

Cebu Heritage Tours • Itinerary

11 Nights~12 Days: Jordan(2N)-Israel(6N)-Egypt(3N) | 2027 #4

12 days~11 Nights: From Nebo to the Nile, a pilgrimage across the Lands of Scripture. Image - Dead Sea at dusk

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
Contact us for a quote	**12**	**Amman**	**Cairo**

Countries Covered: **Jordan, Israel & Egypt**

Tour Overview

Following the biblical story from Mount Nebo to the Nile.

Pilgrimage | Catholic/Orthodox*/Anglican*/Protestant*
*This program is prepared to suit Catholic pilgrimage, but could be revised to suit Protestant/Anglican/Orthodox congregations.

- Mount Nebo, where Moses gazed across the Promised Land, marks the opening chapter of this biblical pilgrimage.
- Petra unfolds beyond its dramatic sandstone gorge, revealing the timeless beauty of the rose-red Nabataean city.
- The Jordan River and the traditional site of Christ's Baptism introduce the landscapes of the Gospel.
- Jericho, the Mount of Temptation and the Dead Sea reveal the ancient biblical landscapes of the Jordan Valley.
- Jerusalem's sacred hills unfold from the Mount of Olives and Mount Zion to Gethsemane, Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre.
- Bethlehem, the city of Christ's birth, brings the story of the Holy Family and the Nativity into focus.
- Galilee reveals the world of Jesus' ministry, from Nazareth and Cana to Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes and the Sea of Galilee.

- Mount Carmel recalls the dramatic story of Elijah, where the rugged landscape meets the biblical narrative.
- The Red Sea and the wilderness of Sinai evoke the ancient Exodus route, leading to St Catherine's Monastery, the Burning Bush and Mount Sinai.
- Cairo brings the pilgrimage to its final chapter, surrounded by the Pyramids, the Christian heritage of Old Cairo and the timeless Nile.
- High Value Tours included: Petra, Saxum, Adoration at Gethsemane and Mt Temptation Cable car.

A customised, premium pilgrimage

Day wise program structure. Transfer times less than 20 minutes are not mentioned.

Day 01 — Arrival in Amman, Mt Nebo

Accommodation: Amman | Meals Included: Lunch & Dinner

- Arrival in Amman and transfer to Mount Nebo(1 hour), the biblical mountain traditionally associated with Moses and his final view of the Promised Land.
- Open-buffet lunch at La Storia Restaurant, followed by a visit to the Mount Nebo memorial complex.
- Mount Nebo, with its Memorial of Moses, ancient Christian heritage and sweeping views across the Jordan Valley towards the Holy Land.
- Mass at Mount Nebo, marking the opening of the pilgrimage in a setting deeply connected with the story of Moses.
- Transfer to the hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight. (1 hour, 15 minutes)



Terminal building of the Queen Alia International Airport, Amman, Jordan.



Entrance of the historical site and memorial of Moses at Mt Nebo, Jordan



Memorial of Moses, interior, Mount Nebo, Jordan



Memorial of Moses, interior, Mount Nebo, Jordan



The serpentine cross sculpture (the Brazen Serpent created by Italian artist Giovanni Fantoni) on top of Mount Nebo in the sunlight against a blue sky.



Baptismal Font at Mount Nebo, Jordan

Day 02 — Along the King's Highway to Petra

Accommodation: Amman | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- 07.00 AM - Transfer to Petra. (3 hours)
- Journey south from Amman along the ancient King's Highway, a historic passage through the biblical lands, followed for centuries by traders, pilgrims and armies.
- Petra emerges from the rugged mountains as the legendary rose-red city of the Nabataeans, where towering cliffs and ancient stone architecture create one of Jordan's most extraordinary landscapes.
- In 1985, Petra was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in recognition of its outstanding cultural and architectural heritage.
- Explore Petra through the Siq into the ancient city, with the magnificent Treasury and other remarkable monuments carved into the surrounding sandstone.
- Open-buffet lunch at Al Qantrah Restaurant before returning to Amman.
- 15.30 Transfer to hotel in Amman. (3 hours, 30 minutes)



Rock canyon at Petra, Wadi Musa, Jordan





Al Khazneh - the treasury, ancient city of Petra, Jordan



Camels resting in front of the Treasury, known locally as Al Khazneh, located in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra, or Rose-Red city, which was the 6th century capital city of the Nabataeans.



