

Exodus Holyland Tour Egypt, Israel and Jordan.



16 days, 17 September 2010, tour led by
Mr Stafford Williams and Mr John Rutherford

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EXODUS HOLYLAND TOUR

TOUR PRICE PER ADULT

Share Twin Accommodation	AUD \$6198
Land Only Cost twin share	AUD \$4499
Single Supplement	AUD \$1399

PRICE INCLUDES:

Covering the following service Egypt:

- Flights with Emirates from Australia to Cairo and return from Amman Jordan
- All Airline Departure taxes
- Transfer from Cairo airport to Sheppard hotel or similar
- Full day tour including Pyramids, Sphinx and Eg. Museum.
- Nile cruise as per itinerary.
- Transportation by brand new fully equipped European coaches.
- Well qualified English speaking Egyptologist.
- Tour escort throughout the whole trip (English speaking).
- All Entrance fees
- 3 nights in Cairo on H.B.
- 1 night at St. Catherine on H.B.
- All tips to Guides and Drivers.
- Egyptian entry visa

Covering the following service Jordan & Israel:

Above rates include:

- All Airline Departure taxes.
- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure.
- Portages at airport and hotels
- Transportation in modern AC coaches as mentioned above:
- 49 Seat Large Bus: 31 - 50 pax.
- Private guide through all touring days.
- Hotel accommodation on HB basis as mentioned above.
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned above.
- All applicable taxes including 10% governmental tax and 10% service charges / at present.
- All tips to Guides and Drivers
- Jordanian Visa x 2
- Cable car ride up to Masada

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any personal expenses.
- Travel Insurance
- Any not mentioned expenses and services.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

A deposit of \$400 per person is required in order to secure a place on the tour. Please contact our office if you would like a Tour Registration form.

STAYING ON IN THE MIDDLE EAST OR ONWARD TO EUROPE

If you would like to undertake further travel at the end of the tour. Mission Travel Group will be able to assist you with additional travel, please advise your needs when registering for the tour.

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ITINERARY

17TH SEPTEMBER - 4TH OCTOBER 2010

DAY 1: DEPARTURE -FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

OUR LIFE CHANGING JOURNEY BEGINS THIS EVENING AS WE BOARD OUR OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO CAIRO, EGYPT.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL CAIRO- SAT 18TH SEPTEMBER

WE ARRIVE IN THE LAND OF THE PHARAOHS, JACOB, JOSEPH AND ISRAEL DURING THE FAMINE! UPON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO WE MEET OUR GUIDE AND DRIVER WHO WILL TRANSPORT US TO THE HOTEL FOR LUNCH. AFTER LUNCH WE WILL BE TAKEN ON A BRIEF CITY TOUR AND TO THE CAIRO TOWER FOR AN OVERVIEW OF THIS BUSTLING METROPOLIS BEFORE DINNER AND A WELCOME LONG SLEEP!(LUNCH, DINNER)

HOTEL: SHEPHEARD HOTEL, CAIRO

DAY 3: CAIRO - SUN 19TH SEPTEMBER

TODAY WE TRAVEL BACK TO ANCIENT EGYPT WITH A FULL DAY OF TOURING TO THE WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD, SOME DATING BACK TO 1000+ YEARS PRIOR TO ABRAHAM. WE SPEND TIME AT ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD- THE PYRAMIDS. CHEOPS, WITH AN ORIGINAL HEIGHT OF 496 FEET, IS THE MOST COLLOSSAL PYRAMID EVER BUILT. TODAY, WE WILL ALSO SEE THE SPHINX AND TOUR THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM, LOCATION OF TUTANKHAMEN'S TREASURES AND ANCIENT REMAINS. OUR LOCAL GUIDES WILL TAKE US TO LOCAL COMMERCIAL GOLD, SILVER, FRAGRANCE (PERFUME) AND Papyrus SPECIALISTS. TONIGHT WE WILL EXPERIENCE A DINNER AND SHOW NILE CRUISE WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS OF CAIRO BY NIGHT FROM THE RIVER NILE. WE WILL HAVE A FULL COURSE BUFFET DINNER, FOLKLORE ENTERTAINMENT WITH MUSIC AND DANCERS PLUS A BELLY DANCING SHOW (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: SHEPHEARD HOTEL, CAIRO

DAY 4: CAIRO - MON 20TH SEPTEMBER

AFTER BREAKFAST WE START OUR TOUR OF THE CITADEL (ALABASTER MOSQUE) AND BAZAAR. INSIDE THE CITADEL WE CAN SEE THE SPLENDID MOSQUE OF MOHAMMED ALI, ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST PROMINENT LANDMARKS.

EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT AND CHAOS OF THE KHAN AL KHALILI BAZAAR, ONE OF THE EARLIEST AND GREATEST MARKETS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. KNOWN FOR ITS JEWELLERY, LEATHER GOOD AND SOUVENIRS, YOU CAN COLLECT A REAL BARGAIN IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO HAGGLE.

WE WILL THEN BE GUIDED THROUGH THE "CHURCH IN A CAVE" AT MOKATTAM AND SEE THE CULTURE AND WORK OF THE 20,000 LOCAL COPTIC CHRISTIAN MINORITY WHO RECYCLE GARBAGE. THE DAY CULMINATES WITH A SAIL ON THE NILE IN A LOCAL FELUCCA BOAT AS WE PREPARE TO HEAD OFF ON OUR "EXODUS" TOUR. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: SHEPHEARD HOTEL, CAIRO

DAY 5: MT. SINAI - TUES 21ST SEPTEMBER

THIS MORNING WE DEPART EARLY FROM CAIRO, PASS THROUGH THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE "LAND OF GOSHEN" AND TRAVEL THE SOUTHWARD ROUTE OF THE EXODUS THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF SHUR. WE LEARN OF THE TERRAIN AND THE HISTORY OF THIS REGION EN ROUTE AS WE PASS THROUGH MARAH (SPRINGS OF MOSES) AND FURTHER TO THE SOUTH, THE OASIS OF ELIM. ARRIVING IN THE LATE AFTERNOON TO THE HOTEL AT MOUNT SINAI (MOUNT HOREB), WE HAVE DINNER AND REST FOR OUR EARLY MORNING ACTIVITY. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: WADI EL RAHA, ST. CATHERINE

DAY 6: RED SEA CROSSING, PETRA - WED 22ND SEPTEMBER

JUST INTO THE NEW DAY, THOSE WHO DESIRE AND ARE PHYSICALLY CAPABLE WILL DEPART FOR A MEMORABLE EARLY MORNING WALK UP MOUNT MOSES. YOU MAY CHOOSE TO HIRE A CAMEL PART WAY, PAUSING AT THE REST STATIONS ALONG THE CLIMB TO THE SUMMIT (750 STEPS) FOR A SUNRISE TO REMEMBER. ONCE AT THE TOP, ENJOY A TIME OF REFLECTION AND THEN DEPART DOWN THE MOUNTAIN FOR BREAKFAST. AFTER A SHORT RIDE TO THE RED SEA, OUR VERY PHYSICAL DAY WILL INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SWIM AT NUWEBA BEACH ON THE GULF OF AQABA, AND IMAGINE THE MIRACLE OF THE PARTING OF THE SEA WHICH IS SAID BY SOME TO HAVE OCCURRED AT THIS ACTUAL SPOT. SHALL WE SNORKEL AND LOOK FOR CORAL ENCRUSTED CHARIOT WHEELS? WE THEN EMIGRATE FROM TABA TO JORDAN AND BOARD A FERRY FOR A SCENIC CROSSING TO AQABA WHERE WE CONTINUE ONTO PETRA FOR OUR LODGING TONIGHT. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: GOLDEN TUNNEL OR SIMILAR PETRA

DAY 7: PETRA, AMMAN - THUR 23RD SEPTEMBER [1ST DAY SUKKOT HOLIDAYS]

THIS MORNING WE VISIT THE AMAZING MOUNTAIN FORTRESS OF PETRA, KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INHABITED BY THE EDMOMITES- THE DESCENDANTS OF ESAU. BEGIN THE TOUR WITH A WALK THROUGH THE "SIQ", AN IMMENSE CRACK IN THE NUBIAN SANDSTONE, TO THE CITY OF PETRA CARVED OUT OF THE ROSE RED ROCK. THE TREASURY, EL KHAZNEH, IS

