



# Israel, Jordan & Egypt: Petra to the Pyramids

14 days | 17 days with Luxor & Cairo extension

The Middle East is a global crossroads where events that shaped holy scriptures took place and stories of King Tut come to life. Discover the history behind Jerusalem and Petra before figuring out once and for all how the Egyptians built the Pyramids of Giza. Then, live like a local by savoring your fair share of falafel and relaxing in the salty waters of the Dead Sea.



## Your tour package includes

- 12 nights in handpicked hotels
- 12 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 4 dinners, some with beer or wine
- 13 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 on-tour flight

## Included highlights

- Yad Vashem
- Jerusalem
- Western Wall
- Mount Zion
- Wadi Rum
- Petra
- Dead Sea
- Pyramids of Giza
- Great Sphinx
- Museum of Egyptian Antiquities

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads, cobblestone streets, and dirt paths, with some steep hills.

## Group size

15-30

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## Overnight flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Tel Aviv today.

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## Tel Aviv → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Tel Aviv

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Israel! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Tel Aviv

*Included meals: breakfast*

Join your Tour Director for a sightseeing tour of Tel Aviv, a modern metropolis located on the Mediterranean Sea.

- Walk through the Old Town of Jaffa
- Discover the UNESCO-listed White City, named for its 4,000 buildings built in the Bauhaus and International styles
- Take in Bauhaus architecture at Tel Aviv's Rabin Square, Independence Hall, and Rothschild Boulevard

Spend a free afternoon in Tel Aviv or add an excursion.

+ Food of Tel Aviv Walking Tour

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## Jerusalem → 3 nights

### Day 4: Transfer to Jerusalem, Israel Museum & Yad Vashem

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Make your way to Jerusalem and explore the sites of one of the world's holiest cities with your Tour Director.

- Visit the Israel Museum, where you will get a chance to see the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Spend time at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust History Museum, which is a world leader in Holocaust education, commemoration, and research

After an included lunch, enjoy a free afternoon in Jerusalem or add an excursion.

+ Bethlehem & the Church of the Nativity

### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Jerusalem

*Included meals: breakfast*

Delve deeper into Jerusalem's holy landmarks and cultural quarters alongside your Tour Director today.

- Soak in panoramic views of the city from the Mount of Olives
- See the Church of All Nations and enter the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus was arrested before his crucifixion
- Venture into the Muslim, Christian, Armenian, and Jewish quarters
- Pay a visit to the Western Wall, also known as the "Wailing Wall"
- Enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Walk through the city's bazaar as you stroll along Via Dolorosa
- Head to Mount Zion to view King David's Tomb and the Upper Room, where Jesus held the Last Supper

Spend a free evening in Jerusalem or add an excursion.

+ Jerusalem by Night & Dinner

### Day 6: Free day in Jerusalem

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Jerusalem or add an excursion.

+ Masada, the Dead Sea & Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Camp

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## Amman → 1 night

### Day 7: Amman via Jerash

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Cross into the Kingdom of Jordan and meet up with your Jordanian Tour Director. Together, you'll visit Jerash where you'll enjoy an included lunch, then set off to explore some of the world's largest and best-preserved Roman ruins.

Then, continue on to Amman and enjoy a free evening in the city.

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## Aqaba → 2 nights

### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Amman & transfer to Aqaba

*Included meals: breakfast*

Join a local guide for a sightseeing tour of Amman, Jordan's capital city.

- Explore the ruins of the citadel and Roman theater
- Step inside the King Abdullah Mosque, a beautiful landmark dedicated to Jordan's first king and houses some of his personal items
- Walk through the Old City

*Please note: Travelers are required to remove shoes when entering the King Abdullah Mosque. Women must cover their hair, arms, and legs. Men must cover their legs.*

Travel to Aqaba, a coastal city located on the Red Sea.

### Day 9: Wadi Rum desert safari

*Included meals: breakfast*

Drive to Wadi Rum, known as the Valley of the Moon. Hop inside a Jeep to marvel at the region's landscapes and petroglyphs during a desert safari led by a Bedouin guide.

Spend a free afternoon in Aqaba or add an excursion.

+ Red Sea: Boat Ride & Coral Reef Snorkeling

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## Dead Sea → 1 night

### Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Petra & transfer to the Dead Sea

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Travel to the city of Petra, which was carved into the red rocks of Mount Hor, and embark on a guided tour.

- Learn about Petra's unique architecture, one of the reasons it was named to the list of modern world wonders
- Walk through the UNESCO World Heritage Site to the famous Al-Khazneh temple
- See the intricately carved pillars and columns that make up the Palace Tomb
- Stroll through the winding gorge known as the Siq

*Please note: In order to enter Petra, travelers should be able to walk two miles round-trip in hot weather over uneven terrain. Other modes of transportation may be available for you to book on arrival at an additional cost.*

Later, travel to the Jordanian side of the Dead Sea and sit down for an included dinner.

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## Cairo → 3 nights

### Day 11: Free morning at the Dead Sea & flight to Cairo

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Enjoy a free morning to relax in the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Then, fly to Cairo, Egypt. You'll meet up with a professional Egyptologist, who's also your Tour Director, and sit down for an included dinner.

### Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Giza

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Join your Egyptologist on a guided tour of Giza.

- Uncover the Pyramids of Giza, the only Wonder of the Ancient World to have survived the modern era
- Visit the enigmatic Great Sphinx, the largest monolith statue in the world
- Enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant
- Enter the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, which houses the famous masks of Tutankhamun

*Please note: Travelers will not be able to enter the mummy room as it's moved to a different museum. Additionally, the visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities will be replaced with a visit to the new Grand Egyptian Museum once it opens.*

### Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Cairo

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Explore the capital city of Cairo on a sightseeing tour led by your Egyptologist.