Aerial view on Ruins of old Ancient City and Huge Rock Formations. Caves and Tombs, Petra, Wadi Musa, Jordan



Petra, Jordan. Al-Khazneh (The Treasury) in Petra, the capital of the ancient Nabatean Kingdom.

Day 03 — The Jordan River, Jericho & the Dead Sea

Accommodation: Bethlehem | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Early transfer to the Allenby Border(1 hour) and crossing from Jordan into the Holy Land. (Border closed Saturdays.)
- The tour proceeds to Qasr Al Yahud, the traditional site of Christ's Baptism on the Jordan River, where the biblical landscape opens before us.
- We then proceed to Jericho, one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, with a visit to the Church of the Good Shepherd and Mass.
- The journey rises towards the Mount of Temptation, traditionally associated with Christ's time in the wilderness, with sweeping views across the Jordan Valley.
- A cable-car ride reaches the summit, followed by lunch at Tel Frei overlooking the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and the mountains of Jordan.
- We continue towards the Dead Sea, where time is set aside for a memorable float in its mineral-rich waters.
- Transfer to hotel in Bethlehem. (1 hour, 30 minutes)



Qasr el Yahud near Jericho, according to tradition it is the place where the Israelites crossed the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized. Israel's border with Jordan



Jericho is a Palestinian city located near the Jordan River in the West Bank. It is the administrative seat of the Jericho Governorate. It is believed to be one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world. Jericho is described in the Old Testament as the "City of Palm Trees."



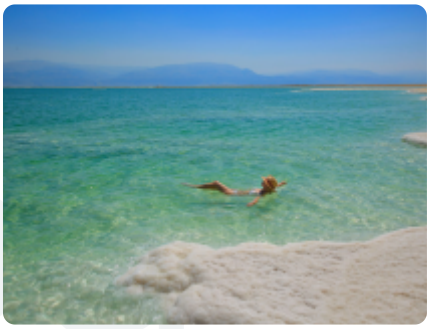
The Monastery of the Temptation on the red rocks. The Mount of Temptation in Jericho, Palestine. Oasis, greenhouses, palms in the Judean Desert. Greek Orthodox monastery. Panoramic view of the valley



Cableway in a rock, rock monastery - a place of temptation, Mount Korantal (Jericho, Israel)



Salt deposits in the Dead Sea, Israel



Girl relaxing in the water of Dead Sea

Day 04 — Mount of Olives, Mount Zion & Bethlehem

Accommodation: Bethlehem | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- 07.00 Transfer to Jerusalem. (45 minutes, require check point crossing)
- Starting at the Mount of Olives with the Ascension Chapel and Pater Noster, followed by Dominus Flevit, traditionally associated with Christ’s view and lament over Jerusalem.
- The walk descends along the Palm Sunday route towards Gethsemane, recalling the procession into Jerusalem with the traditional singing of “Hosanna.”
- Gethsemane and the Basilica of the Agony evoke the night of Christ’s prayer before the Passion, followed by the Tomb of St Mary.
- On Mount Zion, the Upper Room and David’s Tomb recall important chapters of Jerusalem’s biblical and Christian heritage.
- A visit to Dormition Abbey, traditionally associated with the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, leads to a walk downhill towards St Peter at Gallicantu, traditionally linked with the house of Caiaphas and Peter’s

denial of Jesus.