ONE OF THE MOST ELEGANT REMAINS OF ANTIQUITY. BEYOND EL KHAZNEH WE ARE SURROUNDED ON BOTH SIDES BY HUNDREDS OF PETRA'S CARVED AND BUILT STRUCTURES. DEPARTING PETRA, WE TRAVEL NORTHWARD ON THE KING'S HIGHWAY THROUGH THE LAND OF THE MOAB WHERE, TIME PERMITTING, WE WILL VIEW THE HILLTOP PALACE/FORTRESS OF MACHAERUS, THE PLACE WHERE JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS BEHEADED. WE OVERNIGHT IN AMMAN THIS EVENING. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: IMPERIAL PALACE OR SIMILAR, AMMAN

DAY 8: MOUNT NEBO, ALLENBY BRIDGE, YAFU,

TEL AVIV - FRID 24TH SEPTEMBER [2ND DAY SUKKOT HOLIDAYS]

MT. NEBO, BELIEVED TO BE THE SITE OF THE TOMB OF MOSES, COMMANDS A SPECTACULAR VIEW ACROSS THE JORDAN VALLEY AND THE DEAD SEA. WE THEN TRAVEL WEST TOWARD THE ALLENBY BRIDGE, VIEW TO THE NORTH THE PLAINS OF MOAB, THE AREA WHERE THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL CAMPED BEFORE CROSSING THE JORDAN AND PICTURE BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN, THE PLACE WHERE JESUS WAS BAPTISED. THIS AFTERNOON PROVIDES A "BROAD PERSPECTIVE" OF ISRAEL AS WE TRAVERSE ITS FULL WIDTH ARRIVING AT JOPPA ON THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST WHERE JONAH EMBARKED ON HIS SEA VOYAGE WHICH ENDED IN A "BIG FISH". PETER RAISED DORCAS TO LIFE HERE [ACTS 9: 37-41] WE THEN DRIVE A SHORT DISTANCE TO THE COAST TO TEL AVIV WHERE YOU CAN WANDER TO THE BEACH OR RELAX BEFORE DINNER. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: BASEL HOTEL OR SIMILAR, TEL AVIV

DAY 9: CAESAREA, MEGIDDO & NAZARETH - SAT 25TH SEPTEMBER [SHABBAT]

AFTER BREAKFAST, WE TRAVEL BY MOTOR COACH ALONG THE COAST OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA TO CAESAREA, WHERE GENTILES FIRST HEARD THE GOOD NEWS FROM PETER AND WERE BAPTISED. WE'LL SEE THE ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE AND AQUEDUCT, AND THEN JOURNEY ON TO MOUNT CARMEL, WHERE ELIJAH CHALLENGED KING AHAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL. NEXT WE TRAVEL THROUGH THE JEZREEL VALLEY TO MEGIDDO, THE ARMAGEDDON BATTLEFIELD, WHERE ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAVE UNEARTHED 20 LEVELS OF CIVILISATION. WE DRIVE THROUGH THE AREA OF CANA AND NAZARETH, THE BOYHOOD HOME OF JESUS, WHERE WE VISIT THE NAZARETH VILLAGE - A WONDERFUL RECREATION OF BIBLICAL TIMES WITH COSTUMED GUIDES. WE WILL HAVE DINNER AND OVERNIGHT LODGING FOR THE NEXT TWO NIGHTS IN THE TIBERIAS AREA ON THE SEA OF GALILEE. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: CAESAR TIBERIAS OR SIMILAR HOTEL, TIBERIAS

DAY 10: CAPERNAUM, CAESAREA PHILIPPI & MOUNT OF BEATITUDES - SUN 26TH SEPTEMBER

THIS SUNDAY MORNING IN CAPERNAUM WE WILL VISIT THE RUINS OF AN ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE AND PETER'S HOME. THEN WE TRAVEL ON TO THE SITE OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF LOAVES AND FISHES AND THE MOUNT OF THE BEATITUDES OVERLOOKING THE SEA. AFTER VIEWING THE ANCIENT FISHERMEN BOAT AT AN OPERATING KIBBUTZ, WE ENJOY A RELAXING CRUISE ON THE SEA OF GALILEE. ENJOY FREE TIME THIS AFTERNOON ON THE SHORE OF THE SEA WHERE JESUS AND PETER SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME TOGETHER. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: CAESAR TIBERIAS OR SIMILAR HOTEL, TIBERIAS

