

The "Exodus" Journey
EGYPT & ISRAEL

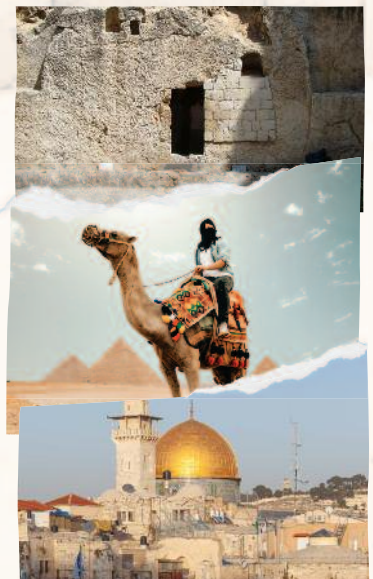
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"Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you." (Deuteronomy 15:15)




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DAY 1: WED. 19 APRIL: Canada to Cairo

Today, we depart from Canada on our overnight flight(s) to Cairo. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. **(D)**

DAY 2: THU. 20 APRIL: Arrival Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, we are met by our Tour Manager who will assist us with immigration and luggage formalities. From the airport, we take the short drive to our hotel where we can unpack and relax. Tonight, we will have our 'welcome dinner' at our hotel in anticipation of a memorable journey. **(B, D)**

DAY 3: FRI. 21 APRIL: Cairo

This morning, we will begin our first day of sightseeing which will include:

Memphis – The original capital of Egypt! Now a southern suburb of Cairo, we see the remains of this once great city.

Saqqara – It is here that we view Djoser's 'step' pyramid. Built in the 3rd dynasty, this pyramid was the precursor to the great pyramids of Giza.

Pyramids of Giza – Truly magnificent! Not only can you stand on these great testaments to ancient engineering, but you can walk through the passageways of the Great Pyramid to its inner core, the Great Chamber.

Great Sphinx – To this day, there is much debate over who built this large monument and to whose name it was dedicated. Regardless, the Great Sphinx has stood the test of time and is a wonder to see.

Dinner will be at our hotel tonight. **(B, D)**

DAY 4: SAT. 22 APRIL: Cairo

Our second day in Cairo takes us to the unique Christian district of Cairo and to the famous museum.

Egypt Museum – Host to over 120,000 artifacts, there is much to see, including the famous Tutankhamon collection.

Coptic Cairo – The Hanging Church and early Christianity. Traditional location of where Mary, Joseph and Jesus stayed during their time in Egypt.

Felucca Ride – An enjoyable ride on the River Nile, onboard the small Felucca boats before returning to our hotel.

Cave Church of St. Simon – See how God's grace transformed the area of Cairo known as "Garbage City" into something truly amazing.

Once back at our hotel, we will enjoy dinner and relaxation. **(B, D)**

DAY 5: SUN. 23 APRIL: Exodus to Mt. Sinai

This morning, we embark on a symbolic voyage as we make our own EXODUS towards the Promised Land, traveling across the Sinai Desert, arriving at the foot of Mt. Sinai by late afternoon.

Here, we find St. Catherine's Monastery built upon the traditional site of Moses' encounter with the Burning Bush.

Dinner will be at the St. Catherine Plaza Hotel this evening. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 6: MON. 24 APRIL: Mt. Sinai, Red Sea

For those of you who wish to do so, you can ascend Mt. Sinai for sunrise. A truly unique and spectacular moment!

For those less energetic, we tour the monastery and surrounding area.

This afternoon, we arrive at the shores of the Red Sea and our hotel in Taba. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 7: TUE. 25 APRIL: Negev Wilderness

This morning, we cross into Israel and begin our journey in the land of "milk and honey".

Timna Valley – This unique area of geological formations is rich in copper. Experts believe that this is the area where Solomon mined for copper. Whilst here, we shall visit the Tabernacle Model. This full scale reproduction is accurate in every way to the dimensions described in the Bible. Don't look for any gold, silver or bronze, as those materials are not used in this exhibit!

Today, our final resting place is our hotel located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Here, we meet with our fellow travelers who have just arrived from Canada. Dinner will be at our hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 8: WED. 26 APRIL: Masada, Dead Sea

After breakfast, we stay in the Judean wilderness and follow the shores of The Dead Sea to visit:

Masada – This UNESCO World Heritage site was once Herod's mountain top palace and fortress. Here, we ascend to the site by cable car and learn about the last Jewish stand against the Romans and the mass suicide of the 960 Jewish defenders.

