

# EGYPT & JORDAN

7 - 14 APRIL 2024



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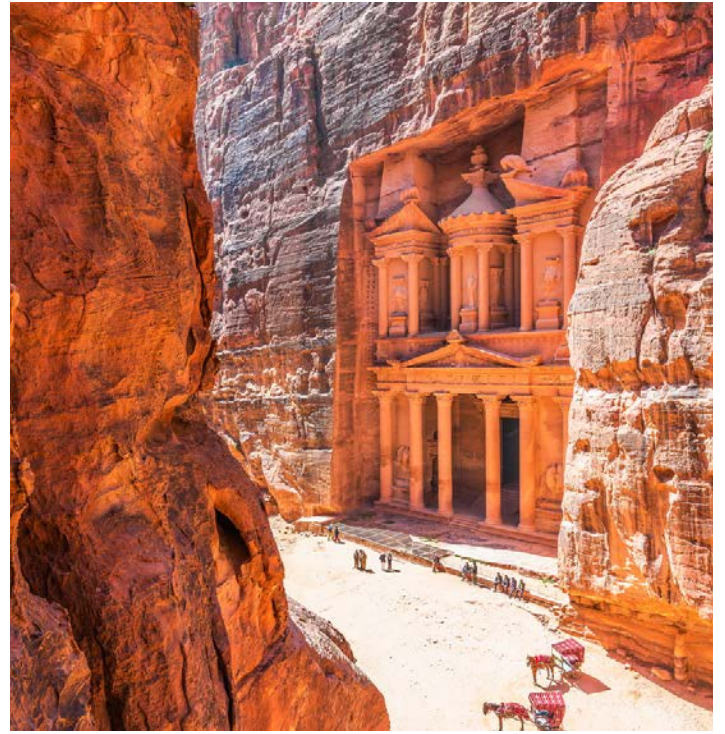
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We wake up very early to climb Mount Sinai. Camels are available, as well as hot drinks and snacks. Having seen the sun rise over the mountains, we will come back down the mountain for breakfast and a visit to St. Catherine's Monastery, built on the site believed to be where Moses saw the Burning Bush. It's the oldest continuously inhabited monastery in the world. We will then travel up the coastline of the Gulf of Aqaba, where we will be able to see Israel, Jordan and Egypt from the Red Sea. This was Biblical Ezion Geber, Solomon's seaport. We will cross over into Israel and onwards across the border into Jordan and travel up to Petra.





#### **Friday, 12 April - PETRA**

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We will stop on Mount Nebo, believed to be the burial place of Moses. We will enjoy the panoramic view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and the Jordan River, and see the Memorial Church of Moses on top of the mountain with its well-preserved mosaics dating back to the Byzantine era. We will also visit Madaba to see the historic mosaic map of the Holy Land, which dates back to the 6th century.

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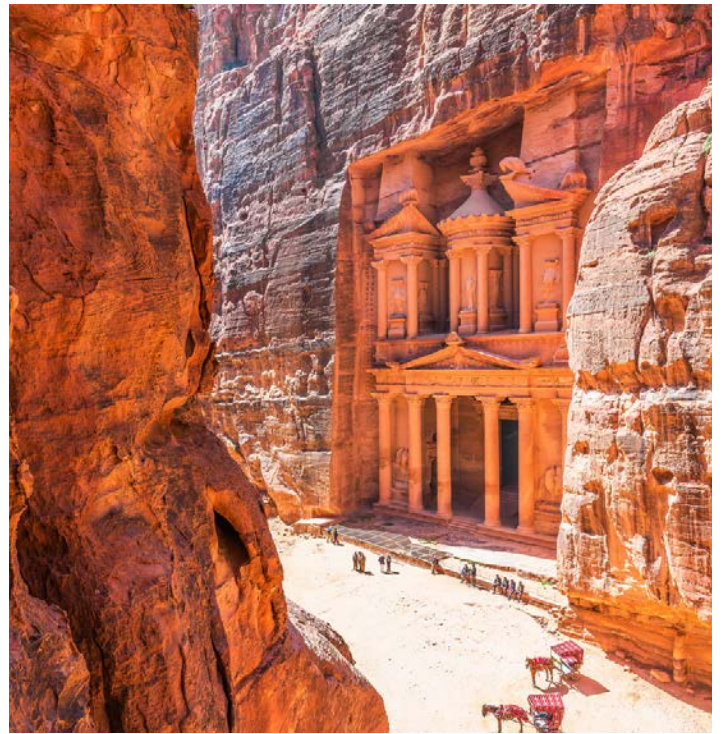
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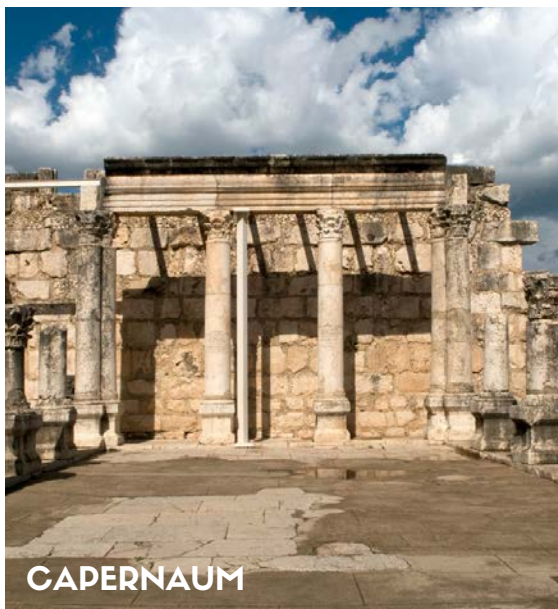
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After our first Israeli breakfast, we will board our coach and drive north up the coast to Caesarea Maritima, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. While here, we will visit the Roman Theater, the Roman Aqueduct, and the Herodian Port. We will drive by Mount Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and stop at Mount Precipice where the Nazarenes wanted to throw Jesus off the cliff (Lk. 4:16-30). In Nazareth, we will visit and walk through Nazareth Village.