DAY 11: JORDAN RIVER BAPTISM SITE, BETH SHEAN, JERICHO, - MON 27TH SEPTEMBER

WE BEGIN OUR DAY WITH A VISIT TO THE JORDAN RIVER BAPTISMAL SITE. NEXT WE TRAVEL SOUTHWARD TO BEIT-SHEAN/SCYTHOPOLIS, THE MOST MAGNIFICENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE IN ISRAEL, LOCATED AT THE STRATEGIC JUNCTURE OF THE JEZREEL & JORDAN VALLEYS. LIKE JERICHO, IT HAS BEEN ALMOST CONTINUALLY OCCUPIED THROUGHOUT HISTORY. AFTER DEFEATING SAUL AND HIS SONS ON MOUNT GILBOA, THE PHILISTINES HUNG THEIR BODIES ON THE WALLS OF BEIT-SHEAN. WE VISIT ANCIENT JERICHO, FAMED AS THE OLDEST AND LOWEST CITY IN THE WORLD. WE CONTINUE ONTO THE DEAD SEA FOR OUR ACCOMMODATION TONIGHT. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: LE MERIDIAN OR SIMILAR, DEAD SEA

DAY 12: MASADA, EIN GEDI & DEAD SEA SCROLLS, DEAD SEA SWIM

TUES 28TH SEPTEMBER

OUR DAY BEGINS WITH A CABLE CAR RIDE TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP FORTRESS OF MASADA. HERE OUR GUIDE WILL TREAT US TO THE HISTORY OF THE FAMOUS ZEALOT STAND. AFTERWARDS WE PROCEED TO EIN GEDI, "SPRING OF THE GOAT", AN OASIS ON THE WESTERN SHORE OF THE DEAD SEA, BECAUSE OF ITS WARM CLIMATE AND ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF WATER, THE SITE DEVELOPED A REPUTATION FOR ITS FRAGRANT PLANTS AND DATE PALM GROVES. THIS IS WHERE KING DAVID HID FROM SAUL, AND WHERE GOD DEFEATED THE ENEMIES OF THE ISRAELITES BY PRAISE AND WORSHIP LED BY KING JEHOSEPHAT. NEXT, WE VISIT QUMRAN CAVES, WHERE THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS WERE DISCOVERED. WE ALSO AIM TO VISIT GENESIS LAND TODAY AND SWIM IN THE UNIQUE SALTY WATERS OF THE DEAD SEA. (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: OLIVE TREE OR SIMILAR HOTEL, JERUSALEM

DAY 13: AROUND JERUSALEM, BIBLE TIMES, AND

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM- WED 29TH SEPTEMBER

PASSING BY THE PROTESTANT CEMETERY, WE VISIT THE "UPPER ROOM", JUST OUTSIDE THE ZION GATE WHERE THE DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED LAID HIS HEAD ON HIS BREAST AND WHERE LATER THOMAS CRIED, "MY LORD & MY GOD". AN INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL TIME AWAITS US AT THE ISRAELI MUSEUM. WALK THROUGH COLLECTIONS OF CENTURIES OLD ISRAELI ARTEFACTS INCLUDING THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS, AND THEN A GUIDED WALK THROUGH AN ACCURATELY DETAILED MODEL OF BIBLICAL JERUSALEM WILL HELP TO PREPARE US FOR OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS. OUR TIME IN JERUSALEM WILL INCLUDE HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL AND A GREAT COMBINATION OF ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY, CULTURE AND RELIGION.

(BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: OLIVE TREE OR SIMILAR HOTEL, JERUSALEM

DAY 14: JESUS' STEPS, THE LAST DAYS, MESSIANIC LECTURE- THURS 30TH SEPTEMBER [SHMINI ATZERET HOLIDAY]

TODAY WE WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED; BEGINNING THE DAY WITH A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CITY, MOUNT MORIAH AND THE DOME OF THE ROCK FROM ATOP THE MOUNT OF OLIVES AND THEN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. HOW MANY HAVE WISHED TO BE WHISKED BACK IN TIME TO GET A GLIMPSE OF OUR LORD OR HEAR HIS VOICE IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT? TO WALK BETWEEN THE ANCIENT OLIVE TREES, READ THE SCRIPTURES OF JESUS' PRAYER AND TAKE TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION IS IMPORTANT HERE. NEXT WE VISIT THE HOUSE OF CAIAPHAS WHERE JESUS WAS BEATEN AND SPIT UPON. ON OUR WAY INTO THE CITY, WE WILL VISIT THE WAILING WALL AND THEN THE FASCINATING RABBINICAL TUNNELS LEADING US THROUGH THE SECOND TEMPLE ERA. THE TUNNEL AND EXHIBIT GIVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMAZING CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT, GIANT STONES, WATER SUPPLY AND ROMAN STREET WHEN OUR LORD WAS LED TO JUDGEMENT. WE MOVE ON TO THE JUDGEMENT HALL OF PLATE, HEAR THOSE WHO CONSPIRED AGAINST HIM AND ARE REMINDED OF HIS BRUTAL BEATING AND HUMILIATION. FROM HERE WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE THE POOL OF BETHSDA, STEPHEN'S GATE AND ST. ANN'S CHURCH. THIS EVENING WE ENJOY A SPECIAL LECTURE BY A LOCAL BELIEVER PRIOR TO DINNER, GIVING US PERSPECTIVE OF MESSIANIC LIFE IN ISRAEL.

(BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: OLIVE TREE OR SIMILAR HOTEL, JERUSALEM

DAY 15: WAY OF SUFFERING, GARDEN TOMB, PENTECOST, BETHLEHEM- FRI 1ST OCTOBER

WHILE WALKING ALONG THE VIA DOLOROSA, WE ARE REMINDED OF HIS WAY OF SUFFERING ALONG WITH A VISIT TO THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER. OUR GUIDE WILL EXPLAIN THE DIFFERING OPINIONS ON THE ROUTE THAT CHRIST WAS LED. THE ACTUAL PLACE OF CRUCIFIXION AND BURIAL IS A VERY INTERESTING STUDY. THE CLIMAX OF THE DAY IS THE GARDEN TOMB, WHERE WE WILL CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION WITH COMMUNION AND A TIME OF PRAISE. THIS AFTERNOON WE VISIT THE SOUTHERN WALL EXCAVATIONS. FROM HERE JESUS ENTERED THE TEMPLE MOUNT AND DROVE THE VENDORS AND MONEY EXCHANGERS WHO WERE EXPLOITING THE PEOPLE. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT THIS IS THE PLACE THAT PETER STOOD AND PREACHED AND WHERE THOUSANDS WERE SAVED AND BAPTISED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST. WE WILL ENJOY A CHALLENGE FROM GOD'S WORD, AND A SONG. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IS CELEBRATED WITH A VISIT TO BETHLEHEM.

(BREAKFAST, DINNER)

HOTEL: OLIVE TREE OR SIMILAR HOTEL, JERUSALEM

DAY 16: DEPART FOR HOME- SAT 2ND OCTOBER [SHABBAT]

A MORNING DEPARTURE FROM JERUSALEM TO AMMAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR THE FLIGHT VIA DUBAI BACK TO AUSTRALIA. PARTICIPANTS MAY LEAVE THE TOUR AT THIS TIME AND CONTINUE THEIR TRAVELS TO ANY DESTINATIONS OR BREAK THEIR RETURN JOURNEY BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT. (BREAKFAST)

DAY 17: TRAVEL & TIME ZONE CHANGE- SUN 3RD OCTOBER

TRAVELLING, SUBJECT TO DETAILED FLIGHT TIMES.

DAY 18: ARRIVE HOME- MON 4TH OCTOBER

DISCLAIMER

DAY NUMBERS INCLUDE TRAVEL TIMES AND TIME ZONE DIFFERENCES. THE TRIP STARTS LATE ON FRIDAY AND RETURNS EARLY IN THE MORNING SO THE TOTAL ELAPSED TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 16.5 CALENDAR DAYS.

THE CONTENT IS INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR ANY REASON. REFER TO DETAILED CONDITIONS.

DAYS 13, 14 AND 15 IN JERUSALEM ARE GENERALLY INDICATIVE BUT WILL BE ALTERED IN SEQUENCE BASED ON RESEARCH IN JANUARY 2010 WITH PROF. EFRAIM GOLDSTEIN, STAFFORD WILLIAMS AND JOHN RUTHERFORD.

LOCAL TOUR GUIDES AND CO HOSTS:

STAFFORD WILLIAMS AND JOHN RUTHERFORD INTEND TO GO HOST TWO GROUPS OF APPROXIMATELY 20 PEOPLE EACH. THE GROUPS WILL MEET AT THE BRISBANE DEPARTING GATE LOUNGE AND GENERALLY TRAVEL TOGETHER IN A 40-50 SEAT COACH.

BIBLICAL TEACHING AND REFERENCES WILL BE DONE BY STAFFORD TO BOTH GROUPS, OFTEN USING THE COACH MICROPHONE.