



The revised 2024 schedule requires that Jordan & Egypt be toured together.

FAITH OVER FEAR 2024 – JORDAN

Entry to the Promised Land

Explore this amazing country so connected to Israel on an adventurous way while enjoying luxury hotels, gorgeous beaches, and delicious meals!

This tour is available as a post-tour to Israel and/or a pre-tour to Greece. It is highly recommended as an amazing adventure – luxury Indiana Jones style!

Day 1: Sunday November 10, 2024 Transfer from Israel to Jordan via Allenby/King Hussein Bridge northern Israel (breakfast in Israel) - Jerash

- Tour the ancient site of Jerash today is home to one of the best preserved Greco-Roman cities, which earned it the nickname "Pompeii of the Middle East". The ancient city has been gradually revealed through a series of excavations which commenced in 1925, and continues to this day.
- **Overnight:** Amman Crowne Plaza Hotel [Crowne Plaza Amman - Amman, Jordan \(ihg.com\)](https://www.ihg.com/crowne-plaza/hotels-and-resorts/jordan/Amman-Crowne-Plaza-Hotel)

Day 2: Monday November 11, 2024 Madaba – Mt. Nebo

- After breakfast, we will visit **Madaba**, which is known as ‘The City of Mosaics’. You will be visiting the **St. George Greek Orthodox Church**, where you will see the masterpiece of Madaba - a Byzantine mosaic map of the Holy Land that goes back to the 6th century, showing Jerusalem and other cities. Madaba and learn about the mosaics that sustain this community.
- Drive to **Mt. Nebo** which is one of the most important holy sites in Jordan, as it is believed to be the place where Moses climbed from the Valley of Moab, and from where God showed him the Promised Land, as well as Moses’ last resting place. Enjoy the chapel and the beautiful mosaics found there.
- **Overnight:** Amman Crowne Plaza Hotel [Crowne Plaza Amman - Amman, Jordan \(ihg.com\)](https://www.ihg.com/crowne-plaza/hotels-and-resorts/jordan/Amman-Crowne-Plaza-Hotel)

Day 3: Tuesday November 12, 2024 Petra

- After breakfast, we will drive to Wadi Musa to start our journey to explore **Petra**, aptly described as the “rose- red city, half as old as time”. The ancient city was founded by the Nabateans 2000 years ago. Its massive architectural structure and its multicolored stones are an incredible attraction. The visit of the ancient Nabatean capital starts with a strenuous walk through the Siq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. Towards the end of the Siq, you will be spellbound by Petra’s most famous monument - the Treasury. Explore as you wish beyond the Treasury to uncover the

mysteries of the city then walk or ride horseback to the information center to learn more about what you experienced. Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- **Overnight:** Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba <https://www.kempinski.com/en/aqaba/hotel-aqaba/>

Day 4: Wednesday November 13, 2024 Wadi Rum

- After breakfast, enjoy a free day at our resort hotel and the charming city of Aqaba **OR** take the optional tour to Wadi Rum (\$75-110 per person including lunch & tips, 6 hours). A 1-hour drive from Aqaba, we will find the sensational desert of Wadi Rum. Wadi rum hosts one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world with rolling sand dunes and mountains of sandstone. It's mystery and charm are sure to captivate you, as it has so many visitors before, including the famous T.E. Lawrence. Some famous movies were filmed there, including Lawrence of Arabia, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, and more. Allow the local Bedouins to take you by their 4x4 vehicles to the heart of the Red Desert of Wadi Rum and ride camels for about 25 minutes (optional) to your amazing lunch in a Bedouin tent. Discover clues from antiquity carved on the mountain and the fallen boulders, vestiges of human activity over several thousand years. Return to Aqaba for an afternoon on the beach or in town before dinner. We can arrange for an afternoon of snorkeling in the Red Sea if you wish.
- **Overnight:** Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba <https://www.kempinski.com/en/aqaba/hotel-aqaba/>

Day 5: Thursday November 14, 2024 Depart Aqaba Port for boat ride to Taba border with Egypt



FAITH OVER FEAR 2024 – EGYPT The Beginning of the Exodus

Day 5: Thursday November 14, 2024 – Arrive Egypt mid-day.

- We will pass the eastern shores of the Sinai Peninsula and the Red Sea on our way south to the **Mt. Sinai area and St. Catherine's Monastery**.
- We will visit the Monastery of St. Catherine, constructed by the Roman Emperor Justinian (527 and 565 AD)
- This evening, we will enjoy an authentic Bedouin dinner in a Bedouin tent and relax to music around the pool if you wish. Cats are prevalent so take allergy medicines if needed.
- Those who desire and are physically capable will depart for a memorable midnight ascent to Mt. Sinai, where they will walk in the footsteps of Moses and the devoted pilgrims who traveled this route centuries earlier. You may choose to ride a camel the 1st half, but everyone must hike the 2nd half including 750 steps at the end of the trail. There is a station with restrooms & snacks to refresh about

halfway up (the camel parking lot). We should reach the summit just before dawn in time to witness its incredible sunrise and splendid views. We will enjoy a time of praise and unforgettable, breathtaking views of the Sinai Wilderness. As we read from the Book of Genesis, we remember that this is the place where Moses met the Lord in the Burning Bush and where he received the Ten Commandments. After descending the mountain, we will return to the hotel to rejoin the rest of our group for breakfast.

Note: It's dark on the way up but lit by incredible stars. It will be cold at night but warm during the descent so layered clothing and a small backpack or tote for headlamp, water, gloves/hat, cash, and \$\$\$ is helpful. You can pay the Bedouins for various levels of support to get a camel, to be fully escorted up/down, and anything in between.

