a small city north of Hurgada on the Red Sea, from there you will visit a highlight of the tour - two of the oldest monasteries in the world, St. Paul's and St. Anthony's. On our return dinner will be awaiting. Overnight stay in Za'faranah.

Day 04 : INTO THE SINAI DESERT

An early start after breakfast as we drive north to cross the Suez Canal and then turn south into the Sinai Desert. We plan to arrive by Mount Sinai and our desert hotel mid-afternoon in time to enjoy the spectacular sunset over Sinai. Dinner and overnight stay by Mount Sinai.

Day 05 : ST CATHERINE'S MONASTERY - MT SINAI - THE RED SEA

For the very fit there will be an opportunity to climb to the summit of Mount Sinai and witness a breathtaking sunrise over Sinai and to visit the Chapel of Moses. After breakfast we shall visit the St. Catherine's Monastery, which is situated at the foot of Mount Sinai. This beautiful monastery was built on the site where Moses witnessed the burning bush before receiving the Ten Commandments. If permitted we will have an opportunity of viewing it's priceless collection of icons. Late morning we leave Mount Sinai and the group returning to London drive west back across the Sinai Desert towards Cairo to spend their final night in Cairo.

We say goodbye to our friends and continue to the Red Sea resort of Nuweiba to spend the evening by the Red Sea. Dinner and overnight in Nuweiba

Day 06 : THE RED SEA – PETRA

Morning free to relax by the Red Sea. In the afternoon drive to the nearby ferry terminal to board a fast-ferry to cross the Red Sea to Aqaba in Jordan. On completion of border formalities we will be met and driven north to the rose-red city of Petra in the mountains of Edom and our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay in Petra.



Day 07 THE ROSE-RED CITY OF PETRA

We wake to the sunrise in the mountains of Edom and after breakfast we leave our hotel and follow a narrow path through towering rock walls into ancient Petra. Here we are confronted by the stunning spectacle of temples, tombs and monuments carved by the Nabateans from the red sandstone of Petra. We plan to spend the entire day exploring this magnificent city that lay hidden from the world for centuries. Two sites worth exploring, are the Roman High Place of Sacrifice and the Monastery, the largest of these monuments, reached after a climb of over eight hundred steps - but well worth the effort. Return to hotel for overnight stay

Day 08 : KINGS' HIGHWAY - DEAD SEA

After breakfast, we leave Petra and drive north along the scenic Kings' Highway. The route runs through the ancient lands of Edom and Moab to Ammon. Our first stop is the Dead Sea, where we will have an opportunity of bathing in it's unique mineral-laden waters. In the afternoon we drive to Mount Nebo, to stand where Moses stood and looked across the River Jordan to "The Promised Land. We then continue to Madaba to view the famous mosaic map of the Bible Lands at the time of the Emperor Justinian. Finally we proceed to Amman and our hotel.

Day 09 IN SIGHT OF THE HOLY LAND

This morning we drive down to Wadi Kharrar (Bethany beyond the Jordan) on the River Jordan, Where Jesus was baptised. We visit the archaeological ruins of several churches at this important location close to the Hill of Elijah, where Elijah is said to have ascended into heaven. After the visit we return to our hotel for farewell dinner & overnight in Amman.

Day 10 OUR JOURNEY HOME

In the morning drive Amman Airport for our return flight to home.