

Cebu Heritage Tours • Itinerary

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

12 days~11 Nights: Deserts, Mountains & Sacred Cities: From Nebo to the Nile. Image - Spectacular panorama of Jerusalem at sunset

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

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

Tour Overview

From Moses and the Exodus to Christ and the early Church. A biblical journey through Jordan, Israel, Sinai and Egypt.

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 opens the journey with the story of Moses and his final view across the Promised Land.
- Petra reveals a remarkable ancient city carved into the mountains of southern Jordan.
- A night in Wadi Rum brings the pilgrimage into the heart of Jordan’s spectacular desert wilderness.
- The Jordan River, Jericho and the Mount of Temptation unfold the landscapes of Christ’s early ministry.
- Jerusalem reveals the sacred heart of the pilgrimage, from Gethsemane and Mount Zion to Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre.
- Bethlehem brings the Nativity story to life through Shepherd’s Field, the Milk Grotto and the Basilica of the Nativity.
- Nazareth, Cana and the Sea of Galilee recall the places where Christ lived, taught and performed His first miracle.
- Mount Carmel and Mount Tabor add the dramatic biblical landscapes of Elijah and the Transfiguration.

- The Red Sea and Sinai lead into the wilderness of the Exodus and the ancient Christian heritage of St Catherine.
- Cairo completes the journey beside the Nile, from the Pyramids and Sphinx to Old Cairo and the Christian heritage of Egypt.
- High Value Tours included: Petra, Wadi Rum, Mt Temptation Cable car, Saxum & Adoration at Gethsemane

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

- Mid day arrival in Amman and transfer to Mount Nebo (45 minutes), 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 Memorial of Moses and the ancient Christian heritage of Mount Nebo.
- From the summit, sweeping views across the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and towards the Holy Land bring the opening chapter of the pilgrimage vividly to life.
- Mass at Mount Nebo, in a setting that has been a place of Christian pilgrimage since the fourth century.
- Transfer to the hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight. (1 hour, 15 minutes)



A Jordan Aviation Boeing 737-300 airplane on the airport runway at Queen Alia International Airport, Amman.



View on Roman Theater in Amman with Amman city in the background - Jordan



Memorial of Moses, interior, Mount Nebo, Jordan



The Memorial church of Moses and the old portal of the monastery at 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.



Full moon behind modern buildings in the new downtown of Amman city

Day 02 — Day tour of Petra & Wadi Rum

Accommodation: Wadi Rum Camp | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Journey south from Amman along the ancient King's Highway towards Petra (3 hours), passing through the rugged landscapes of Jordan.
- Petra unfolds through the Siq into the legendary rose-red city of the Nabataeans, with its monumental façades, ancient tombs and dramatic sandstone cliffs.
- In 1985, Petra was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in recognition of its outstanding cultural and architectural heritage.
- Explore the ancient city, from the narrow Siq and magnificent Treasury to the remarkable monuments carved into the surrounding mountains.
- After lunch, continue south towards Wadi Rum(2 hours 30 minutes), entering a vast desert landscape of towering sandstone mountains, open valleys and ancient rock formations.
- Wadi Rum Protected Area, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2011 as a mixed natural and cultural site, reveals a remarkable landscape shaped by nature and thousands of years of human presence.
- A 4x4 desert excursion reveals the extraordinary scenery of Wadi Rum, with time to experience the silence and scale of this remarkable wilderness.
- Dinner and overnight at a high-standard tourist desert camp, with comfortable tents featuring private bathrooms and showers.
- Sleep beneath the starry skies of the Wadi Rum Desert, surrounded by the silence and vastness of this extraordinary landscape.



The Siq is a mesmerizing narrow gorge cut into the giant red-sandstone mountain that leads to the world famous 'Treasury', at Petra, Wadi Musa, 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.



The Jebel Qatar Mountain in Wadi Rum, Jordan





Wadi Rum desert landscape at night, Jordan.