- We then continue to Bethlehem for a BBQ open-buffet lunch at Tent – Sababa Restaurant.
- The afternoon unfolds at Shepherd's Field, traditionally associated with the shepherds who received the angelic announcement of Christ's birth.
- The Milk Grotto, a place of longstanding Christian devotion associated with the Holy Family.
- The day culminates at the Basilica of the Nativity, built over the traditional site of Christ's birth, with Mass.



Church of the Pater Noster, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Israel



Basilica of Gethsemane with Church of Mary Magdalene in the background, Jerusalem, Israel



Formerly known as Abbey of the Dormition, Hagia Maria Sion Abbey was finished in 1910 on land purchased by Kaiser Wilhelm II.



Mount Zion with Abbey of the Dormition in Jerusalem, Israel



'The last supper room' on mount Zion is the place where Jesus Christ shared his last supper with his disciples'



Grotto of Nativity inside the Basilica of Nativity, Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Day 05 — Haifa, Mt Carmel, Nazareth & Cana

Accommodation: Galilee | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- 06.30 Transfer to Haifa and Mount Carmel(2 hours), where Elijah's Cave and the heights of Carmel recall the prophet's presence in this dramatic biblical landscape, with views towards the Bahá'í Gardens, and the spectacular Haifa Bay.
- The journey continues to Muhraka, traditionally associated with Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal, commanding sweeping views across the Jezreel Valley.
- From Carmel, we continue to Nazareth, visiting the Basilica of the Annunciation, Joseph's Workshop and Mary's Well, places closely connected with the early life of Christ.

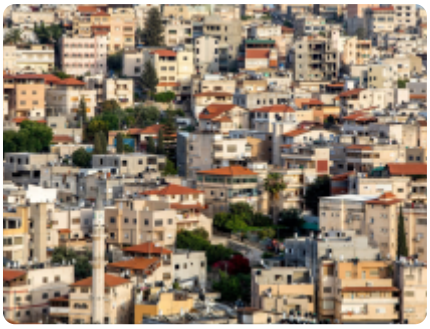
- Lunch in Nazareth before continuing to Cana of Galilee, the traditional site of the Wedding at Cana and Christ's first miracle.
- Mass in Cana, followed by the Renewal of Wedding Vows in the setting traditionally associated with Christ's first miracle.
- Time for Cana wine and local specialties before transferring to Tiberias or Nazareth for dinner and overnight



World famous Bahai Gardens overlooking hte Mediterranean sea, Haifa Bay, Israel



Elijah's statue at the Carmelite monastery at Muhrakha, Dalyat el Carmel, Israel



Nazareth city, Galilee, israel.



Interior of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee Israel





Biblical village Cana of Galilee (Kfar Kanna) in morning fog, near Nazareth, Galilee, Israel

Day 06 — Sea of Galilee & Mount Tabor

Accommodation: Bethlehem | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Morning Mass at Magdala or Capernaum, followed by the Mount of Beatitudes, where the hills rise above the Sea of Galilee and the Gospel tradition recalls Christ's Sermon on the Mount.
- We continue to Tabgha, where the Church of the Multiplication, Mensa Christi and Church of the Primacy of Peter evoke the stories of Christ, the disciples and the risen Lord beside the lake.
- Capernaum, the lakeside town at the heart of Christ's ministry in Galilee, brings the setting of the Gospels vividly to life.
- A boat ride across the Sea of Galilee opens a tranquil view of the shoreline, the hills and the waters so closely woven into the story of Jesus and his disciples.

- St Peter’s Fish Lunch by the shores of the Sea of Galilee, reminiscent of the Gospel miracles involving fish, fishermen and the waters where Jesus called and taught his disciples.
- Rising above the Jezreel Valley, Mount Tabor culminates the day with the Basilica of the Transfiguration, traditionally identified with the mountain of Christ’s Transfiguration.
- We return to Bethlehem(2 hours), with a farewell meeting in the evening.