- View a number of the city's 500 mosques, which display some of the finest examples of Islamic architecture in the world
- Visit the citadel that was built in the 12th century by mighty Salah el-Din and originally used as a fortress before it became the residence of the Sultans until 1850
- Stop at the Mosque of Muhammad Ali, also known as the Alabaster Mosque

Spend the afternoon in the oldest part of Cairo as you explore the labyrinth like alleys, ancient churches, and ornate mosques as you learn more about Egypt's history.

- Enter the Hanging Church, one of the oldest churches dating back to the 3rd century
- Step inside the Ben Ezra Synagogue and view its ornate Turkish style interior that is a place of pilgrimage for North African Jews

Celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at tonight's farewell dinner.

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## Flight Home

### Day 14: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to visit Luxor and further explore Cairo.

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## + Luxor & Cairo extension

"The world's greatest open-air museum." That's how travelers and historians describe the city of Luxor. Fly here from Cairo to join your Egyptologist and explore many of the city's sprawling temples and admire ancient statues, which sit on the banks of the Nile River, before ending your trip back in Cairo.

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## Luxor → 2 nights

### Day 14: Flight to Luxor & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Fly to Luxor and set off on a guided tour with your Egyptologist.

- View the painstakingly excavated Temples of Karnak and Luxor, once connected by an avenue of sphinxes
- Walk past symbolic statues, view towering pillars, and see ancient hieroglyphics as you explore the temples

### Day 15: Sightseeing tour of Luxor's West Bank

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend the day touring the Nile's West Bank with your Egyptologist as your guide.

- Explore the Valley of the Kings, a series of tombs hidden in the Theban hills
- Tour the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, devoted to one of the few female pharaohs
- View the 64-foot-high Colossi of Memnon

Spend a free evening in Luxor or add an excursion.

+ Nile River Felucca Ride & Dinner

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## Cairo → 1 night

### Day 16: Flight to Cairo

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Fly back to Cairo and celebrate your trip at an included dinner this evening.

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## Flight Home

### Day 17: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.com/IJE](https://goaheadtours.com/IJE) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Food of Tel Aviv Walking Tour

\$95/\$105\* (2 hours, Departure time varies)

Dive into Tel Aviv's market culture and discover a world of appetizing aromas, vibrant colors, delicious flavors, and entertaining vendors. Meet up with a local guide and explore one of the city's famous markets, where you'll learn about its history and the importance of similar commercial hubs to local culture. As you explore, you'll enjoy tastings of local specialties, like khachapuri (a boat-shaped, cheese-filled bread), tahini ice cream, and falafel.

Hop aboard a boat at the Aqaba port and cruise out to the Aqaba Marine Park. This park is part of the larger Red Sea Marine Peace Park, which is protected by both the Jordanian and Israeli governments. The array of coral reefs and incredible underwater visibility make the Red Sea coral reefs one of the best spots in the world to snorkel. Discover how these two countries work together to protect the ecosystem's natural beauty and wildlife. Then, hop in the water to view the colorful coral and fish for yourself.

Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent.

## Day 4: Bethlehem & the Church of the Nativity

\$85/\$95\* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Travel to Bethlehem, a Palestinian city known as the birthplace of Jesus. Inhabited by one of the world's oldest Christian communities, the town is also believed to be the birthplace of King David and the final resting place of Abrahamic matriarch Rachel. Upon arrival, use your free time to grab something to eat. On your tour through the city, you'll stop at the Church of the Nativity, where Christians believe Mary gave birth to Jesus. You'll also explore the Old City and Manger Square. The remainder of your time in Bethlehem is free time for souvenir shopping. Please note: Travelers on this excursion must carry their passport in order to clear the security checkpoint at the Israeli-Palestinian border crossing.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 15: Nile River Felucca Ride & Dinner

\$85/\$95\* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Board a felucca, a traditional Egyptian sailboat, in Luxor and relax as you float down the Nile River. You'll view the east and west banks of the river and soak in views of the Temples of Karnak and Luxor as you learn about the lifestyle of the people who live in this region of the country. Make a stop at Banana Island to enjoy some tea and snacks. Then, head back to the boat to watch the sun dip below the horizon before disembarking and heading to a local restaurant. You'll dine on traditional Egyptian cuisine paired with beer and wine.

## Day 5: Jerusalem by Night & Dinner

\$135/\$145\* (3 hours, departs in the evening)

Start the evening at a local restaurant where you'll indulge in an authentic Israeli dinner. Then, witness Jerusalem lit up at night and gain a unique view of this historic city. Your tour departs after dinner, making its first stop in Mea Shearim, one of Jerusalem's oldest neighborhoods. Your motor coach will bring you past illuminated walls and churches before arriving at the ruins of the Tower of David, where you'll enjoy a spectacular sound-and-light show.

## Day 6: Masada, the Dead Sea & Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Camp

\$185/\$195\* (12 hours, departs in the morning, lunch and dinner included)

Journey by cable car up to Mount Masada, a plateau-top fortification in the desert. It served as the last stronghold of the First Jewish-Roman War and remains a controversial part of Jewish history. You'll then venture to the Dead Sea, where you might have time to float in the famously salty waters before enjoying lunch. Later, you'll visit the village of Kfar Hanokdim for a traditional Bedouin dinner.

## Day 9: Red Sea: Boat Ride & Coral Reef Snorkeling

\$125/\$135\* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)