Night sky in Wadi Rum in Jordan

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

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

- Early morning departure from Wadi Rum and journey north towards the Allenby Border. (4 hours)
- Cross from Jordan into the Holy Land through the Allenby Border. (Border closed Saturdays.)
- The journey continues 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 Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. (1 hour 30 minutes)



Red dunes in the Wadi Rum desert at sunrise with mountains, Jordan.

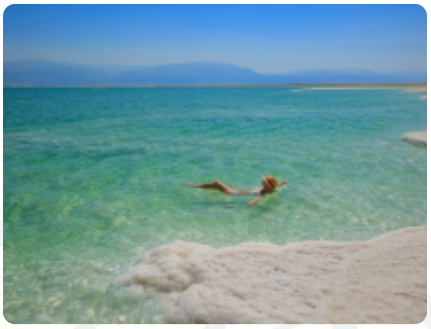




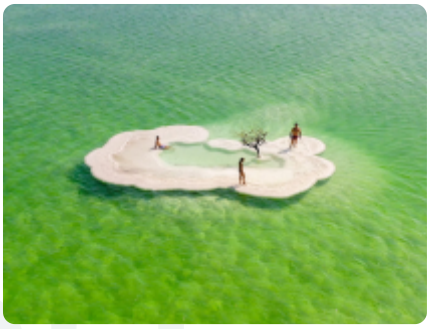
Qasr el Yahud near Jericho, according to tradition it is the place where the Israelites crossed the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized. Israel's border with Jordan



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



Girl relaxing in the water of Dead Sea



Aerial footage of a Bare tree on a salt deposit in the Dead Sea, Israel

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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)
- We begin on 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 Christ’s entry into Jerusalem and the crowds who welcomed Him with “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.
- 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.
- 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 concludes with Holy Mass at the Basilica of the Nativity, built over the traditional site of Christ’s birth.



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL - MARCH 3, 2015: The gothic corridor of atrium in Church of the Pater Noster on Mount of Olives.



Frontal view of the Gethsemane Basilica from Kidron Valley, Jerusalem, Israel



Rainbow over Dormition Abbey, Mt Zion, Jerusalem



Interior of the Church at Gallicantu, site of Peter's denial of Jesus, Mount Zion, Jerusalem, Israel





Bethlehem sky at sunset view from rooftop

Day 05 — Haifa, Mt Carmel, Nazareth & Cana

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

- 06.30 Transfer norh to Haifa and Mount Carmel, where Elijah’s Cave recalls the prophet’s presence in this dramatic biblical landscape, with views towards the magnificent Bahá’í Gardens and Temple.
- The journey continues to Muhraka, a Carmelite monastery in Daliyat El Carmel on the southern slopes of Mount Carmel, traditionally associated with Elijah’s confrontation with the prophets of Baal.
- From Muhraka, the elevated setting offers sweeping views across the Jezreel Valley, adding a striking dimension to the biblical landscape.
- 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.
- Holy Mass in Cana, followed by the Renewal of Wedding Vows in the setting traditionally associated with Christ's first miracle.
- Time to discover Cana wine and local specialties before transferring to Tiberias or Nazareth for dinner and overnight.



Aerial View on beautiful Bahai garden and Temple in Haifa, Israel.



Panoramic view from Mount Carmel to city scape and port in Haifa, Israel.





Interior of Church of the Annunciation or the Basilica of the Annunciation in the city of Nazareth in Galilee, Israel.



Interior of Annunciation Cathedral in Nazareth, Israel



Interior of the Church of the wedding miracle at Cana - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Day 06 — Sea of Galilee & Mount Tabor

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

- We begin at the Mount of Beatitudes, traditionally associated with Christ's Sermon on the Mount, overlooking the Sea of Galilee.
- Continue to Capernaum, the lakeside town closely associated with Christ's ministry, with Holy Mass at Kfar Nahum.
- At Tabgha, visit the Church of the Primacy of Peter and Mensa Christi, recalling the risen Christ's appearance to His disciples beside the Sea of Galilee.
- A boat ride across the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica of the fishing boats used in biblical times brings the Gospel landscape vividly to life.
- St Peter's Fish Lunch by the shores of the Sea of Galilee, recalling the fishermen, fish and Gospel stories woven into the life of the lake.