Magnificent colonnade surrounds the monastery. The Church of the Beatitudes is located at the traditional site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.



Sea of the Galilee view from Capernaum - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Interior of the church of multiplication at Tabgha, Galilee, Israel



The altar in the Boat Cahpel in Magdala on the Galilee Lake where after the lowering of the water in the lake a boat from the time of Christ was found



Pilgrims boat at the sea of Galilea, Israel



spring bloom of poppies in Galilee in the area of Mount Tabor, Israel

Day 07 — The Old City of Jerusalem & Ein Karem

- We enter the Old City of Jerusalem, beginning at the Pools of Bethesda, traditionally associated with the healing of the paralytic in the Gospel of John.
- The journey follows the Via Dolorosa through the Chapels of the Flagellation and Condemnation, passing beneath the Ecce Homo Arch and along the ancient streets of Jerusalem.
- The Holy Sepulchre unfolds as the profound centre of the Passion and Resurrection story, with Calvary and the traditional Tomb of Christ at its heart.
- Mass at Calvary, in one of Christianity’s most sacred places.
- Sumptuous lunch in Jerusalem before continuing to Ein Karem, the hill-country setting associated with the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

- The Visitation Church recalls Mary’s meeting with Elizabeth and the beautiful words of the Magnificat.
- The Church of St John the Baptist, traditionally marking the birthplace of John the Baptist, completes the visit to Ein Karem.
- Return to Bethlehem for the evening.



Way of the cross, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel



The Chapel of the Flagellation next to the Church of the Condemnation where Jesus Christ was flagellated and the 1st Station of the Via Dolorosa. Jerusalem, Israel



Calvary, church of the Holy Sepulchre, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel - Fr Biju Michael SDB





Russian Church in Ein Karem, neighbourhood of Jerusalem



Day 08 — Saxum, Jaffa & Adoration at Gethsemane

Accommodation: Bethlehem | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- We begin the final day in the Holy Land at Saxum, where an engaging journey through biblical geography, history and chronology brings together the places and events encountered throughout the pilgrimage.
- The Saxum experience offers a wider perspective on the Holy Land, connecting its landscapes and sacred sites with the broader story of Scripture and the unfolding of salvation history.
- We then continue to Jaffa, the ancient Mediterranean port where St Peter’s presence recalls the early Christian community and the raising of Tabitha.
- Visit St Peter’s Church, traditionally associated with the Apostle Peter and the raising of Tabitha, followed by a short tour of historic Jaffa and its ancient harbour.
- Special BBQ seafood lunch in Jaffa before returning to Bethlehem for an early dinner.

- In the evening, we return to Jerusalem for Adoration at Gethsemane, where the Basilica of the Agony and the ancient olive trees recall Christ’s prayer on the eve of His Passion.
- The pilgrimage reaches its spiritual climax in Adoration at Gethsemane, bringing together the places, prayers and Gospel moments experienced throughout the journey.
- Return to Bethlehem for overnight.





Boats on small harbor and old houses in Jaffa, Israel.



St. Peter's Church in Jaffa seen from ancient alleys in the old city of Jaffa, Israel.



Jaffa, Israel - Sep 21, 2019: Altar in the St. Peter's Cathedral in Jaffa city



Panoramic view of Tel Aviv, Israel



Gethsemane at dusk. Image by Fr Biju Michael SDB

Day 09 — From Israel to Sinai, Red Sea

Accommodation: Sinai | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- We leave Bethlehem and journey south through the Arava Valley, following a landscape rich in biblical memory and ancient history.
- The route passes the region traditionally associated with Sodom and Gomorrah, then continues through the desert landscapes of Masada, Ein Gedi, Tzukim, Paran, Elifaz and Eilat, where the biblical story remains woven into the journey.
- A brief stop at Ein Gedi offers a glimpse of the dramatic oasis rising from the Judean Desert above the Dead Sea, before continuing south towards Eilat.
- We then reach the Taba Border, marking the passage from the Holy Land into Egypt and the beginning of the Sinai chapter of the pilgrimage.
- Lunch at Salah El Din Village, Taba, followed by free time beside the Red Sea, where desert mountains descend towards the waters of the Gulf of Aqaba.

