

An epic tour of the Holyland, incorporating Biblical sites, colossal structures, lost cities, stunning panoramas and a generous insight into everyday life.



The Temple of Hatshepsut, one of only a few female Pharaohs to rule Egypt

Lands of the Prophets

TOUR PACE

A well paced tour of nearly three weeks duration, comprising of three separate itineraries in Jordan, Israel, and Egypt. Transfers and flights between the countries are relatively short giving you ample time to settle in to your new environment before the excitement begins.

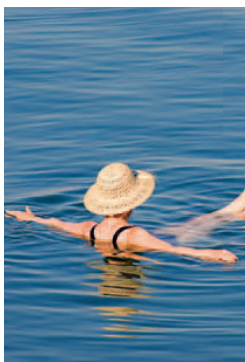
HOTELS

Insight is an Eastern Mediterranean specialist. This means our purchasing power in the region allows us to negotiate with prestigious world-famous hotels such as the Marriott, Le Meridien and Sheraton and pass the savings back to you.

2-NIGHT OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR DEAD SEA EXTENSION

What better way to start your tour than with complete relaxation? The Jordan Valley Marriott Resort & Spa on the shores of the Dead Sea, offers a retreat for guests to unwind, relax and rejuvenate. Once refreshed, you are transferred to Amman to begin your tour. (BB, BB)

See the Supplement prices in the price panel opposite.



Relax in the waters of the Dead Sea

DAY 1 – AMMAN AT LEISURE. Welcome to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. You are met at Amman airport by your Jordanian Tour Director and transferred to your tour downtown hotel. Hotel: Marriott/Le Royal (D)

DAY 2 – AMMAN – JERASH – PETRA. The trip to Jerash reveals the most beautifully preserved Greco-Roman city still in existence. Return to Amman for a city tour seeing the huge Roman Amphitheatre and the Citadel Hill. After some free time, continue south to Petra. Hotel: Marriott/Beit Zaman (BB,D)

DAY 3 – PETRA SIGHTSEEING. Spend the whole day visiting Petra. The approach to this lost city is through a narrow gorge, the Siq, whose walls rise up 600 ft. Emerge from the path to see the magnificent Treasury, carved out of solid rock and standing over 40 meters high. Wind your way through the canyon to explore the Roman Amphitheatre and the ancient tombs. (BB,D)

DAY 4 – PETRA – AMMAN. Follow the Kings Highway to visit Shobak, an authentic 12C crusader fortress. Continue to Mt Nebo where Moses saw the Promised Land. At Madaba see the mosaic map in dating from around AD560. Return to Amman. Hotel: Marriott/Le Royal (BB,D)

DAY 5 – AMMAN – TEL AVIV. Transfer to the border with Israel. After clearing immigration you are met on the Israeli side by your Tour Director. There's a warm welcome of "Shalom", as you set off for Tel Aviv. Tonight enjoy a 'Welcome to Israel' drink. Hotel: Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel & Towers

DAY 6 – JAFFA EXCURSION See all the highlights of this lively city the Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square and Carmel market before continuing to the ancient port of Jaffa. Now visit Mini Israel - a miniature park featuring 330 replica models. Tonight enjoy a Shabbat dinner at your hotel. (BB,HD)

DAY 7 – TEL AVIV – GALILEE Explore the ruins at Caesarea. Then on via Haifa to Acre to see the fortress, old harbour area and a Crusader crypt. Continue to Nazareth where you visit the Church of Annunciation. The day concludes with a visit to a Kibbutz for a brief introduction to this communal way of life. Hotel: Leonardo Plaza Tiberius (BB,D)

DAY 8 – GALILEE – DEAD SEA Visit the 2000 year old wooden boat before taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum and the Mount of Beatitudes. Follow the River Jordan to the Dead Sea for a dip in the buoyant waters. Hotel: Hod Hotel & Spa/Le Meridien (BB,D)

DAY 9 – DEAD SEA – JERUSALEM Ride by cable-car up to the fortress of Masada. Drive through the Judean Hills to Mount Scopus for views over Jerusalem. Then visit King David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper and the Western Wall. Hotel: Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem (BB)

DAY 10 – JERUSALEM Tour Yad - Vashem, the moving museum commemorating the Jewish people killed during the Holocaust. Continue to the Shrine of the Book, containing the Dead Sea Scrolls. Tonight enjoy a typical Mediterranean style dinner at a local restaurant. (BB,HD)