Ein Gedi – This national park and oasis hosts the caves of David's Gorge where David hid from Saul and his army.

(I Samuel 24; Song of Solomon 1:14; Ezekiel 47:10)

The remainder of the afternoon will be left open for you to enjoy the unique properties of the Dead Sea.

Dead Sea – No visit to the Dead Sea would be complete without experiencing the unique buoyancy of these waters. Cover yourself in therapeutic black mud and float your aches and pains away!

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 9: THU. 27 APRIL: Dead Sea Scrolls

Today, we leave the Dead Sea and head towards the Upper Galilee. En-route, we shall visit:

Qumran – It is here that the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Here, we will visit the excavated sites of Qumran and view the location where The Scrolls were found in 1947.

Bethany by the Jordan – Here, we stand by the banks of the River Jordan, where John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

(Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34)

Bet She'an – The largest of Israel's archeological digs. Even after its initial discovery many years ago, archeologists are today still discovering more ruins from the Roman era when Bet She'an was one of the 10 cities in The Decapolis.

This ancient city, although destroyed by an earthquake in the 8th Century, offers a fabulous insight into Roman life and times. After losing the battle to the Philistines, King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls. (I Samuel 31:10)

Dinner will be at our hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 10: FRI. 28 APRIL: Upper Galilee, Golan Heights, Galilee**Boat Ride**

Today, we travel in and around the beautiful upper Galilee region visiting:

Tel Dan – This beautiful Biblical site will allow us a short walk around one of the rivers feeding the Jordan.



Caesarea Philippi – Built at one of the sources of the Jordan River, the City of Panias (named by the Greeks after the goat footed god, Pan) was later renamed by the Romans as Caesarea Philippi. It was here that Jesus revealed to the Disciples His purpose, His Church and where Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah. (Mark 8:27; Matthew 16:13-23)

Golan Heights – Today, we view Israel from The Golan Heights. This parcel of land plays a significant role in the security of those living in the Jordan Valley and Upper Galilee.

Ginosar – Here, we will visit the **Jesus Boat Museum** exhibit. Discovered by accident during the drought of 1986, this fishing boat would have existed at the time of Jesus. Beautifully preserved, it is a timeless reminder of life during that time. The museum has a gift shop with quality items on sale!

Sea of Galilee Boat Ride – We end our day with a memorable time in our private boat on the Sea of Galilee.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 11: SAT. 29 APRIL: Sea of Galilee and Nazareth.

After our Israeli buffet breakfast, our day involves visits to the heart of Jesus' Ministry.

Magdala – Located within one kilometer from our hotel, we have one of the latest Biblical excavation digs. We have the chance to visit what has been unearthed so far for the ancient seaside town of Magdala. (Luke 8:1-3)

The Mount of Beatitudes – Sit on the hill where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Looking directly south at the Sea of Galilee the flower filled gardens offer peace and tranquility. (Matthew 5:1-8)

Capernaum – The center of Jesus' Galilee! Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. The Greek Orthodox Church, Franciscan Monastery and Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter make for an interesting kaleidoscope of varying architecture. (Matthew 9:1; 4:13)

Tabgha – Located at the foot of the Mt. of Beatitudes, this is the site of the Miracle of The Loaves and the Fishes. (Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 14:14-21; 16:18-19; John 21:15-19)

Nazareth – Here is where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. Nazareth is also the site of The Annunciation and where the Nazarenes attempted to throw Jesus over the cliff. Now a suburb of Nazareth, Cana is the site where Jesus performed his first miracle when he changed water into wine at a wedding. (Luke 1:26-38; John 1:46; Matthew 2:23)

This evening, we enjoy a Worship service at Jesus The King Church in Nazareth. **(B, D)**

DAY 12: SUN. 30 APRIL: Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Caesarea

After breakfast, we leave the Galilee and head towards Jerusalem, but not before visiting:

Mount Carmel – Overlooking the City of Haifa with the Mediterranean Sea and Jezreel Valley on either side, we stand where the Prophet Elijah performed his miracle and called upon the fire of God to conquer the Prophets of Baal. (I Kings 2; 15:4; 25; Isaiah 33:9; Zechariah 12:12)

Megiddo – Hebrew for **Armageddon**. Megiddo was strategically located on the main trading routes between Babylonia and Egypt. Here, King Solomon built a giant fortress and city. (Judges 1:27; 5:19; I Kings 4:12; 9:15; II Chronicles 35:22; Zechariah 12:12; Revelation 16:16)

Caesarea – The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel where Pontius Pilate made his base. Here, we will tour the Roman aqueduct, restored theater and crusader city.

