

# Holy Lands & the Passion Play

July 23 - August 5, 2020





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Day 1: Thursday, July 23, 2020 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight to Amman, Jordan.

#### **Day 2: Friday, July 24, 2020 • Amman**

Upon our arrival at Queen Alia International Airport, we are met by our tour guide and driver. We tour Amman as our flight schedule permits. Dinner is at the hotel. **D** 

#### Day 3: Saturday, July 25, 2020 • Petra

We take a tour of the city of Amman, known as Rabbath Ammon and Philadelphia in Biblical times. We see the remains of the Roman Theatre, the Archeological Museum and the Citadel containing the remains of the massive Temple of Hercules. Then we drive south to Petra for overnight. **B**, **D** 

#### Day 4: Sunday, July 26, 2020 • Petra

Today is a full day to explore Petra. Not only is the area known for the filming of Indiana Jones, but also as the land of the Edomites and a place where the three wise men likely passed through on the way to see the Christ Child. We take a couple of minutes to walk to the gates of Petra, where horses are waiting to take us on a short horse ride to the beginning of the Siq. Then we walk through a narrow canyon to the first great monument where the treasury is revealed, the Roman Theater and Royal Tombs. Dinner and overnight is in Petra. **B**, **D** 

#### Day 5: Monday, July 27, 2020 • Madaba - Galilee

We begin today in Madaba, "the City of Mosaics". We see the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Georg, with its vivid, sixth-century Byzantine mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. Next, we visit Mount Nebo, the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. Later proceed to Baptismal site of John the Baptist's settlement at Bethany Beyond the Jordan, where Jesus was baptized, has long been known from the Bible (John 1:28 and 10:40) and from the Byzantine and medieval texts. Afterwards we cross into Israel and drive north to Galilee. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **B, D** 

#### Day 6: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 Sea of Galilee

Our morning begins after a breakfast buffet as we drive to the Sea of Galilee, passing by Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We enter the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Lk. 4:31-37) and stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We will also see Peter's house. We visit Tabgha, commemorating the feeding of the 5,000 (Lk. 9); Mensa Christi, where the Lord appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (Jn. 21); and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We stop at Chorazin and end the day at



the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. Our day ends with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee where we stop to see the 2000-year-old Jesus boat. **B**, **D** 

#### Day 7: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 • Jerusalem

Today we make our way south towards Jerusalem. But first we have much more to experience. We stop in Nazareth where we visit the Church of the Annunciation, see Mary's well, and pass through Cana where Christ performed His first miracle (Jn. 2). We pass by Mount Carmel, where Elijah prayed down the fire from heaven and defeated the 450 prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). We visit Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon (Rev. 16). From here we can also see Mount Gilboa, where King Saul and his sons lost their lives against the Philistines (I Sam. 28) and Mount Tabor, where Barak awaited Sisera (Judges 4). We see the traditional site of the transfiguration (Matt. 17). Walk through the water tunnel. Finally, we drive to Caesarea by the Sea on the Mediterranean coastline. It was here that Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10). Here Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). Continue to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight B, D

#### Day 8: Thursday, July 30, 2020 • Jerusalem

This morning we drive to the top of the Mount of Olives where we enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City and the Kidron Valley. We'll visit Pater Nostre Church. Then it's a short walk down along the Palm Sunday Way to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We visit the Church of All Nations, sometimes referred to as the Basilica of the Agony. We stop at Dominus Flevit, the Tear Drop Church and at St. Peter en Galicantu Church. We visit the Western (Wailing) Wall, Judaism's most holy site. **B, D** 

#### Day 9: Friday, July 31, 2020 • Jerusalem

This morning we take an excursion south to visit Qumran. The Hidden Scrolls found in the caves in 1947 exposed the secret life of the Essenes, a small ultra-religious sect, who hid there from the Roman enemy. This is the finding place of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. Then we continue on to Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod. It is famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. From the top of Masada, the Roman camps and siege ramp can still be seen. Afterwards we proceed to our Dead Sea where we swim and "float" in the Dead Sea before we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. **B, D** 

#### Day 10: Saturday, August 1, 2020 • Jerusalem

Today begins as we enter the Old City through the Lion's Gate and



walk along all stations of the Via Dolorosa past Zion Monastery. We continue to Ecce Homo (site of Jesus' scourging). We see authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following are visits to Saint Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We have free time to explore the markets visit the Garden Tomb. We end the day at the Jerusalem Sound and Light Show. **B, D** 

#### Day 11: Sunday, August 2, 2020 • Jerusalem

We'll begin today in Bethlehem where we see the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherds Fields. We have some time to explore Manager Square. We return to Jerusalem this afternoon to visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum and the Israel Museum, home of the Dead Sea scrolls and the model of Jerusalem during Jesus time. **B, D** 

#### Day 12: Monday, August 3, 2020 • Oberammergau

This morning we drive to Tel Aviv to board our flight to Munich, Germany where we have a short we have a short orientation tour of the city, including the Olympic grounds, the Glockenspiel, the grounds of Nymphenburg Castle, and the pedestrian zone and then some free time before we drive to Oberammergau. **B**, **D** 

#### Day 13: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 • Oberammergau

We enjoy a relaxed morning in Oberammergau, admiring the bright frescoes that adorn many of the homes and businesses, perhaps shopping for a souvenir woodcarving for which the village is famous. We might choose to take the regional bus to nearby Linderhof Castle, the glitziest of King Ludwig II's castles or to Ettal for a visit to the impressive Benedictine abbey. During WW II, the Protestant theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the Jesuit Priest, Rupert Mayer, both active in the resistance against the Nazi regime and later martyred, were given refuge here. This afternoon we attend Part One of the Passion Play, the legacy of a vow made by the Oberammergauers in 1633 to enact the Passion story. Due to the ravages of the Thirty Years War, the plague had taken its toll in lives. But many of the people were spared, and the following year, 1634, the first Passion Play was performed on a stage set up in the cemetery. After dinner we attend Part Two. Hotel assigned 2018, Oberammergau, Germany B, L, D

#### Day 14: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 • Oberammergau

This morning we drive to Munich for our return flight home.

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

### TOUR COST: \$3,699\* per person Land Only

\*Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$1,400

#### **Your Tour Includes:**

- Land Transportation via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double occupancy) in moderate firstclass hotels
- Meals per itinerary
- Services of **Professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- All taxes and tips for provided services except as noted below

#### **Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- International flights to Tel Aviv and return from Munich
- Flight from Tel Aviv to Munich, related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- All taxes and tips for provided services, except coach driver, tour guide, and restaurant and hotel staff while in the Holy Lands
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
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