

# History, Geography & Culture Tour of Israel – The Holy Land & Egypt

10 Nights / 11 Days



## Tour Features in Israel Include:

- ◆ Tour price is based on minimum 15 students + 1 teacher.
- ◆ Round trip group economy flight on Egypt Air Ex Johannesburg.
- ◆ Round-trip transfer from airport to hotel.
- ◆ Accommodation: in Triple rooms.
- ◆ 3 Nights – Tiberias
- ◆ 3 Nights – Jerusalem
- ◆ Meeting and assistance at airport.
- ◆ Breakfast and dinner daily.
- ◆ Fish lunch & boat ride on Sea of Galilee.
- ◆ Private English speaking tour guide.
- ◆ Private air-conditioned motor-coach.
- ◆ Entrance fees, portage.

*Sea of Galilee*



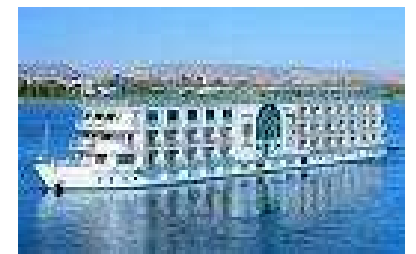
*Massada*



## Tour Features in Egypt Include:

- ◆ Return flight Cairo / Aswan – Luxor / Cairo
- ◆ Accommodation: in Double rooms
- ◆ 1 night in Cairo (by the Pyramids) – 4\* Zoser Hotel HB
- ◆ 3 Night Movenpick Radamis 1 Full Board
- ◆ Day Tour To Memphis / Sakkara , Pyramids , Sphinx and Egyptian Museum
- ◆ Sightseeing in Luxor and Aswan as Per Cruise itinerary
- ◆ Extra One Lunch and Extra One Dinner in Luxor on departure day.
- ◆ Transfers airport / Hotel / Airport
- ◆ Tours / transfers with Deluxe Coach and English speaking back to Back Guide
- ◆ Touring with English speaking guide.
- ◆ Portage and Entrance fees to all sites.

*Nile cruise*



## DAILY ITINERARY

### DEPARTURE FLIGHT TO ISRAEL

Today we depart from Johannesburg to Tel Aviv, Israel via Cairo.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN ISRAEL/JAFFA/CAESAREA/BAHAI GARDENS/MEGIDDO/TIBERIAS

Arrive in Cairo and proceed to Tel Aviv arriving mid. morning. Meet our representative who will assist us through customs. We begin our tour with a short visit to **Jaffa** and continue to **Caesarea**, Roman and a Crusader city. Beyond the streets of shops in Caesarea is the Crusader City, which was protected by stout walls and projecting bastions within a deep moat. View the monumental Roman amphitheater built in the days of Christ. Travel to Haifa to visit the **Bahai Shrine, Persian Garden** and **Mount Carmel** for a panoramic view of the city. We next continue to **Megiddo**, overlooking the plains of Armageddon and visit the site of the 21 superimposed cities. Continue to your hotel. **Overnight - Galilee (B,D)**

### DAY 2: MT. BEATITUDES/TABGHA/CHURCH OF PRIMACY/CAPERNAUM/BOAT RIDE-FISH LUNCH/BEIT SHEAN

After breakfast the first stop will be the **Mt. Beatitudes**. Near here Jesus gave the Beatitudes and taught on many occasions. Here he also performed many of the miracles. Travel to **Tabgha**, where Jesus performed the miracle of the multiplication of the fish and loaves and fed 5000. Nearby we will visit the **Church of Primacy**, where Jesus appeared to his Disciples after his resurrection. Continue to **Capernaum** where much of the Galilean Ministry took place. Afterwards, enjoy a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee and hear how Jesus calmed the stormy sea and walked upon these waters. Enjoy a traditional St. Peter's **fish lunch**. We will now drive to **Beit Shean** and view the well-preserved mosaic floor and ancient ruins.

*Dinner & overnight - Galilee (B,L,D)*

### DAY 3: CAESAREA PHILIPPI/ GOLAN HEIGHTS/KIBBUTZ

After breakfast begin the day with a tour of the Kibbutz and explore this unique way of life. From here ascend the Golan Heights. Our guide will explain why this area is so vital to Israel's security. Visit to the sacred site of **Caesarea Philippi**. We then ascend the **Golan Heights** to **Tel Fagher**, the main Syrian's outpost bunkers overlooking the Hula valley, where one of the fiercest battle took place when Israel captured the Golan Heights during the 1967 war. Your guide will explain why this area is so vital to Israel's security. We travel down to **Kibbutz** to learn about this unique way of life.