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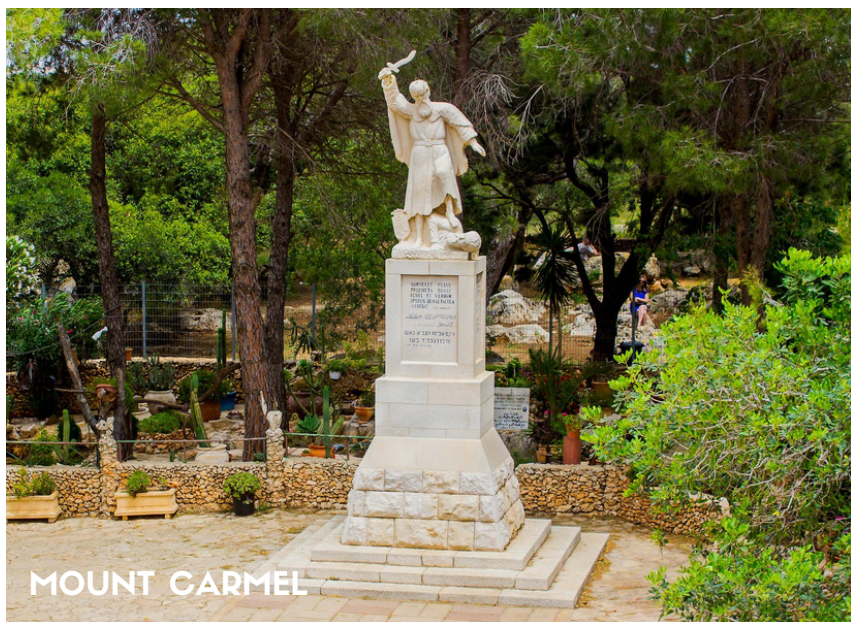
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NAZARETH VILLAGE



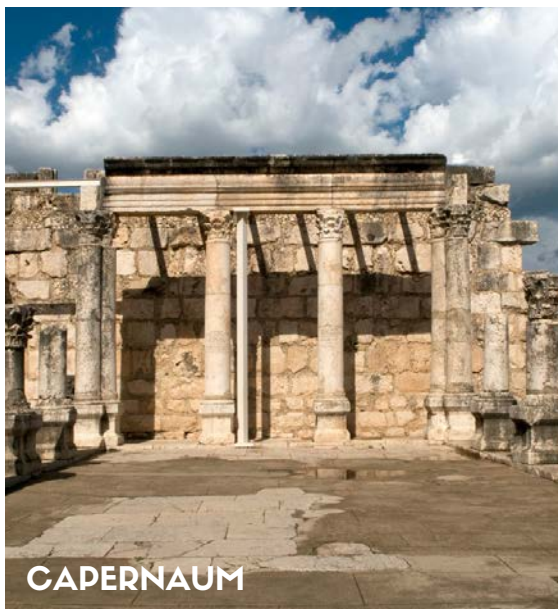
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### Day 1 – Monday, 30 January

We meet as a group three hours before departure and depart at 06.30pm with our International flight Lufthansa Airlines 429 from Charlotte, North Carolina to Munich, Germany. **Overnight on Board (D/B)**

### Day 2 – Tuesday, 31 January

We arrive early morning 09.25 am in Munich and connect at 12.20 am with Lufthansa 688 to Tel Aviv. We arrive at 04.55 pm at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv in Israel. We clear customs, and meet our Israeli representatives and guide. We board our bus and begin our tour. You will already feel how enchanting the spirit of the land is. Our first stop is the small town of **Jaffa** where the Apostle Peter saw the Vision and Jonah fled before we transfer to our hotel for overnight. **Overnight – Tel Aviv (D/B)**