- Evening Mass at the hotel in Taba, bringing the day to a prayerful close at the threshold of Sinai.
- Overnight at Taba.



Sunrise in Bethlehem city in Palestine, Israel



Prominent Cave Opening in Qumran Limestone Cliff



The stream of cold pure water flows through the beautiful gorge Ein Gedi, Israel. Wonderful Middle Eastern landscape



Masada fortress area Southern District of Israel Dead Sea area Southern District of Israel. Ancient Jewish fortress of the Roman Empire on top of a rock in the Judean desert. front view from the air



Taba - Sea, Desert and Mountains, Sinai, Egypt



Day 10 — St Cartherine, the Exodus Route & Cairo

Accommodation: Cairo | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Leaving Taba, the journey passes through the rugged landscapes of Sinai towards St Catherine, entering the wilderness associated with the Exodus and the biblical journey of Moses and the Israelites. (St Catherine's Monastery is closed Sundays.)
- Visit St Catherine's Monastery, one of the world's oldest Christian monasteries, with the traditional site of the Burning Bush preserved within its ancient surroundings.
- A view towards Mount Sinai recalls the mountain traditionally associated with Moses receiving the Ten Commandments.
- Lunch en route at Abou Zneima before continuing north to Cairo.
- The journey follows the ancient Exodus landscape through Rephidim and Marah Elim, places traditionally associated with important episodes in the journey of the Israelites.

- We continue towards Cairo, passing beneath the Suez Canal through the Ahmed Hamdi Tunnel, marking the transition from the Sinai wilderness into Egypt’s fertile heartland.
- Arrival in Cairo and transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Overnight in Cairo.



Sunrise over Mount Sinai, Sinai, Egypt



Mount Sinai, Mount Moses in Egypt. Africa.



Salah El Din Castle on Farun island in the Gulf of Aqaba, Red Sea, Taba. Sinai, Egypt



St. Catherine's Monastery, located in desert of Sinai Peninsula in Egypt at the foot of Mount Moses



City-scape Cairo City, Egypt



Blood moon rise over the Great Pyramid, Giza, Cairo, Egypt

Day 11 — Pyramids, The Sphinx, Old Cairo & The Nile

Accommodation: Cairo | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- We begin at the Giza Plateau, where the Pyramids and the Sphinx rise from the desert as enduring monuments of ancient Egypt.
- The Egyptian Heritage Center and Museum offer a deeper glimpse into the civilization that flourished along the Nile for thousands of years.
- Sumptuous lunch at Ain El Hayat Restaurant before continuing to Old Cairo, where Egypt’s ancient Christian heritage comes vividly into view.
- Visit St George Church and the Hanging Church, two landmarks of Cairo’s historic Christian quarter.
- The journey through Old Cairo continues to Ben Ezra Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in Egypt and home to the remarkable Cairo Geniza, one of the most important collections of medieval Jewish manuscripts.

- The Church of Abu Serga and St Bacchus, traditionally associated with the Holy Family's journey through Egypt, completes the visit to Old Cairo.
- Evening visit to Khan El Khalili, Cairo's historic bazaar, with its narrow lanes, traditional shops and vibrant atmosphere.
- The pilgrimage concludes its sightseeing journey with a private Nile Cruise and dinner, surrounded by the timeless river that has shaped the story of Egypt.
- Overnight in Cairo.



Symmetrical view of the Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Khufu on the Giza Plateau, Egypt



Bedouin nomad mounted on a dromedary with the piramied kefren in the background with copyspace



Interior of Ben-Ezra synagogue in old city (medina) of Cairo



Church of Mother of God Saint Mary in Egyptian Babylon), also known as The Hanging Church.