- We then travel towards Mount Tabor, rising above the surrounding valleys and landscapes of Galilee.
- Visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration, traditionally identified with the mountain where Christ was transfigured before Peter, James and John.
- Return to Bethlehem, with a farewell meeting in the evening. (2 hours)



Church at Mount Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the mount, Galilee, Israel



Cpaernaum (Kfar Nahum), the site of Jesus' ministry at the northern shores of the Sea of the Galilee, Israel



Mensa Christi stone at the church of Pirmacy of Peter on the northern shores of the Sea of the Galilee, Israel



View of Sea of Galilee with a replica of the wooden boat from biblical period.



Blue hour view of the Sea of Galilee from Mount Arbel, Galilee, Israel



Winding snake road to ascend Mount Tabor, Galilee, Israel

Day 07 — The Old City of Jerusalem & Ein Karem

- Transfer to Jerusalem. (30 minutes, require check point crossing)
- Enter the Old City of Jerusalem via Lions Gate nd begin at the Pools of Bethesda, traditionally associated with the healing of the paralytic described in the Gospel of John.
- Follow the Via Dolorosa through the Chapels of the Flagellation and Condemnation, passing beneath the Ecce Homo Arch along the ancient streets of Jerusalem.
- The journey continues to the Holy Sepulchre, the sacred heart of the Passion and Resurrection story, with visits to Calvary and the traditional Tomb of Christ.
- Holy Mass at Calvary, in one of Christianity’s most sacred places.
- Sumptuous lunch before leaving Jerusalem for the hill country of Ein Karem, traditionally associated with the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.
- Visit the Church of the Visitation, recalling 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 dinner and overnight.



Via Dolorosa, Fifth-Station, Old City of Jerusalem. Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Interior of the Temple of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, Israel



Stone of Anointing or the Stone of Unction, Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, Israel



Holy Well at Ein Kerem, the birthplace of John the Baptist



Frescoes in the Interior of the Basilica of Vsitations, Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, Israel



Russian Church in Ein Karem, neighbourhood of Jerusalem

Day 08 — Saxum, Jaffa & Adoration at Gethsemane

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

- We begin at Saxum Visitor Center, where interactive displays, maps, models and visual presentations place the biblical events and sacred places of the Holy Land within their historical and geographical setting.
- The journey continues westward towards Jaffa (1 hour), descending from the hills of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean coast and one of the region's ancient ports.
- Visit St Peter's Church, traditionally associated with the Apostle Peter and the raising of Tabitha, an important episode from the Acts of the Apostles.
- A short walk through historic Jaffa reveals its ancient harbour, narrow streets and centuries-old Mediterranean character.
- Special BBQ seafood lunch in Jaffa before returning towards Bethlehem.
- Early dinner in Bethlehem before continuing to Jerusalem for the evening.
- Adoration at Gethsemane, where the Basilica of the Agony and the ancient olive trees create a deeply prayerful setting for the final evening in the Holy Land.
- Return to Bethlehem for overnight. (1 hour 30 minutes)



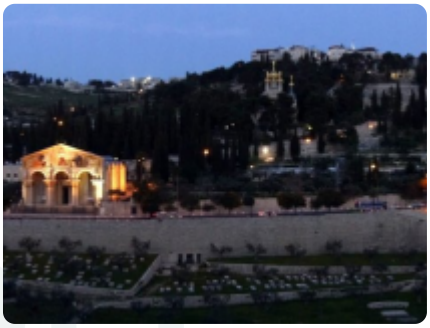




TEL AVIV, ISRAEL - FEBBRUARY 25, 2016: Kikar Kedumim square in Jaffa is the nice place to walk, visit cafe or restaurant, enjoy the medieval achitecture, on February 25 in Tel Aviv.







Panoramic view of Tel Aviv, Israel

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.