*Dinner & overnight - Galilee (B,D)*

### DAY 4: GIDEON SPRINGS/MASSADA/KING DAVID'S WATERFALLS/DEAD SEA/QUMRAN/JERUSALEM

After breakfast we drive to **Gideon Springs**, where Gideon's army drank the water. From here we drive through the Jordan Valley to **Massada**. Ascend by cable car. Our guide will take us on a fascinating tour of this mountain where 960 Jewish defenders organized the last resistance to the Roman Conquerors. Descend Massada and travel to **Kibbutz Ein Gedi** to view **King David's Waterfalls** and then to the **Dead Sea** for an optional float in the salty waters. Our next stop is at **Qumran**, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We will now ascend the hills of Jerusalem to the "Eternal City of God".

*Dinner & overnight - Jerusalem (B,D)*

### DAY 5: MT. OF OLIVES/GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE/POOL OF BETHESDA/CAIAPHAS' HOUSE/COURTYARD OF PETER'S CONFESSION/UPPER ROOM LAST SUPPER/DAVID'S TOMB/ECCE HOMO/VIA DOLOROSA/HOLY SEPULCHER/WESTERN WALL/CARDO/JEWISH QUARTER/ORIENTAL BAZAAR

After breakfast visit the **Old City of Jerusalem**. Jews, Christians and Moslems alike know the biblical and historical importance of the City of Jerusalem. At the start of the morning, drive to the crest of **Mt. of Olives** where the entire city of Jerusalem unfolds before us. Today's walking tour includes: **Garden of Gethsemane, Pools of Bethesda, Caiaphas House & Dungeon, the Courtyard of Peter's Confession, Upper Room of the Last Supper, David's Tomb, Ecce Homo Arch, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Western Wall, Cardo, Jewish Quarters and Oriental Bazaars.**

*Dinner & overnight - Jerusalem (B,D)*

## **DAY 6: MODEL/SHRINE OF THE BOOK/KNESSET/YAD VASHEM/VIEW OF BETHLEHEM/GARDEN TOMB**

After breakfast we begin with a visit to the **Model of the Herodian City of Jerusalem** dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are on display. Travel to the **Knesset**, (Israeli Parliament), and continue to **Yad Vashem** -Memorial to the six million Jews that lost their lives in the Holocaust. Continue for a spectacular view of the city of **Bethlehem\*** (visit to Bethlehem is optional and subject to situation). We will have the opportunity to browse through an authentic souvenir store where olive wood and antique items are on display. Next, we drive to the **Garden Tomb** where a Communion Service will be held.

*Dinner & overnight – Jerusalem (B,D)*

## **DAY 7: TRANSFER TO BEN GURION AIRPORT/ARRIVE CAIRO/MEMPHIS/SAKKARA/PYRAMIDS/SPHINX/MUSEUM**

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight to Cairo. Meet our representative who will assist. Transfer to your hotel. Start your tour of **Memphis** and **Sakkara**, followed by visits to the great **Pyramids** of Giza (only 100 people a day are allowed inside, so the chance to go inside is remote), the **Valley Temple** and **Sphinx**. Continue with a visit to the **Egyptian Museum**. Enjoy dinner at oriental restaurant.

*Dinner & Overnight in Cairo. (B,D)*

## **DAY 8: FLIGHT TO ASWAN/ BEGIN NILE CRUISE: - DAY 1**

Early morning transfer for a flight to Aswan. Upon arrival, transfer to cruise embarkation 11:00. Lunch on board of the cruise. Visit **Aswan High Dam** and the Quarries, where the Granite stones were cut to build the ancient monuments and the Dam. Continue to the **Temple of Philae** and **Unfinished Obelisk** of Queen Hatshepsut. Agha Khan Mausoleum in Aswan is currently closed

Dinner on board.

*Dinner, Lunch & Overnight Aswan. (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 9: NILE CRUISE – DAY 2**

Breakfast on board. Sail to **Kom Ombo**. Visit the Temple shared by two gods Sobek & Haeroris in Kom Ombo Continue sailing to **Edfu**. Lunch on board. Visit **Horus Temple**. Afternoon tea during sailing to **Edfu**.

Dinner on board

*Dinner, Lunch & Overnight in Edfu. (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 10: NILE CRUISE – DAY 3**

Breakfast on board. Visit **Horus Temple** in Edfu.. Sail to Luxor. Via Esna.

Lunch on board. Afternoon tea. Dinner on board.

*Dinner, Lunch & Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 11: NILE CRUISE/FLIGHT LUXOR/CAIRO/TRANSFER TO AIRPORT/FLIGHT HOME**

Visit the **West Bank**. Visit to **Valley of the Kings**, where dozens of ancient tombs have been discovered and then continue to the temple of **Queen Hatshepsut** at **El-Deir**, **El-Bahari** and **Colossi Memnon**. Visit the **East Bank (Karnak & Luxor Temples)**. Disembark the cruise. Transfer to the airport for a flight to Cairo. Transfer to the airport for a flight back home on Tuesday 01:30.

*Dinner, Lunch (B,L,D)*