- **Overnight: Morgenland, St. Catherine's** <http://morgenland-village.net/> (Note: Morgenland is the only place of accommodations in this area. It is clean, comfortable, and welcome but rooms are simple and basic. Each room has its own bathroom/shower. No hair dryers.)

Day 6: Friday November 15, 2024 – INTO THE WILDERNESS / TRACING THE ROUTE OF THE EXODUS: SINAI DSERT / MARAH BY THE RED SEA / ELIM / REPHIDIM / MT. SINAI / DINNER IN A BEDOUIN TENT

- After breakfast we will travel a long day toward Cairo through many unique Egyptian landscapes including:
 - granite mountains of **Mt. Sinai and Wadi el Raha**. In Arabic, Raha means “rest” and, according to tradition, this is the area where the Israelites camped and the golden calf was forged (Exodus 32).
 - western Sinai coast to **Wadi Feiran (Rephidim)**, the desert valley where the Children of Israel fought against the Amalekites. From here we can see **Mount Serbal**, the possible site where Moses held his arms up for victory.
 - **Elim** and visit the desert oasis and the possible sites where the 12 wells and 70 Palm Trees were found during the Children of Israel's journey to the **Promised Land**
 - the wilderness of the **Sinai Peninsula** and the **Land of Goshen** tracing the **Route of the Biblical Exodus** (Genesis16-18). We will drive via the tunnel underneath the **Suez Canal** to the west branch of the **Red Sea**. Our first stop will be **Marah by the Red Sea** (if open; the area was found to be toxic recently), the desert springs along the shore of the Red Sea, where the children of Israel found the waters bitter.

Upon arrival in **Cairo**, we will transfer to our hotel which is conveniently located only 1.5 miles away from one of the Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid of Giza. Check in at the hotel, unpack and rest. Dinner at the hotel.

- **Overnight: Steinberger Pyramids Cairo** <https://www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/egypt/cairo/steigenberger-pyramids-cairo>

Day 7: Saturday November 16, 2024– MEMPHIS AND SAKKARA

- Tour the old cities of **Memphis** and **Sakkara**, learning the story of Egypt, its rulers, and history – amazing!
- **HOTEL: Steinberger Pyramids Cairo** <https://www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/egypt/cairo/steigenberger-pyramids-cairo>

Day 8: Sunday November 17, 2024 – DISCOVERING EGYPT’S ANCIENT CIVILIZATION: PYRAMIDS / SPHINX / ENTER INSIDE THE GREAT PYRAMID / CAMEL RIDE / EGYPTIAN MUSEUM / OLD CAIRO / COPTIC CAIRO

- Our first stop will be at the **Pyramids of Giza**. A visit to the three Giza Pyramids is on every world traveler’s must-see list. Cheops Pyramid, the largest of the three, was built in the 3rd dynasty about 2690 B.C. and is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- In front of the **Pyramids of Chephren**, we will find the colossal statue of the **Great Sphinx**, which has stood guard over the pyramids for more than 4,500 years. The Sphinx is carved from a single piece of stone. It is a lion with a Pharaoh’s head and is thought to be a portrait of the Pharaoh Chephren. We will have the privilege to go inside the Great Pyramid to discover the burial chamber. The burial chamber consists of an empty Sarcophagus (7.3 ft by 3.75 ft) with smooth walls and a polished ceiling. The floor is made with blocks of pink granite, which cover 50 sq meters. During our Pyramids visit you will have a chance to ride a camel near the pyramids (complimentary by AIT). This is your opportunity to have your postcard photo riding a camel with the pyramids on the background.
- Next, we will drive into **Old Cairo** to explore the city’s cultural landmarks that span three millennium of Egyptian history. Discover the greatest collection of Pharaonic treasures in the world at the famous **Egyptian Museum**. See the unique collection of Pharaonic art, starting with the Old Kingdom Collection, on to the Middle and New Kingdom galleries and Greco-Roman periods as well as the famous Tutankhamun treasures.
- We will continue to **Coptic Cairo**, where we will visit the famous Suspended Church (Hanging Church), dating to the late 4th and early 5th century. This basilica was named “Al-Mu’allaqah” because it was built atop the south gate of the Fortress of Babylon.
- We will continue to the **Church of St. Sergius**, a 5th century Coptic Church. This basilica is built on the cave in which the Holy Family stayed and is regarded by visitors as a source of blessing. As we stroll along, we will come to the recently restored **Synagogue of Ben Ezra**, which marks the place where Moses was saved by the water girl of Pharaoh. This is the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt, built in 882 AD. We will return to our hotel for dinner.
- **HOTEL: Steinberger Pyramids Cairo** <https://www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/egypt/cairo/steigenberger-pyramids-cairo>

Your Holy Land tour concludes with this evening’s dinner and tomorrow’s breakfast. We pray that your journey through the Bible will be filled with experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime!

Day 9: Monday November 18, 2024 Fly home to US

OPTIONS

Egypt: Camel ride at Pyramids - \$10-\$25 payable to camel crew

Egypt: Mt. Sinai - \$25 payable to Bedouin guide

Egypt: NEW Cairo Museum (if open) - \$35 per person payable to guide

Jordan: Wadi Rum \$75-100 (depending of # of people doing tour) + \$25 camel ride if desired

Jordan: Petra Included but credit of \$70 per person available if you choose NOT to go to Petra (intended for those who have been before)

Jordan: Petra Golf carts to ride instead of walk (+/- \$150 for up to 5 people)

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