DAY 11 – JERUSALEM Visit the Garden of Gethsemane then walk through the Old City to see the Temple Mount. Continue along the Via Dolorosa to see the

Stations of the Cross, Ecce Homo Arch, Pool of Bethesda and Church of the Holy Sepulchre built on the site of the Crucifixion. (BB)

DAY 12 – JERUSALEM – CAIRO Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight to Cairo where you are met and transferred to the hotel. Hotel: Marriott (BB)

DAY 13 – CAIRO Meet your Egyptian Tour Director and drive to Memphis to see the statue of Rameses II and alabaster sphinx. Nearby at Sakkara, view the Step Pyramid of Zoser, the oldest in the world. Now visit inside one of the Pyramids of Giza and see the Sphinx! This evening, return to Giza for a magical Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids. (BB)

DAY 14 – CAIRO – LUXOR – JOIN CRUISE. Fly to Luxor, the former capital of the New Kingdom. In private moorings near the edge of town, your cruise boat awaits. Board in time for lunch and then visit Luxor Temple which provides an unforgettable introduction to ancient Thebes. Now continue to Karnak, the largest temple complex ever built by man, constructed over a time period of 1500 years. Walk through the avenue of Ram-headed sphinxes, past the statue of Rameses II, to stand in awe among the huge columns of the vast Hypostyle Hall. Ship: MS Medea/MS Sapphire/MS La Boheme (BB,L,D)

DAY 15 – ON BOARD SHIP. After breakfast, cross to the west bank of the Nile and stop for a photo of the towering Colossi of Memnon. These two giant seated figures are all that is left of Amon-Ofis III mortuary temple. Visit the amazing reconstructed Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, blending into the cliff face above. Continue to the Valley of the Kings, the burial place of many of the New Kingdom Pharaohs. After venturing inside some of the tombs return to your cruise ship and drift upstream to Esna and Edfu. (BB,L,D)

DAY 16 – ON BOARD SHIP. This morning visit the beautifully preserved Temple of Horus, (the Falcon God) possibly the most complete in Egypt. Get your cameras ready as you cruise to Kom Ombo. The temple, dedicated to both Horus the Elder and Sobek, the crocodile god, is a glorious sight from the river. Inside you will find some mummified remains of some small crocodiles. Celebrate in true Egyptian style at an Oriental Dinner and Galabea Party. (BB,L,HD)

DAY 17 – ON BOARD SHIP. Cruise to exotic Aswan in the cool of early morning. Visit the Aswan High Dam and also the ancient Granite Quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Take a motorboat to the Temple of Isis, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. Later, return to Aswan and sail in a traditional Nile felucca around Aswan's Botanical Gardens and enjoy high tea in English colonial style before the sun sets. (BB,L,D)

DAY 18 – ASWAN – CAIRO Optional excursion to Abu Simbel, before transferring to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. Hotel: Marriott (BB)

DAY 19 – CAIRO SIGHTSEEING Visit the Citadel for a breathtaking view of the city of Cairo and visit the great Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Continue to Tahrir Square, focal point of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution. Then gaze upon Tutankhamun's treasure in the Egyptian Museum. (BB)

DAY 20 – DEPART CAIRO. Transfer to the airport for your onward flights (BB)

Key

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS
- CRUISE + NIGHTS

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and see the 2000 year old boat recovered from its waters

Learn the history and find out first hand what it is like to live on a Kibbutz

Enjoy a traditional Shabbat dinner at your hotel

Visit Mini Israel, a faithful reproduction of many of the historic and cultural sites and buildings of Israel

Enjoy a Mediterranean dinner at a local restaurant Western Wall



- See Tutankhamun's treasure in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- Visit Tahrir Square, epicentre of the 25 January uprising
- Enter one of the Great Pyramids of Giza
- Sound and light show at the pyramids



Visit Queen Hatshepsut's reconstructed temple

Visit some of the tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs

Visit the magnificent lost city of Petra

A thrilling cable car ride to the fortress of Masada with superb views over the Dead Sea