Qumran Caves. Image by Fr Biju Michael SDB



Masada rope way. Image by Fr Biju Michael SDB



View of the upper pools along the Arugot stream, in Ein Gedi Nature Reserve, near the Dead Sea, Southern Israel



Ibex on the cliff at Ramon Crater in Negev Desert in Mitzpe Ramon, Israel



Egypt-Israel border at Taba, Red Sea



Taba - Sea, Desert and Mountains, Sinai, Egypt

Day 10 — St Catherine and across the Sinai Wilderness to 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
- We leave Taba and enter the vast landscapes of Sinai, where rugged mountains and open desert evoke the wilderness journey of Moses and the Israelites.
- The road leads to St Catherine, set among the dramatic mountains of the southern Sinai.
- Visit St Catherine’s Monastery, founded in the 6th century and recognized by UNESCO as part of the Saint Catherine World Heritage Site, with the traditional site of the Burning Bush preserved within its ancient walls.
- A view towards Mount Sinai recalls the sacred mountain traditionally associated with Moses and the receiving of the Tablets of the Law.
- Lunch at Abou Zneima before continuing across the Sinai wilderness, with the desert landscape unfolding along the route.
- Pass through the traditional Exodus landscapes associated with Rephidim and Marah Elim, recalling the long journey of the Israelites through the wilderness.
- As the desert journey draws towards its close, we cross beneath the Suez Canal through the Ahmed Hamdi Tunnel, entering mainland Egypt and the fertile lands beyond.

- Continue to Cairo and transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



Corals in the Red Sea, Sinai, Egypt



Sinai Hills, Sinai, Egypt



Mount Sinai, Mount Moses in Egypt



Saint Catherine's Monastery at the base of the Sinai mountain in summertime



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



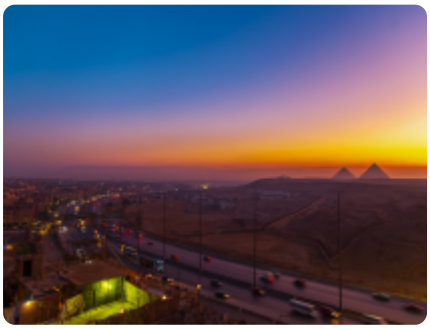
The Suez canal, Egypt

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

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

- The final full day begins at the Giza Plateau, where the Pyramids and the Sphinx stand as enduring symbols of one of the world’s great ancient civilizations.
- Continue to the Egyptian Heritage Center and Museum, exploring the remarkable legacy of the civilization that flourished along the Nile.
- Sumptuous lunch at Mlawan Restaurant before discovering Old Cairo and its remarkable layers of Christian and Jewish heritage.
- Visit St George Church and the Hanging Church, two historic landmarks within Cairo’s ancient Christian quarter.
- Continue to Ben Ezra Synagogue, Egypt’s oldest synagogue, famed for the Cairo Geniza and its remarkable collection of medieval Jewish manuscripts and documents.
- Visit the Church of Abu Serga and St Bacchus, traditionally associated with the Holy Family’s journey through Egypt.
- Evening visit to Khan El Khalili, Cairo’s historic bazaar, where traditional shops and narrow lanes offer a lively glimpse of the city’s enduring character.
- The day closes with a private Nile Cruise and dinner, bringing the pilgrimage to its final evening beside the river that has shaped the story and civilization of Egypt.

- Overnight in Cairo.



View of Giza from above at sunrise. Giza, Cairo, Egypt.



Pyramids in Giza, Cairo, Egypt



Great Sphinx of ancient Egypt, Giza Plateau, Cairo, Egypt



Saints Sergius and Bacchus Church (Abu Serga) in coptic Cairo, Egypt



Inside Abu Serga church. Saints Sergius and Bacchus Church, also known as Abu Serga, in Coptic Cairo is one of the oldest Coptic churches in Egypt



Nile River cruise

Day 12 — Departure from Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast

- Transfer to Cairo International Airport.



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

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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Wadi Rum

"The 74,000-hectare property, inscribed as a mixed natural and cultural site, is situated in southern Jordan, near the border with Saudi Arabia. It features a varied desert landscape consisting of a range of narrow gorges, natural arches, towering cliffs, ramps, massive landslides and caverns. Petroglyphs, inscriptions and archaeological remains in the site testify to 12,000 years of human occupation and interaction with the natural environment. "

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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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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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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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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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