Dinner will be at our hotel in Jerusalem. Home for the remainder of the journey! **(B, D)**

DAY 13: MON. 01 MAY: Jerusalem

After breakfast, our first day in Jerusalem focuses in and around the old city, where we will visit the following:

Temple Mount – Pending access to the site, we will see the al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

Davidson Centre – This new facility uses state-of-the-art technology to bring the Temple Mount to life. This will give us a better understanding of the magnitude of Herod's construction versus what we see today.

City of David – We will be guided through the site and new excavations of the City of David. You will have the opportunity to walk through Hezekiah's tunnel and re-surface at the pool of Siloam.

Western Wall and Tunnels – Also called The Wailing Wall, the Holiest place of pilgrimage for the Jews. Here, we can observe the Orthodox Jews pray relentlessly along with many Christians.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 14: TUE. 02 MAY: Jerusalem

Our second full day in Jerusalem includes the following:

Mount of Olives – We begin our day by viewing Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. Photo opportunities abound at this time with the Golden Dome of the Rock prominent. From here, we shall walk down to The Garden of Gethsemane along the same path as that Jesus took when entering the city on Palm Sunday.

Garden of Gethsemane – The site where Jesus prayed at the Rock of Agony in the Garden. – “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” (Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-14)

House of Caiaphas – Located under the current St. Peter of Gallicantu Church is the traditional site where Jesus was imprisoned.

Mount Zion – Assumed by the Byzantine pilgrims as the original City of David, this piece of land would have existed outside the original city walls. (II Kings 2:10; Matthew 26:17-35; Mark 14:12-25)

Upper Room – The traditional site where Jesus instituted a new Passover celebration and the new Covenant in His blood. (Mark 14:15)

Church of St. Anne – Located by the pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the cripple. (John 5:1-9)

Holy Sepulcher Church – Stations X-XIV on The Via Dolorosa.

Garden Tomb – Preserved by The Garden Tomb Association, these beautiful gardens surround the traditional site of The Garden Tomb. Many believe that this was the actual garden of Joseph of Arimathea. (John 19:41)



DAY 15: WED. 03 MAY: Jerusalem

Today, you have the opportunity to peruse the many shops or re-visit Jerusalem’s sacred sights. Or those who would like to do so, we will visit Bethlehem this morning.

Upon arrival at **Bethlehem**, we shall visit the **Church of the Nativity and Shepherd’s Field**.

Tonight is our ‘Farewell dinner’. A wonderful time to share and reflect on a truly inspirational journey. **(B, D)**

DAY 16: THU. 04 MAY: Journey Home

Early this morning, we depart for Tel Aviv Airport and morning departure to Toronto. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided throughout the return journey. **(B, L)**

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Toronto. Fares from other cities, available upon request.

Hotels:

- Concorde Heliopolis Hotel, Cairo
- St. Catharine’s Monastery St. Catherine, Mt. Sinai
- Sol Y Hotel, Taba
- Daniel Hotel, Dead Sea
- Caesar Hotel, Sea of Galilee
- Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily. Some hotels do not serve tea or coffee with dinner.

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed tour guides will accompany the group and work with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group.

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD\$160

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed six weeks prior to departure.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Travel Insurance:

Christian Journeys requires that you must have “out of country”- emergency medical insurance. Visit www.Christian-journeys.com for policy options.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must hold a valid passport that does not expire before 04 Nov. 2023. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Israel. Your Egypt visa is looked after by Christian Journeys.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but a completed booking form needs.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$400 per person is required with the booking form. Cancellations received prior to 19 January 2023 incur a \$150 cancellation fee per person. Bookings within 90 days of departure require full payment and are subject to the cancellation fees outlined on the registration form.

Inoculation: A valid Covid-19 vaccination certificate plus a negative Covid-19 test (within 48 hours of departure) will be required.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs include a ‘fuel surcharge’ component. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing.

Currency surcharge: If in the event that the Canadian dollar devalues by over 7% between the time of printing and 90 days before departure, Christian Journeys may levy a currency surcharge.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the journey. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

16 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

LAND PRICE JOURNEY:	\$4649CAD
GROUP AIRFARE FROM TORONTO:	\$1300CAD*
*to be confirmed by end of May 2022	
TOTAL PRICE:	\$5949CAD
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$1599CAD
(based upon 40 paid passengers)	

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