Take a dip in the Dead Sea's buoyant waters

Included Premium Highlights

- Visit Petra, 'Jordan's lost city'
- Visit Mini Israel - a miniature park featuring 330 replica models
- Visit the 'Jesus Boat' before taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Enjoy a dip in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea
- Take a thrilling cable-car ride up to the awe-inspiring fortress of Masada
- Visit Tahrir Square, 'beating heart' of the recent 25 January 2011 Revolution
- Visit Tutankhamun's treasure in the famous Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- Enjoy a magical Sound & Light Show at the Great Pyramids of Giza
- Visit the amazing Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings
- Take a motorboat to the Temple of Isis on Philae Island
- Enjoy high tea in English colonial style before the sun sets in Aswan
- Enjoy a guided tour of Giza to see the Sphinx and visit one of the Pyramids

Included Personal Insights

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Included Other Excursions & Sights

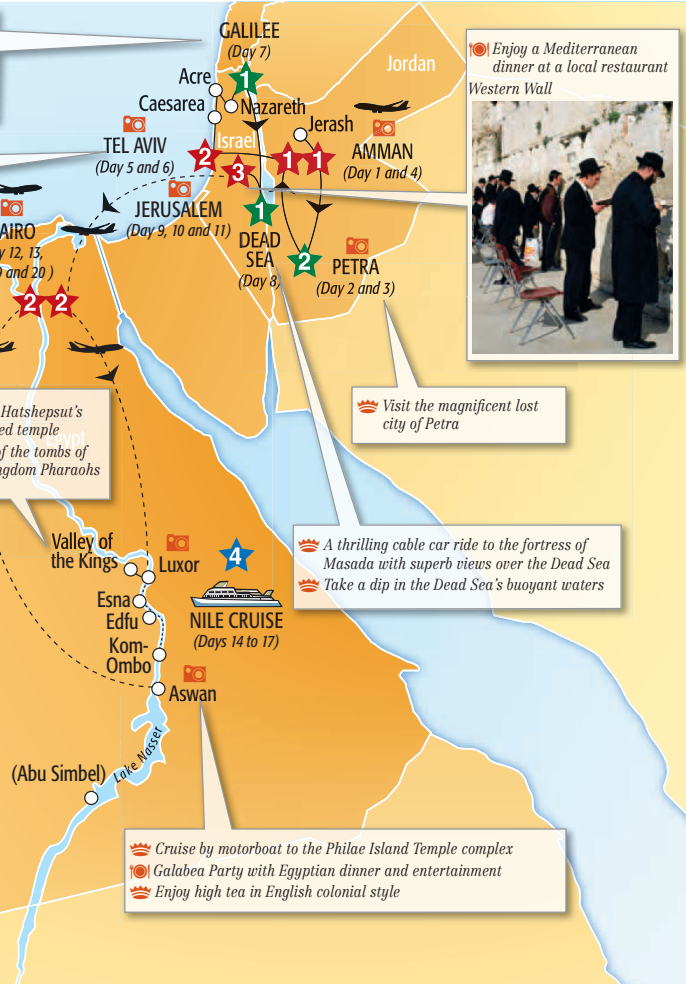
- Visit Jerash - the 'Pompeii of the East' • See Amman's Roman Amphitheatre & Citadel Hill
- Look down upon Moses's Promised Land from windswept Mount Nebo
- See the 6C mosaic map of the Holy Land • Visit the Crusader fortress of Shobak
- See the sights of Tel Aviv & the port of Jaffa • Visit Caesarea's Crusader & Roman ruins
- Visit the crusader crypt in Acre • Visit the Church of the Annunciation
- Visit Capernaum & the Mount of the Beatitudes • View over Jerusalem from Mt Scopus
- Visit King David's Tomb, Room of the Last Supper, the Western Wall, Holocaust Museum, the Shrine of the Book, Garden of Gethsemane, Stations of the Cross, Ecce Homo Arch, Pool of Bethesda & the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Visit Mohammed Ali Mosque and enjoy views over Cairo from the Citadel
- Enjoy a visit to Luxor Temple and tour the Temple complex of Karnak
- Photo opportunity at the towering Colossi of Memnon
- Visit the Temple of Sobek at Kom Ombo and the Temple of Horus at Edfu
- Sail by traditional 'felucca' around the Botanical Gardens in Aswan
- Visit the unfinished obelisk in the granite quarries and the Aswan High Dam
- See the statue of Rameses II & great alabaster sphinx in Memphis
- View the Step Pyramid of King Zoser in Sakkara, the oldest in the world