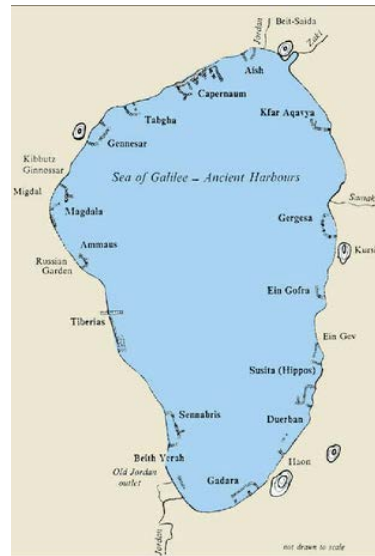
### Day 3 – Wednesday, 1 February

After a good night rest and typical Israeli breakfast we began our tour. We travel along the Mediterranean Coast and visit: **Caesarea** - Built by King Herod **Mount Carmel** - Elijah met with the prophets of Baal. **Nazareth** - Village and boyhood home of Jesus. **Cana** - site of Jesus' first miracle. **Overnight – Tiberias (B/D)**





SEA OF GALILEE

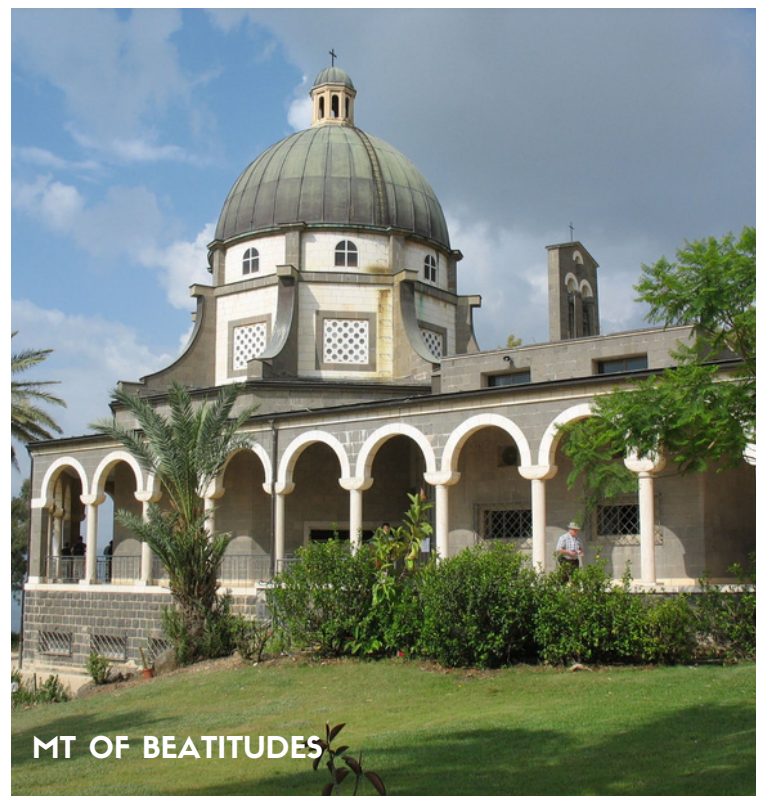


#### Day 4 – Thursday, 2 February

We start the day with a Boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**. We visit and enjoy some shopping at **Nof Ginosar** – where we see the Ancient Jesus Boat. **Capernaum** – Town of Jesus. **Mount of Beatitudes** – “Blessed are the...” **Mensa Christi** and **Tabgha** – miracle of the loaves and fishes. Enjoy St Peters Fish, beef or chicken. **Magdala** – house and place of Mary Magdalene. Renew baptism vows at **Jordan River**. **Overnight – Tiberias (B/L/D)**

#### Day 5 – Friday, 3 February

We travel to the North of Israel and visit **Safed** (Jewish Art Colony), **Banias**, **Caesarea**, **Phillipi**, **Golan Heights** and **Bethsaida**. **Overnight –Tiberias (B/D)**



MT OF BEATITUDES



**Day 6 – Saturday, 4 February**

We drive down to the **Dead Sea** and stop at the Jordan River, **Oasr al Yahud** – place where Israel cross over into the Promised Land. **Jericho** – the oldest city in the world **Mount of Temptation** – where Jesus was tempted. **Qumeram** – Dead Sea Scrolls. We have the rest of the day free to relax and float on the Dead Sea. **Overnight – Dead Sea (B/D)**



**DEAD SEA**

**Day 7 – Sunday, 5 February**

We visit the palace and fortress of King Herod in the mountains, also known as **Masada**. We enjoy some free time for shopping in the **Ahava factory** at Masada. We stop at **Ein Gedi Springs** and Oasis – Psalm 23. We travel to Jerusalem, and visit: **Valley of Shadow of Death**. **Bethany** – Lazarus Tomb, Mary/Martha. **Overnight – Jerusalem (B/D)**



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