Coptic christian church in Cairo. Old Cairo, Egypt



Sunset at Giza

Day 12 — Departure from Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast

- Transfer to Cairo International Airport.



Petra, Saxum, Adoration at Gethsemane & Mt Temptation by Cable Car

High value tours included



Petra

The ancient city of Petra is one of Jordan’s national treasures and by far its best known tourist attraction. Petra is the legacy of the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled in southern Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. Admired then for its refined culture, massive architecture and ingenious complex of dams and water channels, Petra is a UNESCO World Heritages Site and one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Inhabited by the Nabateans, Edomites and Romans, Petra brought together the knowledge and skill of these civilizations to create this world wonder. Caravans laden with incense, silks, spices and other exotic goods would rest at Petra.

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Mt Temptation by Cable Car

"Welcome to the Jericho Cable Car, an extraordinary attraction that promises an unforgettable experience! Soar above the ancient Jericho to the Mount of Temptation and take in breathtaking views of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Our car system ensures a safe and comfortable ride for visitors of all ages. Enjoy the cultural and historical significance of the region, with easy access to the Monastery of Temptation and the interesting Temptation Caves. Whether you seek adventure, spirituality, or simply wish to marvel at nature's beauty, the Jericho Cable Car is your gateway to an extraordinary journey."

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Holy hour Adoration at Gethsemane

The inspiration for the Holy Hour is Matthew 26:40. In the Gospel of Matthew, during the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." (Matthew 26:38)

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Saxum

Saxum Visitor Center is a multimedia resource center that helps visitors to deepen their knowledge of the Holy Land in an interactive way. The guided visit offers a tour through the main events of sacred history, where the historical, geographical, and biblical contexts are brought together. The experience covers the heritage of the Holy Land from Abraham to the present day, going through the holy places across multiple historical periods.

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What are the travel requirements?

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the start date of the tour.
- Entry permit as required for various Nationalities. Please refer Egypt's visa policy; Israel's visa policy; Jordan's visa policy.
- Health insurance valid for the duration of the journey, preferably "cash free" policies.

Who can travel?

- Adult passengers from most countries.
- Minors must be accompanied by an immediate relative/guardian.

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Is it safe to travel to Israel?

- It is safer than most places in the world.
- Stop watching the TV.

Are credit cards accepted in Jordan, Israel & Egypt?

- Yes, most credit cards are accepted in Jordan, Israel & Egypt.
- Please check with your service provider too.

Can an insurance policy be purchased in Jordan, Israel and Egypt?

- Yes, it could be done separately for each country; please write to us to know more.
- It will be cheaper and easier to purchase it from your country as a single policy.
- Always choose "cash free" policies.

Are foreign insurance policies accepted in Jordan, Israel & Egypt?

- Yes, they are, and it is preferred, because your insurance company is liable to the laws of your country, while local insurers are not.

Can cash be carried?

- Jordan:
- Cash could be carried, limited to JOD 10,000 which is about $14,000 at an exchange rate of US$ 1= JOD 0.7
- *Passengers carrying currencies whose total value exceeds the above amount are required by Jordanian law to make a declaration with the customs at the port of entry.*
- Israel:
- Cash could be carried, limited to NIS 12,000 which is about $3250 at an exchange rate of US$ 1= NIS 3.6.
- *Passengers carrying currencies whose total value exceeds the above amount are required by Israeli law to make a declaration with the customs at the port of entry.*
- Egypt:
- Cash could be carried, limited to US$ 10,000.
- *Passengers carrying currencies whose total value exceeds the above amount are required by Egyptian law to make a declaration with the customs at the port of entry.*

How much does this package cost?

- The cost of a tour package is a function of various parameters; viz, class of accommodation, period of travel, meal plan etc.
- Please make a booking and we will send a price offer for your consideration.

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