Included First Class Services

- Insight's professional multi-lingual Tour Directors accompany you
- Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
- Tour by luxury air-conditioned coach or minibus
- First Class & Deluxe hotels with all service charges, taxes & portorage
- 4 night Nile cruise on MS Medea, MS Sapphire or La Boheme (or similar) including all cruise boat gratuities
- Scheduled air travel Tel Aviv/Cairo, Cairo/Luxor, Aswan/Cairo
- Services of Insight's Representative in Egypt
- Insight Traveller document wallet, Welcome on Tour book and information pack
- Arrival & departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotels

Included Quality Dining

- Friday night Shabbat' dinner in Tel Aviv (HD)
- Mediterranean style dinner in a Jerusalem restaurant (HD)
- Egyptian Dinner & Galabea Party with entertainment (HD)
- 19 Buffet Breakfast (BB), 4 Lunches (L) and 9 Dinners (D), plus bottled water, tea or coffee with included lunches and dinners while cruising
- Departures on tour for New Year's Eve enjoy a festive celebration dinner



TOUR CODE: 1955W

Low prices and great quality

Starts Amman	Ends Cairo	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction	Starts Amman	Ends Cairo	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction
Sun 06 Nov	Fri 25 Nov	\$6299	\$1810	n/a	Sun 15 Jan	Fri 03 Feb	\$6299	\$1810	n/a
Sun 13 Nov	Fri 02 Dec	\$6299	\$1810	n/a	* Sun 22 Jan	Fri 10 Feb	\$6185	\$1730	n/a
Sun 20 Nov	Fri 09 Dec	\$6299	\$1810	n/a	* Sun 29 Jan	Fri 17 Feb	\$6185	\$1730	n/a
Sun 27 Nov	Fri 16 Dec	\$6299	\$1810	n/a	* Sun 05 Feb	Fri 24 Feb	\$6185	\$1730	n/a
Sun 04 Dec	Fri 23 Dec	\$6350	\$1840	n/a	* Sun 12 Feb	Fri 02 Mar	\$6185	\$1730	n/a
Sun 11 Dec	Fri 30 Dec	\$6399	\$1930	n/a	Sun 19 Feb	Fri 09 Mar	\$6299	\$1810	n/a
◇ Sun 18 Dec	Fri 06 Jan	\$6699	\$1985	n/a	Sun 26 Feb	Fri 16 Mar	\$6299	\$1810	n/a
◇ Sun 25 Dec	Fri 13 Jan	\$6585	\$1930	n/a	Sun 04 Mar	Fri 23 Mar	\$6299	\$1810	n/a
2012:					Sun 11 Mar	Fri 30 Mar	\$6299	\$1810	n/a
Sun 01 Jan	Fri 20 Jan	\$6299	\$1810	n/a	Sun 18 Mar	Fri 06 Apr	\$6375	\$1870	n/a
Sun 08 Jan	Fri 27 Jan	\$6299	\$1810	n/a	Sun 25 Mar	Fri 13 Apr	\$6435	\$1930	n/a

Supplements

Dead Sea Extension option	Twin	Single
* Departures 22 Jan to 12 Feb '12	\$485	\$525
All Other departures	\$585	\$720

The Dead Sea Extension commences 2 days before the tour departure dates shown above. Prices are per person.

Extra Accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Marriott / Le Royal, Amman	\$174	\$284	n/a
Cairo Marriott			
23 Dec '11 - 03 Jan '12,			
04 Apr - 13 Apr '12	\$166	\$284	n/a
All other times	\$135	\$221	n/a
Jordan Valley Marriott,			
15 Jan - 11 Feb '12	\$155	\$243	n/a
All other times	\$205	\$342	n/a

Festive Highlights

◇ New Year's Eve festive celebration dinner included

Notes

All prices are in US dollars.
 The order of sightseeing may change at short notice.
 Smaller coaches without toilet facilities may be used.
Security is a major concern to all of us and the situation in Israel is constantly changing. Events in Israel coupled with the 'Travel Advisories' put out by various governments may at times necessitate changes to the accommodation and itinerary or even tour cancellation. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information in this regard. You must accept these risks involved in travel to Israel and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions.
Additional Visa Requirements: Check with your Travel Agent about visas for this tour.

DEF **Definite Departures (DEF)**
 These are regularly updated and listed on our website www.insightvacations.com (see page 8 for details).

Highlight Dinners & Included Sightseeing are worth approximately US\$873



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